

## 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 10, 2022, 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 Councilmembers with the following members responding:

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

### **Present in Council Chambers:**

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Administration: Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst, Clerk of Council Kelley Snider

Department Heads: Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann – due to prior work commitment

**Guests present in Council Chambers (\* Residents):** Lisa Tharpe, Donna Prues, Gary Skeene, Tina Staton, Sophie Woodruff, (\*Business Owner): Christine McAdams.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Tina Staton/Secretary of New Richmond Pride.: Asked about having the Pride event again this year. The potential date, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a one-day event. She will get the form filled out.

Christine McAdams: Has 4 event applications - Who Dey on the Riverway (providing Bengals go to Super Bowl), Freedomfest/Smoke on the Water and Taste of New Richmond in conjunction with River Arts. A map was provided showing her idea for the 4 larger events and using the side streets as gates. Proposing Main, Walnut, Union, Plenty and Sophia Streets as "gates". She will provide the signage. For example, Gate 1 will be for craft vendors, Gate 2 will be for food vendors. This should help organize and help with traffic control. Ask if we need to make a Motion to use the Gate System. As far as Freedomfest, Rodney Henry stepped down and Jay the new commander called asking if the Business Association would take over. First call was to the band Naked Karate Girls, they signed contract, they will bring in a huge crowd and will play the night of fireworks, will have rides as well. Will be doing a Call to Action and get committees in place. There will be a Grand Marshall for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade - nominations will go out to all businesses to vote on by Memorial Day. Discussed the New Richmond Business Association - there are new positions to be filled. Discussed the new website – it is up and running and would like to incorporate the village website and have a crossover in both websites. Kelley Snider will have log in to calendar. Would like to meet with Kelley and Bobbi.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the 12/13/2022 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval and not approved. Will revise the 12/13/2022 Minutes and send for approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Provided below is a synopsis for each report; to obtain a full copy please visit the Administrative office.):

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report** from the meeting held Monday, 01/09/2023, as reported by Councilwoman/ /Committee Chair Allen

Finance/Budget – Joel Gilpin

- (\*) The Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of December 2022; we need a motion to pay these bills.\*

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**Police Department - Interim Chief Mallott**  
Interim Chief Mallott had one personnel change.

1. Michael Stemmerding has resigned to take a position outside of law enforcement effective, January 6, 2023. He leaves in good standing.

Councilperson Allen made a Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Stemmerding effective January 6, 2023. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**Fire/EMS Department – Chief Tim Feldkamp**  
Chief Feldkamp had several personnel changes.

1. Hire Makenna Weaver as a firefighter paramedic at \$15.15 an hour starting January 11, 2023. She will pay into social security and will serve a 1-year probation.
2. Promote Deputy Chief Dave Stigler to Assistant Chief at a rate of \$19.85 an hour serving a 6-month probation (6-month vs. 12-month since he's already on the department). This is a \$1 increase that is already in the budget and there will be no change to his current schedule. This will be effective January 13, 2023.
3. Reclassify Cassie Kelley from paid-per-call firefighter EMT to Part-time firefighter EMT at a rate of \$14.10 an hour serving a 6-month probation (6-month probation vs. 12-month since she is already in the department). She'll pay into social security, and this will be effective January 11, 2023.

Councilperson Allen to hire Makenna Weaver as a firefighter paramedic at \$15.15 an hour starting January 11, 2023. She'll serve a 1-year probation. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Motion: Motion to promote Deputy Chief Dave Stigler to Assistant Chief at a rate of \$19.85 an hour effective January 13, 2023. He'll serve a 6-month probation. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Motion: Motion to reclassify Cassie Kelley from paid-per-call firefighter EMT to Part-time firefighter EMT at a rate of \$14.10 an hour effective January 11, 2023. She'll serve a 6-month probation. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to credit Jacob Bauman 2 personal days he used, but not entitled to in 2022. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

### **Safety, Laws & Rules Committee Report**

Councilman/Committee Chair Woodruff / Nothing to report

### **Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee**

Councilman/Committee Chair Tharpe

Would like to get the sign permit approved. Working on moratorium for legislation for future billboard requests. Are there any objections to Bob Lindhorst approving the permit which the state has already permitted. Councilperson Prues asked if the permit has been modified to reflect a digital sign. Councilperson Allen asked about the content – most advertising will be local. Verbal agreement on content. It was also noted that with us not knowing scope of 52 project – this will be what the moratorium is for. Need a strategic approach to street signs (Lewis and Clark).

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst**

Would like to acknowledge the street department for a job well done during the snowstorm during Christmas under severe weather conditions also recognize the utility department for their assistance.

Year End 2022

Permits issued: 142 permit fees collected \$54,462

Housing Permits: 63

Ryan Homes: 41

DR Horton: 21

Duke Energy Gas line on Bethel New Richmond for Ashburn Woods will happen in about 3-5 weeks. Will let us know.

Issued addresses for River Heights Drive in Riverview Bluffs, DR Horton should be submitting permits shortly.

Well #2, is back online.

Quote to clean	\$17,400
Motor rebuild	\$1,955
Pump rebuild	\$2,991
Repair Discharge Head	\$1,418
Repair Column Shafts	<u>\$3,150</u>
Total All	<b>\$26,914</b>

#### Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

Nothing to report

#### Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

- Congratulations to Dave Stigler. He does a wonderful job. Noted his part time job at UC Health and was the initial care of the care of the Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin during the Bengals game.
- 59 Run's - does not have the full year number.
- Fire on Christmas day in Monroe Township. Wanted to thank the members that left their family that day.
- Fire on High Street, very challenging with the snow and ice, it was a mess. House is fixable. Firefighter Cameron Pelzel was injured but doing well. Vehicle fire on High Street. Councilperson Prues thanked the department.

#### Mayor Glenn Ewing

Reminder that Michael Findlan retired and would like to nominate Theresa Leigh for Chairperson to replace him on Planning Commission. Kurtis Boggs will replace Theresa Leigh, which leaves two alternates. The alternates will be Jason Ricketts and Michael Carr. These were the two gentleman that came to the November Planning Commission Meeting asking how they could help.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to appoint Theresa Leigh to fill the Planning Commission Chairperson position, Kurtis Boggs will take Theresa Leighs position, and Michael Carr and Jason Ricketts will fill in as the two alternates - Effective immediatly. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to use the current Rules of Council. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Feldkamp made a motion for Councilperson Prues to remain as Vice-Mayor. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

Kelley Snider

**First Reading:**

ORD 2023-02 AMMENDING UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE (emergency). Councilperson Prues made a motion to waive the 3-read rule, Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes              Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Prues made a motion to pass as emergency, second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes                                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                              on Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

RES 2023-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL, WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. Councilperson Prues made a motion to waive the 3-read rule,

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass as emergency, second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

RES 2023-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: CEMETERY, POLICE AND EMS FOR OPERATING FUNDS, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. Councilperson DD made a motion to waive the 3-read rule, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Prues made a motion to pass as emergency, second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

RES 2023-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR PLANNING, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive the 3-read rule. Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as emergency, second by Councilperson Woodruff

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

\*It was discovered at the 12/13/2022 Council meeting that we did not have enough votes to waive the 3-Read Rule.

First Reading:



**Ryan Woodruff –**

Lodging Tax: This was discussed during a Planning Commission meeting. Councilperson Dalton sent information to our Solicitor for review.

Zoning and Comprehensive Plan: Needs to be updated. Will have subgroups, 2 to a team. Sent out West Union Ordinance to Council to review for organization purposes. Will use the survey from 2014 and send out to village residents to get their ideas.

Dispensaries: Our zoning doesn't have anything in place. Planning Commission will do some research, pro's and con's, but it is up to Council. Need to look at limiting the number of licenses. Other advantages to dispensaries - the monetary side of one.

Drug Rehab: Opening on Market Street. Discussed with mayor or Portsmouth. Need to do more research on this as well. If we do not have legislation limiting the number coming in – they will continue to come in and there will be nothing we can do about that. Asked for a moratorium so that we can do the research. At end of day, this will have an impact on our Fire and EMS Department for all the runs to that location, the village will be footing the bill as these are not village residents.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion for moratorium for more time on the Drug Rehab and Dispensary, Councilperson Feldkamp second that motion.

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

Trying to understand where we are as a village. We are working with a shoestring budget. Hats off to council in previous years. Emergency services, general fund gets smaller, been battling since Beckjord closed. The school will probably be putting out another levy next 2/3 years. What we going to do to make sure where we are in 100 years. There was discussion on levies. We are keeping our nose above water. We have a gem with our Fire and EMS Department, and nobody is running as cheap as we are. We cannot lose them. Keep selling the village.

Christine McAdams brought up Clarks- the post office and UPS have been trying to deliver mail to them...it has been a battle as you cannot have mail delivered to a non-physical address. This is breaking the rules.

**Richard Feldkamp –** Everyone needs to review Ordinance for Riverview Pines – We need an Ordinance for the other parks. It is in line with FEMA just like the Riverpines Ordinance.. This needs to happen before we have another flood. Bob Lindhorst noted Riverpines water is already off. It was noted that the underground tanks were never removed.



Discussed Liberty Landing and the debris/log catcher. Councilperson Dalton stated that the AdHoc Committee will start having meetings at the end of month and stated this will be addressed.

**Jon Tharpe** – Good to see Cameron Pelzel back to work. Road dept did the best job all over Cincinnati. Non village residents stated the same thing. Councilperson Feldkamp noted this as well.

**Mary Allen** – Submitted the changes to the updated Personnel Handbook. Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt the changes to the handbook, second by Councilperson Prues.

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

Personnel and Finance is considering adding the responsibilities to the new Administrator or Fiscal Officer. Also changing the approval of time off to start with the Department Head.

Regarding Ohio Riverway, it was noted that Councilperson Allen was on the Tourism committee. There are several other committees, Councilperson Dalton and Prues are on the Appalachian Region funding committee.


**Dennis Dalton** – Verified that we did have two EMT graduate last night, however, they still need to test for national registry.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk of Council