

January 22, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm. **Present:** Council Members: Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp and Gary Skeene; Mayor: Ramona Carr; Village Administrator: Greg Roberts; Village Solicitor: Scott Sollmann; Fire/EMS Chief: Vince Bee; Interim Police Chief: Mike Couch; Police Sergeant.: Jason Mallott and Clerk of Council: Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Amanda Davidson

Also attending:

Bob Lees
Nancy Swats
Patrick Blair
Charlie Scott

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of January 08, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comments: Paul Vanderbosch inquired if having the Village Solicitor review the Council Minutes was a new procedure. Scott Sollmann clarified his reviewing was simply to ensure correct legal wording, especially that pertaining to Executive sessions.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve Council Minutes of January 08, 2019. Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mrs. Davidson: absent
Ms. Allen: yes

Visitors

Bob Lees – Bob is worried the Village’s future business development might be negatively affected by the zero growth/stagnant growth assessment made by the third-party New Richmond School District hired to oversee a master planning process. He feels this might hurt not only new business being attracted to the area but also traffic to established businesses. Bob thanked Mary Allen for taking on New Richmond’s economic development and all others who work toward growing New Richmond. Bob plans on talking with Greg Roberts about the re-formation of Renaissance New Richmond as one such way to get the word out about our great town.

Administrative Reports

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator

- Before providing the Administrator’s report, Greg wanted to say that he shares Bob Lees’ concerns and is disturbed by the assessment of zero growth when in actuality his office is experiencing significant interest from developers, investors and new businesses wanting to locate in New Richmond. One example of growth is Ryan Homes’ planned housing development in the Union Station subdivision which ultimately would result in 76 new single family residences in the village. Greg would be happy to speak with Bob regarding Renaissance New Richmond or some other type of 501C.
- Planning Commission Recommendation for Union Station Zoning Change to PUD: Presented tonight is the written recommendation of New Richmond Planning Commission. **Ordinance 2019-03 related to that recommendation is being presented for first reading. A public hearing was held for Planning Commission on January 10th. Per O.R.C. a second public hearing is required prior to a vote by Village Council. The earliest that hearing can occur with proper notice is Thursday February 21st, 2019. Requesting motion to call for a public hearing for 6pm on that date here in this Council Meeting Room.** Upon village approval of the P.U.D., HPA, the developer, intends to proceed immediately with construction drawings and a Final Development Plan. They anticipate that Ryan could be selling new homes this fall.

Mary Allen motioned to call for a special Council Meeting on February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing for the proposed zoning change to the

property located within the Union Station subdivision, Parcel # 260915.003, from a R3 single-family residential zoning district to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district. Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

- **2019 CDBG Application: Resolution 2019-03 authorizing an application to the county for a 2019 CDBG Grant is presented to Council tonight. The project recommended by Public Works Committee is a curb and sidewalk adjacent to Union Square Playground Park along Hamilton Street. Total engineering cost \$40,000. Requesting emergency passage to meet the county February 8 application deadline.**

Mary Allen motioned to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2019-03. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Mary Allen motioned to pass Resolution 2019-03. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

- **Pierce Township Trustees Work Session:** Was held last Wednesday in Locust Corner. Representatives from Commercial Liabilities Partners presented an overview of their current status and future plans to mitigate the Beckjord property. They announced a web-site: www.progress-point.com that they intend to use as a means to help facilitate communication to the public.

Department Heads

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Mike asked Council to approve a change in employment status for two (2) officers, Julie Wilmers and Casey Gilpin, from auxiliary to paid part-time at the rate of \$13.39 an hour retroactive to November 01, 2018.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve the change in employment status for Julie Wilmers and Casey Gilpin, from auxiliary to paid part-time at a rate of \$13.39 an hour retroactive to November 01, 2018. Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

- Andy Smith is currently taking a Police Chaplain course and has offered to volunteer as New Richmond's Police Department's Chaplain upon completion of the course.
- Mike provided an update on the two (2) Dodge vehicles needing repair: The 1st vehicle's repair costs were covered under warranty. The repair on the second vehicle will start once the parts are received.

Jason Mallott, Police Sergeant

- Sgt. Mallott is going to West Virginia on February 26, 2019 to pick up the new police canine. Once home, Sgt. Mallott will begin acclimating the canine to his new home.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief: Nothing to report

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

- Mayor Carr asked Council if they would like to keep the current Committee chairpersons and members or change the appointments.
- Amanda Davidson submitted her resignation from Council; Mayor Carr will begin taking letters of interest to fill this vacancy.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to accept Amanda Davidson's resignation. Seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Theresa Leigh, Clerk: Theresa informed Council all members have attended the required Certified Public Records Training except for Melanie Slade. Melanie, if she chooses, may designate me, the Village Clerk of Council, to go in her place. The training will be held in Columbus beginning March 6, 2019. (<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/publicrecords/default.aspx>)

Scott Sollmann, Village Solicitor:

- Scott asked Council to vote on removing Floyd Henderson from the payroll per Fiscal Officer Baird's request.

Paul Vanderbosch made the motion to approve removing Floyd Henderson from the payroll. Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

- Scott has been in communication with Clermont County in regard to the indemnification clause noted in the CDBG grant for the Susanna Way Promenade Project.
- Scott recommended Council vote tonight on **Resolution 2019-02 A RESOLUTION AMENDING CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

Richard Feldkamp motioned to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2019-02. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Richard Feldkamp motioned to pass Resolution 2019-02. Seconded by Melanie Slade .

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Legislation

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-02: A RESOLUTION AMENDING CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO **See related vote under Scott Sollmann, Village Solicitor section above*

RESOLUTION 2019-03: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A 2019 CDBG GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **See related vote under Administrator's Report section above*

ORDINANCE 2019-02: ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

ORDINANCE 2019-03: ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL 260915.003 IN THE UNION STATION SUBDIVISION FROM R-3 SINGLE FAMILY TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (P.U.D.) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Second Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019 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).

Third Reading:

RESOLUTION 2018-19: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR GRANT FOR THE NEW RICHMOND SUSANNA WAY PROMENADE PROJECT

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2018-19. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mrs. Davidson: absent
Ms. Allen: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS

Vanderbosch – Nothing.

Davidson – Absent

Allen – Mary was invited to, and accepted, a one-year seat on the Ohio River Valley Development Commission.

Skeene - Nothing

Feldkamp – Richard would like everyone to join him in wishing Paul Vanderbosch a happy birthday.

Slade - Nothing

Comments from audience:

Patrick Blair – Patrick asked the Village to notify Clermont County about the litter on Short Hill; there's a lot of litter and they might want to get it cleaned up before the weeds start growing over it.

Charlie Scott – Charlie asked about the safety of Beckjord's plan to move ash out of a pit located in Pierce Township to a pit located in New Richmond. Greg Roberts confirmed that Beckjord has begun the process of tree removal from Pond A in Pierce Township. The activity has been visible from U.S. 52. Paul Vanderbosch added that the E.P.A. closely monitors these types of operations to ensure compliance with environmental safety regulations.

Nancy Swats – Nancy asked if Council has any authority to offer incentives to bring in new business to the Village. Greg stated the Village has offered various incentives over the years, including tax incentives, tap fee waivers etc. to encourage housing starts and new business.

Executive Session:

Mayor Carr requested that the Council, herself as the Mayor, Greg Roberts, Scott Sollmann and Mike Couch enter into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village attorney.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to go into Executive Session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village attorney at 8:30PM, as requested by Mayor Carr. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mrs. Davidson: absent
Ms. Allen: yes

Roll Call was taken among Council members in attendance and a unanimous vote to enter into executive session occurred.

Mary Allen motioned to return from Executive Session to regular Council at 8:41PM, seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mrs. Davidson: absent
Ms. Allen: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mrs. Davidson: absent
Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council