

July 13, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING

REVIEW THE 2011 TAX BUDGET

David Kennedy, Village Administrator, presented the 2011 Tax Budget for public review. There being no questions from the audience, Mayor Carr closed the Public Hearing.

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Gary Skeene, Richard Matthews, Nicholas Wolf, Jack Conners and Vinnie Cochran - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Village Clerk, Randy Harvey, Police Chief; Mark Baird, Fire/EMS Chief and David Kennedy, Village Administrator.

Those in attendance:

Bob Beiser – 2740 St. Rt. 132
Judy Bandy – 208 Front Street
Janet Waddell – 1482 Pembridge Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio
Tonya Brooks – Clermont Sun
Frank Renn – 2928 Mt. Pisgah Road
Bill Marsh – 2423 Country Place
Dr. Carlton Guertler – 213 River Valley Boulevard
Alice Davis – 100 High Street
Jeanne Hilt – 108 Susanna Way
Nancy Swats – 104 Susanna Way
Diane Babcock – 112 Union Street
Craig Babcock – 112 Union Street
Harold Kennedy – 600 Washington Street

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of June 22nd were presented for approval. Wolf motioned to approve. Seconded by Conners.

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

Harold Kennedy, 600 Washington Street: Present tonight to discuss two subjects. The first one is

about water leaking into his basement. About 2 years ago he contacted Dave Kennedy about the situation. Dave Kennedy told him that the sewer lines were scheduled to be blown out. About a year ago Mr. Kennedy made the same complaint to Dave Kennedy. A few months ago the sewer lines were relined, etc. The water situation has not been fixed. There has been a great deal of rain since the lines have been relined, including today, and water is still pouring into his basement. He asked that this be stated in the minutes.

The second subject is the charter. What is the intent of Council with this? Is this a ploy to get more power for Council and the Mayor? Mayor Carr and Wolf explained to Kennedy that the Charter Commission is residents – Council and village employees are not permitted to be a member. Every voter in town would get a copy of the charter; the voters would decide at election on whether to adopt or not; any amendments would have to be approved by the voters. The Charter Commission members are voted in by the community.

Dave Kennedy said that the water problem Harold Kennedy is having would be checked tomorrow.

David Kennedy, Village Administrator:

The village has been awarded a grant from the State Issue Two program in the amount of \$62,122. The funds will be used to replace two (2) high service pumps at the village's water plant including new variable frequency drives (VFDs). The village will supply a local match of \$7,678. 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 2010-24 ACCEPTING A STATE ISSUE TWO GRANT 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

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 ORDINANCE 2010-22 CREATING WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP GRANT FUND 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

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

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

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Mr. Hilt motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2010-24 AMENDING THE 2010 APPROPRIATIONS: GRANT WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP - \$62,122.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Wolf motioned to approve an engineering agreement with Environmental Engineers in the amount of \$8,100. Seconded by Hilt.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

The lowest bid for streetlights in the 200 block of Front Street is Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$103,677.50. 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 2010-25 AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE FRONT STREET REVITALIZATION, PHASE II PROJECT TO EUBANKS CONSTRUCTION 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

State Issue Two pre-applications are due August 5th. FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 2010-26 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A STATE ISSUE TWO, OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SANITARY SEWER LINING PHASE 2 PROJECT AND COMMITTING A LOCAL FUNDING MATCH

During the record plat portion of Phase 3 Riverview Bluffs subdivision, we placed a storm water assessment on all lots. Phase 3 includes a village owned lot, which was not to include the assessment. The County Auditor's Office is requesting council to formally remove the assessment. Hilt motioned to remove the assessment. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-21 AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Richard Hilt: Finance/Personnel Committee:

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer, has requested a transfer of funds to the Cemetery Fund. 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 ORDINANCE 2010-23 TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CEMETERY FUND - \$5,000 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

Hilt motioned to approve the resignations of Shawna Downey and Steven Downey from the Fire/EMS Department effective immediately. Seconded by Skeene.

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

A new boiler for the Hamilton Street Fire/EMS Station is estimated to cost \$8,000. The purchase to come from the General Fund. Hilt reported the General Fund couldn't afford this expenditure at this time.

The current weather siren on the Market Street Fire House is obsolete. Chief Baird has information on a 50% CDBG Grant for a new siren to be placed on the water tower. The cost to the village would be \$7,500. Hilt reported again that the village is not in a position at this time to purchase a siren, even at 50%.

Baird asked permission to dispose of 40 obsolete fire helmets. Hilt motioned to approve. Seconded by Conners.

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

Chief Baird has asked Finance/Personnel for direction on the income tax money that is coming in. It was his understanding that 1/3 would be allocated to the General Fund, 1/3 to the Fire/EMS Department and 1/3 to the Police Department. Hilt said that this is the first year for the income tax and the revenue it will generate is estimated. Cochran said council needs to step back and see what the definite numbers will be. With real estate taxes down and cuts by Duke Energy we should not be making decisions on the spending of the income tax money until we have hard facts and numbers. All departments, including the General Fund, are showing short falls. Hilt said that Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird would be at the next meeting to give them numbers and information. Chief Baird said that his department is in the process of cutting, but he was told there would be some relief from the income tax. He needs a reliable percentage to work with. Wolf said it is state law that the income tax money be

deposited into the General Fund. It is then the obligation of council as elected officials to spend the money in the best way possible for the benefit of the village. He made no commitment in anyway with allocating percentages to departments. We cannot make a decision at this point on giving any department a specific amount of money. We need to wait until accurate figures come in. Departments should budget based on no money coming from the income tax at this point. And then if council sees the need they may shift some money. It was never mentioned at a council meeting about percentages to departments with the income tax money.

Hilt motioned to pay the bills #32482 to #32598. Seconded by Cochran.

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

Nicholas Wolf, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Kennedy updated the committee on efforts to add striping along the emergency lane portions of U.S. 52 at the Old 52 and St. Rt. 132 intersections. ODOT is working on the situation.

Police Chief Harvey updated the committee on the department's efforts to curb the curfew problems. He is mailing certified letters and continues to focus on the problem.

Harvey said based on his research and discussions with other communities, he has concluded there is no way around State Law which requires that Golf Carts being used on public street must be properly outfitted and inspected.

Wolf mentioned that he has not observed as many skateboards as he had in the past.

Mathews noted that he is disappointed with the installation of the fuel tank at Skippers Marina without proper notification to the village.

Wolf feels the Rules of Council need to be amended due to the fact that there appears to be a discrepancy regarding the roles of each committee.

Vinnie Cochran, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:

Committee discussed the sewers on Watkins Hill Road. Half of the residents on this road have septic systems. Most of those are 40 – 50 years old. We are going to have elevations done to determine the possibility of running sewer lines on this road.

Southern Ohio Health Services owns property at the base of River View Bluffs. Miller/Valentine owns the senior housing next to SOHS property. SOHS wants to build a medical complex. The problem is with the entranceway. An additional cut cannot be made on Old 52. Committee suggests SOHS build a road to village code from River Valley Boulevard back to the housing units. This would then be dedicated to the village. This would release Miller/Valentine from future road maintenance costs on that portion of the road.

Nicholas Wolf, Events Committee/Economic Development Committee:

Hilt mentioned the committee needs to be aware of separate events being scheduled for back-to-back days. There was a problem on Saturday, July 3rd with an event scheduled and setup time also needed on July 3rd for the Sunday, July 4th event. Two different groups. These situations need to be avoided

in the future.

Wolf said the solution by Public Works for Southern Ohio Health Services and Miller/Valentine senior housing complex is an excellent solution.

Mayor Carr has received a letter from Auxiliary Patrolman Purtee. He is overseas serving in the military. The letter commends Chief Harvey and Sgt. Smith for the way they have worked with him during his absence.

Financial reports for the month of June have been distributed to Council for their review.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-20 PROVIDING FOR SUBMITTING QUESTION
“SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?”

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Cochran – He is also concerned about the boat harbor. Everything Joe Vogel has said he will do is never done. He came before us a couple months ago and said he is putting in a new head boat, going to do a lot of painting. None of that has ever happened. I’m just wondering how long we are going to put up with this. Basically he is calling the shots.

Conners – Nothing to report.

Wolf – He has a list of about 16 people who are interested in being on the Charter Commission. He thanked all of those present who are interested in the charter.

Mathews – In regards to the boat harbor, hopefully there will be a resolution to this after Vogel meets with the Planning Commission. Mayor Carr said Vogel has been sent a letter to attend the Planning Commission meeting on August 5th about putting a fuel tank in without getting their approval or permission of council. Her feelings are that it’s time to tell him his lease will be revoked at the end of this boating season. Cochran reported that several people have called Howard Kuhnell about the boat harbor space. Such as how is it done – by lottery, bid, how? He would be more than happy to talk to other harbor owners. Wolf said he and the Economic Development Committee also would like to meet with other interested people.

Skeene – Nothing to report.

Hilt – Nothing to report.

Skeene motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Wolf.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council