

August 9, 2011

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Gary Skeene, Richard Mathews, Nicholas Wolf, Jack Conners and Vinnie Cochran - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk; David Kennedy, Administrator and Randy Harvey, Police Chief.

Also attending:

Bob Beiser – 2740 St. Rt. 132

Judy Bandy – 208 Front Street

Paul Vonderbosch – 208 River Valley Boulevard

Bill Marsh – 2423 Country Place

Richard Feldkamp – 728 Washington Street

Chester Coldiron – 1221 Bethel New Richmond Road

Mike Wylie – 107 Regatta Drive

Amanda Davidson – 204 Light's Pointe Court

Kristin Bednarski – Clermont Sun

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Wolf motioned to approve. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

**David Kennedy, Village Administrator:**

Riverview Bluffs Subdivision Bond #B-0294528 – Maintenance bond to be reduced to \$21,855 to cover water/detention basin and road surface course. Water and sewer lines are to be removed. Bond #B-0294529 – Performance bond to be reduced to \$3,800 to cover remaining sidewalks only. Cochran motioned to approve. Seconded by Conners.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

We need legislation to participate in Internet sales for 2011. 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: yes

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-20 AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2011 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Chief Harvey said the Police Department has a total of 42 bicycles that have been found abandoned. These are not under the rules of evidence and are asking permission for disposal via Internet. Minimum bid on these bikes is \$200. Also, the sale of a 2001 Crown Victoria cruiser with a minimum bid of \$250. Wolf motioned to approve. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Street closings for Riverdays are requested. From Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, street closings for the 5K Race sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

A typo needs corrected in the approved road levy language. 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: yes

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-18 (AS AMENDED) TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX EXCEEDING TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

David Judd has completed an Eagle Scout project in Haussermann Park.

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

Chief Baird recommended the appointment of Jonathan Isaac Martin to the Fire/EMS Department as a “paid-per-call” employee effective immediately on a one-year probationary period and contingent upon physical examination and drug screening. Motion to approve by Hilt. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Baird also mentioned the weather siren behind the firehouse is disabled and repairs will be completed ASAP.

Baird notified the committee that the siren activations Sunday, two weeks ago, resulted from a lightning strike on Union Township’s Communications Center. Due to the financial problems facing the village it has been decided that a task force be formed to make suggestions to council as to how to deal with the situation.

Hilt motioned to pay the bills #33535 - #33621 and electronic payments #207-257. Seconded by Cochran.

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

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

“No Parking” signs will be placed at intersections and/or no further than 100 feet apart advising there is no parking at yellow curbs.

Drainage grates are being stolen from various village storm drains and being sold for scrap. These missing grates are a safety hazard and need to be replaced. Kennedy is looking into replacing them with a composite material, which deters theft.

Chief Harvey has requested registration decals for golf carts. These decals will identify those carts that have been properly registered.

Due to the county dispatch center changing radio frequencies in 2013, the village will be required to purchase new radios for the police and fire departments at a current cost of \$4,500 each. The police department currently has 10 radios that will need to be replaced for a cost of expected to exceed \$45,000. The cost for the fire department is unknown at this time. Kennedy will investigate the possibility of grants.

The committee has requested a change to the personnel policy regarding outside employment and self-employment. Chief Harvey said this is to ensure there are no

conflicts of interest. Council asked about the off-duty officers working at events like ball games and Riverdays. Harvey said the officers are being paid by the school or Riverdays. He said this is probably the same for the Fire/EMS. Questions were asked about the off-duty officers using our police cruisers. Are we charging for this? What about the ambulance? Clerk to research other communities. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-13 AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY – OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT.**

**Vinnie Cochran, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:**  
The George Street project will begin as soon as Riverdays is over.

When the mowing season is over work will continue on the downstairs renovations.

Mayor Carr said she would have appointments to the New Richmond Financial Advisory Task Force at the next meeting. This will probably consist of three council members, six residents, Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird and Village Administrator David Kennedy.

Clerk Hammons presented a request of approval from the state liquor board on a license transfer to Smart Saver, LLC, Rivertown Market. Hilt motioned to approve. Seconded by Cochran.

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

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

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Cochran** – Asked if Duke Energy might be interested in donating the approximately 53 acres by the fly ash pit at the end of Cobra Road to the village. Carr responded that they have been asked but are not interested at this time. She will broach this subject with them again at a later date.

**Conners** – Nothing to report.

**Wolf** - Nothing to report.

**Mathews** – Nothing to report.

**Skeene** – Nothing to report.

**Hilt** – Nothing to report.

**Richard Feldkamp, Riverdays Committee:** Asked if the village was still going to do a ‘Citizen of the Year’ award this year. Carr said that one has been chosen.

Skeene motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Cochran.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**