



# Village of New Richmond

## Safety, Rules & Laws Committee



Date: February 27, 2023  
Hall

Location: New Richmond Village

Time Start : 17:45 hrs

Time End: 18:34 hrs

Meeting Type: ( ) Regular ( X ) Special

### Attendees:

Glenn Ewing (Mayor)

Ryan M. Woodruff (Chairman)

Richard Feldkamp (Councilman)

Jon Tharpe (Councilman)

Bob Lindhorst (Interim Administrator, Planning/Zoning Administrator)

Tim Feldkamp (Fire/EMS Chief)

*Guests: Dennis Dalton (Councilman), Larry Prues (Councilman), Kurtis Boggs, Eric Williams*

*Members Absent: Jason Mallott (Interim Police Chief)*

### Call Meeting To Order/Welcome

Chairman Woodruff called the meeting to order. The purpose for the meeting was to discuss organization and planning for the 2023 year as it pertains to the Police, Fire & EMS Departments. There was substantial discussion concerning the need for services levies in the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. There was no need to re-discuss that topic, however the department heads were asked to do a thorough look at their current operation and organization. They were asked to make sure we are operating at the best level we can given the current financial situation, then they were asked to have a complete 5 and 10 year plan put together ASAP. This information was asked to be a solid look at what they feel is needed to provide the best services for the future of the village and to account for the growth that has taken place up to now and the anticipated future growth. This data will be useful for council to determine the best route for revenue generation.

### Administration

Bob Lindhorst stated that the side arm mowing and tree Trimming along US 52 will begin in the next week or two as weather permits. He stated he had several pieces of safety equipment such as signs and cones that needed purchased and rented to safely advise motorists of the work being done. Councilman Feldkamp asked of the company who mowed US 52 last year would retain the contract for this year. Mr. Lindhorst stated there was no reason they wouldn't.

## **Department Data Update (Police, Fire/EMS)**

### **POLICE**

Eric Williams, the incoming Chief of Police, was in attendance. He stated that he would begin looking over the service they provide to complete the requested task for planning. He also stated that he had several meetings with area Chiefs of Police and the Sheriff as well as members from their command staff set up over the next few weeks. The purpose for those meetings was to start mending relationships with our mutual aid partners that has been strained for several years.

### **FIRE/EMS**

Chief Feldkamp also stated he would be working on obtaining all of the necessary information that was requested. He mentioned some personnel changes that were requested in the Personnel & Finance meeting. Councilman Feldkamp brought up the desire to look into the situation with the drug rehab facility on Old US 52 as it pertains to the frequent EMS calls for service. There was some discussion as to the responsibility and liability associated with response plans. It was also discussed that the City of Portsmouth has had some innovative legislation that has helped some in their community as it pertains to these drug treatment centers. Chief Feldkamp was asked to possibly reach out to the Fire Chief in Portsmouth to see if as a department they have adapted and special guidelines and it was suggested to possibly reach out to Mayor Dunn in Portsmouth to discuss the legislation they have worked on.

### **Public Participation/Member Comments**

Councilman Tharpe asked what our leash laws or ordinances were in the village. He stated he had a resident who was walking their dog on a leash on Hotel Street reach out to him because their dog was attacked by 2 loose Pit-Bulls and that this is a regular occurrence for these dogs to be left loose. The dog being walked was severely injured and has extensive medical treatment required. Eric Williams stated he believed if we have ordinance on record that at a minimum they could be cited to Mayor's Court. This could also be a larger issue involving the county Dog Warden as well as possible civil matter. Councilman Tharpe was unsure if the complaint was formally filed with law enforcement and would contact the person in question.

Resident Kurtis Boggs asked what the status was on the line striping for Bethel New Richmond Road. He had obtained a n estimate for the work and forwarded it to Mr. Lindhorst. Bob Lindhorst had also received another quote to address concerns for striping on other streets. Essentially, like all other projects, finances are the main reason they have not been addressed. With this being a safety related issue Chairman Woodruff asked if we could be more aggressive at finding a possible means to get this work completed. Bob Lindhorst will work on this in conjunction with Joel Gilpin, Village Clerk.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Ryan M. Woodruff