

January 24, 2023

## COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ewing opened the meeting with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ewing asked for Roll Call of all Council with the following members responding:

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

**Present in Council Chambers:** Mayor Glenn Ewing; Administration: Solicitor, Scott Sollmann, Interim Village Administrator, Bob Lindhorst; Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; Department Heads: Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott and Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp Additional personnel: Officer Chris Beckman

**Guests present (Resident):** Rodney Henry, Gary Skeene, Kurtis Boggs (**Business Owner**) Christine McAdams (**Non village Residents**) Mike Rantz, ~~Joe~~ <sup>Joe</sup> Serger  
Jim ✓

**Gary Skeene:** Does not agree with Mike Dobbins getting the Ice House torn down with the blighted property grant. Council agrees he took advantage of the village. Councilperson Prues stated we are all on the same page. Per Bob Lindhorst, the blighted letters went out, which included Susanna Way and Quarry Street – Quarry Street home is in probate. Per Desmond Maaytah with Clermont County, noted we could not do anything right now with the property.

**Rodney Henry:** Does not agree with Mike Dobbins getting a blighted grant for the Icehouse property. He makes promises and doesn't follow through. Stated Mr. Dobbins financially could afford this.

**Joe Serger:** Thanked Bob Lindhorst for the work that's been done since the last meeting he attended. He noticed a log on a guard rail on 52. Also discussed fire hydrants. Can we get volunteers to paint the remaining hydrants. We will contact the school to see if any classes would like to volunteer if we supply the paint. The ones in town look nicer than the ones on Old 52. Commented on a "Caution, Child at Play" sign that is leaning and the guard rail in that same area is full a debris. Would like to know what can be done about the ice boxes/ice coolers in front of the businesses, especially the one at Family Dollar as its moldy. Can a letter be sent to get these cleaned up? Asked about murals on the side of buildings. Bob Lindhorst will look into the ordinance.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the **01/10/2023** Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Prues motioned to approve the Minutes of 01/10/2023 Regular Council meeting with corrections; seconded by Councilperson Allen Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

- Water meter project.
  - Going to run (2) adds in the Clermont Sun for bidding on the water meter project starting February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> add on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Sealed BIDS will be received for the construction of the Village of New Richmond Water Meters and Automatic Meter Reading System Procurement Project at the Village of New Richmond Light Ashburn Building, 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Oh 45157, until 12:00 noon (local time) on the 21st day of February 2023 at which time all BIDS will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project will be awarded in one to two weeks after. Councilperson Allen asked about which budgets these were coming out of. She thought that we were charged for the articles written on Liberty Landing. Will confirm.
- Norm Collins/Utility Supervisor reported that we had been using more water than usual starting back in October and spent weeks looking for the source. The leak was finally discovered down over the hillside on Little Indian which was hidden by the overgrowth of weeds and brush. The leak was a 6" main that serviced Little Indian, and the result we went from 410K gallons per day, now down to 250K gallons per day.
- Working on a CDBG Grant with Sabrina Schnarrenberg on High Street improvements to included stormwater issues, culvert repair or replacement, resurface / widen some parts of the High Street. Councilperson Allen had questions as her parent's backyard is High Street. She has concerned about the right way. Bob confirmed widening is only in certain areas.
- Demo started on the old Icehouse today which is one of the three that were approved by the county. The other 2 are on Market St., hoping all will be gone by the end of February.
- Sign Space Agreement with Huntington Outdoor LLC and the Village of New Richmond was handled. Councilperson Prues made motion to allow Bob Linhorst to sign the sign space agreement, Second By Councilperson Tharpe.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

- 2/12/2023 (when Bengals win this weekend and go to Superbowl) Front Street from Main to Union and Walnut to Market Streets need to be closed for Who Dey on the Riverway.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to close Front Street from Main Street to Union Street and Walnut Street to Willow Street for Who Dey on the Riverway when the Bengals advance to the Superbowl.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

### Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

2022: Mayors Court = 423 – 98% conviction rate

Speed: 11 to 29 over = 138 citations on 52

Speed: 6 to 29 over = 42 in town

From July 22 to Dec 31, 2022, = 2904 calls

Mayors Court: \$63,960.80

3565 Calls for Service which made New Richmond the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest village behind Bethel.

2022 training is completed and reported.

2023 looks like we have 24 hours per police officer.

**Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp**

Congratulations to Kurtis Boggs and Dakota Feldkamp for passing the National Registry EMT test.

Thomas Mitchell gave notice, and he will move from Full Time Captain to Part Time IT Coordinator.

Councilperson Allen made motion to move Thomas Mitchell from Full Time Captain to Part Time IT Coordinator effective 02/06/2023 at \$18.85 per hour.

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Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

Miranda Simms will come back and replace Thomas Mitchell.

Councilperson Allen made motion to hire back Miranda Simms as Full Time Fire Medic at \$17.50 per hour as of 1/25/2023 with a one-year probation.

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

**Mayor Glenn Ewing**

Art Galea and Perry Newman need to be removed from the Board of Zoning Appeals ("BZA") and be replaced by Andrew Gephardt and Michael Findlan, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Councilperson Allen made the motion to remove Art Galea and Perry Newman from the BZA to be replaced by Andrew Gephardt and Michael Findlan.

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
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**Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:** Nothing to report.

**Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:** Asked about the signs for the "Double Speed fines." We will need (8) signs – will work with AA Safety. Councilperson Feldkamp asked Chief Mallott if the Speed Signs will be brought back to New Richmond, per the Chief – by next month.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

**First Reading:** 2023-03 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND LODGING EXCISE TAX" TO LEVY LODGING EXCISE TAX

**Second Reading:**

**Third Reading:**

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues –

- Along with Councilperson Dalton, they have been working on the Appalachian Grant. Councilperson Dalton did get on the last 5 minutes of a conference call. It was noted that they are applying for ARPA funds, around \$350K, the money will be for projects. Councilperson Dalton stated he was hoping to have the AdHoc meeting scheduled in the next few weeks.

Dennis Dalton –

- Asked about a Public Information Officer for the village. We need to come up with a plan. It needs to be someone that is available and in town but not close to the river. Councilperson Prues agreed to be the POI.
- Discussed the General Fund. Loans are being paid off and water loan is getting paid off this year.

Richard Feldkamp –

- Asked about Rules of Council and the various committees and are we in compliance. Councilperson Allen stated yes.

Ryan Woodruff - Absent

Mary Allen –

- Still involved with ORW but on the tourism end of it. Councilperson Dalton will take over her roll. Asked if anyone in New Richmond wanted to participate in the paddle event (there is a cost for this). In June there will be a private event at Front Street Café. The Lewis and Clarks signs have been ordered. Cincinnati Magazine will give us coverage – will be publicized in June.
- Reminder to KZF when designing Liberty Landing there is a historic sign noting Haussermann Park as a National Park and that we do not want that removed. Bob Lindhorst will check with Erik Anderson.
- Discussion on getting stop signs at Market and Sycamore Streets near the post office.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to have a stop sign put in at Market and Sycamore Streets, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Jon Tharpe –

- Will do some research on Shade Tree Commission to see if this is something we want to keep working with. Councilperson Feldkamp asked about the tree farm on Willow Street, which is still there, and it was noted that we could still plant trees there.
- Noted that the Wastewater Plant is compliant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Councilperson Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Councilperson Allen. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

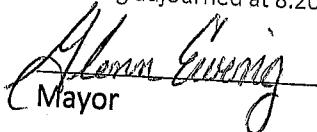
Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

  
Mayor

  
Clerk of Council