

July 12, 2011

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Gary Skeene, Richard Mathews, Nicholas Wolf and Jack Conners - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor and Donna Hammons, Clerk.

Also attending:

Bob Beiser – 2740 St. Rt. 132

Judy Bandy – 208 Front Street

Paul Vonderbosch – 208 River Valley Boulevard

Noel Thacker – 302 Mill Street

Patrick Blair – 101 Light's Point

Bill Marsh – 2423 Country Place

Vince Faris – 2110 Carriage Station Drive, Batavia

Richard Feldkamp – 728 Washington Street

Charles Scott – 622 Willow Street

Ernie Smith – 2378 St. Rt. 132

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Conners.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

**Richard Feldkamp – Riverdays Committee:** The festival date is fast approaching. They are adding “Paddle Blast” on Sunday morning. There will be canoes and kayaks racing to Nine Mile. The fireworks funds are running low and he is asking council for money. Riverdays has signed a contract for \$10,500 and have only received \$7,500 in donations. Mayor Carr said the village is short on money as well and there just isn't any extra to give away. Wolf said he was disappointed with the fireworks here on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The village of Moscow seemed to have a much better show. He suggests the village contribute to Riverdays for the fireworks. Wolf motioned to approve expenditure up to \$2,000 for Riverdays fireworks. Carr suggested Finance/Personnel and the Fiscal Officer review this request. Wolf then withdrew his motion.

**Vince Faris – Candidate for County Prosecutor:** Was present to introduce himself and announce he is running for Clermont County Prosecutor. He reviewed his qualifications and asked everyone for their support.

**Administrative Items:**

The village has been awarded an OPWC State Issue Two Grant in the amount of \$177,860 for the Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project. The village will contribute a local match of \$21,990, which is 11% of the total project cost of \$199,850. Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: absent

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-17 ACCEPTING A STATE ISSUE TWO GRANT – SANITARY SEWER LINE REHABILITATION – PHASE 2 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: absent

Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: absent

Hilt motioned to adopt **ORDINANCE 2011-12 TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND AMEND APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO CEMETERY FUND - \$11,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Wolf said it seems we amend the appropriations at every meeting. Hilt said these are driven by the Fiscal Officer according to revenue and expenditures. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: absent

**Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee:**

We have a total of \$77,510 in unpaid 911 fees (2006-2009).

Now that the State budget has been finalized, Fiscal Officer will give us a breakdown by the next F/P meeting.

Hilt motioned to pay the bills #33452 to #33534 and electronic payments #170 to #207. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes – abstain #33462 family	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

**Richard Mathews, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:**

Old Business items were discussed:

1. Ordinance 2005-20 Outside Event Site Sales and 2004-48 Festival Ordinance: Each item was dropped from further discussion as the Village Solicitor has deemed each ordinance valid.
2. Parking problems during high water and yellow painted curbs, which are not sufficient notice for parking enforcement: These items were tabled until later discussions with the Police Chief.
3. Concerns about street closings during events: This was deemed completed because of Council's requirement that the person or organization wanting the streets closed must make the request in person before Council.
4. Crosswalks on US 52 at SR 132: This was dropped from further discussion due to the high expense and requirements from the state highway department.
5. Dogs running loose in the village: This was tabled until later discussions with the Police Chief.

Wolf discussed a possible 'candidates night' for village candidates only for the upcoming November 8<sup>th</sup> election. This was referred to the full council for discussion.

911 fees need to get paid up to date and stay current.

The Fiscal Officer has presented council with financial reports for the month of June.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-11 AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE – MINIMUM LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS**

**SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2011-15 NECESSITY FOR LEVYING TAX EXCEEDING TEN-MILL LIMITATION.** Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: no

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: no

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

MOTION FAILED

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Conners** – Nothing to report.

**Wolf** – He is suggesting a 'Meet the Candidates Night' for village candidates only. This would give people more time to ask questions and get answers.

Wolf feels the Street Levy won't pass so why put it on the ballot. The cemetery roads are in awful condition. We need a 1-mill levy just for the cemeteries. Hilt said we need to make the effort with the street levy and Skeene agreed adding we need to have a definite plan on street repairs and we need a town meeting to discuss it with the public. Mathews

asked the audience for an opinion. Mr. Scott mentioned he would support a levy if it were for streets only. Not the general fund. Hilt said this resolution is for auditor certification and another resolution will be needed to get it on the ballot.

**Mathews** – Nothing to report.

**Skeene** – Nothing to report.

**Hilt** – Motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-15 NECESSITY FOR LEVYING TAX EXCEEDING TEN-MILL LIMITATION**. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: no

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

Skeene motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: absent

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**