

February 28, 2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, 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 Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Glenn Ewing; **Administration:** Solicitor, Scott Sollmann, Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; **Department Heads:** Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Guests present (Resident): Gary Skeene, Kurtis Boggs, Lisa Tharpe
(Business Owner/Non-Village Resident) Christine McAdams **(Non village Residents)** Mike Rantz, Jim Serger

Swearing in of New Police Chief Eric Williams by Judge Kramig.

Christine McAdams:

- NRBOA is changing their structure and status to New Richmond Area Business Assoc, will tie into other communities. (Moscow Neville). The Website will be updated. Will follow model of Ohio Riverway.
- Freedomfest: Gave an update on the changes. Barrel Races, Boat Races for Troupes to name a few. It is now 501C, which will help in the future to apply for grants. Trying to keep it to veterans as vendors. Will allow all nonprofits to join and use as a fundraiser, free of charge. This will probably be the last update on Freedomfest. Thanked Ty Powers for the interview with Channel 9, who will keep this story going. Discussed briefly about a call Channel 9 received about Ty Powers and his military status and will not tolerate a veteran being drug through the mud. Stated she does have 15 chairpeople for this event and one chair will be dedicated to strictly DORA and will make sure everyone is compliant. Councilperson Woodruff asked if we need to make a motion to leave DORA open as it was thought that all Legacy events had to close DORA. Councilperson Feldkamp stated we had no DORA for Riverdays. Solicitor Scott Sollmann stated that the Ordinance gives us the right to close DORA during the Legacy Events, otherwise it stays open. Councilperson Woodruff reiterated that this discussion was for FreedomFest, not Riverdays.
- Welcomed Eric Williams.

Jim Serger:

- Thanked Bob Lindhorst for Ice box to Home City Ice-ice machines have been scrubbed, replaced signs, it looks pristine.
- CTC sign: Is this sign still in service – and if so, can we update the sign or get rid of it. Councilperson Woodruff thought it was a state sign.
- Kiwanis Sign: East and West bound, unreadable. We will reach out to organization to find out the status.
- New Richmond Historic Business Sign: The signs are unreadable – are they obsolete - can that be replaced to be more inviting. Not sure where it came from. ODOT has control of that sign, but now it's the village responsibility. This sign has been there 2 years. We need to take in consideration the Roundabouts before making decisions. Will repair this sign.
- Can the village implement a Mon-Fri 52 Program? Maybe have Street Department take a drive down 52, pick up the big items.
- Great job on the Old Icehouse.
- Ragan McKinney Real Estate sign has been taken down. Frame is still there.

MINUTES

Minutes of the **12/13/2022, 01/24/2023 and 02/16/2023** Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Prues motioned to approve the Minutes of **12/13/2022, 01/24/2023 and 02/16/2023** Regular Council meeting with corrections; seconded by Councilperson Tharpe 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 Yes

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, 02/27/2023 as reported by Councilwoman/
/Committee Chair Allen**

Finance Village Administration – Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio for January 2023 is \$3,875.13.
2. Joel provided an update on real estate taxes – we have received two advances totaling roughly \$270,000.
3. The annual Financial Report for 2022 has been completed and uploaded to State Auditor.
4. Joel provided us the 2023 appropriations and said they are ready for approval.
5. 2023 Contributions have been made with Park National Bank for the Health Savings Accounts, except for new employees who haven't met the requirements.
6. Effective March 10, 2023, the Village can cancel the insurance for Greg Roberts. Per the agreement it was to continue through March 9th.
7. There was discussion about the Time Clock Plus and the committee agrees with Joel that we should add the payroll module and the mobile time clock module.

The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the January 2023.

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

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>Yes</u>

Village Administration – Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst (Absent)

Fire/EMS Department – Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

1. Chief Feldkamp stated the 2008 Durango needs more repairs and he feels it has exceeded its useful life. Committee members asked the Chief to see what it would cost to replace vehicle.
2. There was a motor malfunction that caused an issue with the ladder rack on one of the trucks. This will need to be repaired.
3. Chief Feldkamp had multiple personnel changes.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Tyler Sebastian as paid per call serving a 1-year probation paying into Social Security. This would be effective 3/1/2023. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Allen made motion to reclassify Kurtis Boggs from Paid Per Call to part time, serving a 6-month probation paying into Social Security. Rate of pay \$14.10/hour. This will be effective 3/1/2023. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Allen made motion to Reclassify Dakota Feldkamp from Paid Per Call to Part Time serving a 6-month probation paying into Social Security. Rate of pay is \$14.10/hour. This will be effective 03/01/2023. 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>

Councilperson Allen made motion to Reclassify Cameron Pelzel from full time to part time serving a 6-month probation paying into Social Security. Rate of pay is \$15.15/hour. This will be effective 03/30/2023. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Allen made motion to accept the resignation of Jim Beman. This will be effective 03/01/2023. Jim leaves the department in good standing. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Yes</u>

Police Department – Police Chief Eric Williams

Chief Williams had no new personnel changes, only the ones that were submitted by Interim Police Chief Mallott

Councilperson Allen made motion to increase the hourly rate of Officer Christopher Pairan to \$17/hour effective 02/24/2023. He has passed the conditional requirements and he should be paid at the full-time, not the part time rate. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Allen made Motion to accept the resignation of Robert Bowling, effective 01/30/2023. He leaves in good standing. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Allen made Motion to terminate Ken Grossman effective 01/10/2023. This is a housekeeping item – he did not complete the mandatory training and has not reported to the New Richmond Police Department since June 2022. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Yes</u>

Miscellaneous Discussion:

There was miscellaneous discussion about putting a Fire/EMS and Police Levy on the ballot in November 2023.

Safety Rules and Laws Report from the meeting held Monday, 02/27/2023 as reported by Councilman/Committee Chair Woodruff.

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 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. Councilperson Allen asked if it was the same dog that roamed ~~Hotel~~ ^{Union} Street. There is questions and concerns about Dog Park. There is no way to monitor this.

Resident Kurtis Boggs asked what the status was on the line striping for Bethel New Richmond Road. He had obtained an 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, Fiscal Officer. (Correction)

Public Works Report from reported by Councilman/ Committee Chair Tharpe / Nothing to report.

AdHoc Development Report

Councilperson Dalton had a small introductory meeting. Provided a list of planners.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst/Absent – read by Councilperson Dalton

January permits Issued: (18) Fees collected (\$9375.00)

Housing permits issued: (11)

Ryan Homes: (3)

DR Horton: (8)

Since November (3-1/2 months) 33 housing permits issued to DR Horton

Submitted CDBG-Grant for the High Street Project based on the area income level. Project addresses stormwater issues e.g., culvert repair and replacement, grading and resurface the street from Short Hill to 132. The grant is 100% funded however we elected to do a 3% match due to local competition e.g., Neville, and Washington Township.

Cost Breakdown Below:

- Construction 181,765
- 10% Contingency 18,200
- Construction Total 199,965
- Engineering 22,000
- Total 221,965
- 3% Match 6,700

The mayor requested a license agreement be drawn between the village and Mr. Ammerman, property owner where the El Barril Restaurant is located for the purpose of additional parking. Sent the proposed license agreement to Scott Sollmann for review and attached is the approved license agreement. In the past a motion was made to proceed with the licensing. Note: Annual Sum \$120 a year/per 5 years. Also attached is the proposed location showing boundaries and conceptual idea for the parking. Councilperson Feldkamp suggested a barrier type fence to keep brush fence, it's the back side, right behind restaurant. Mayor Ewing stated it was all woods. Councilperson Woodruff asked if they will be the ones clearing the spot. Yes, Joe Ammerman will clear it out and have gravel. Councilperson Feldkamp stated that we use to burn off the wood in the dump 1 or 2 times a year in early morning hours. Councilperson Allen stated we don't want them clearing it and dumping in our dump – they will need to take it off the property and that we should lease it – operational for up to 5 years. Councilperson Woodruff thought 5 years as well. 5 years to start and that we could terminate it at any time.

Scott Sollmann suggested that Bob Lindhorst start renegotiations based on terms discussed by Council and give him authority to execute the agreement between Joe Ammerman, who is the Property owner where El Barrill is for more parking spots.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion for Bob Lindhorst to start renegotiations based on terms discussed by Council and give him authority to execute with the property owner of El Barrill to add more parking spots. second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Final documents will be filed later this week for the ODNR Grant (Liberty Landing), Resolution 2023-04 approved on 2/16 and the Attorney Certification signed by Scott were the remaining pieces.

The "Fines Doubled" signs have been ordered, should receive, and install in the coming weeks. Cost of signs \$1,856.

Starting around March 16th we will begin cutting back the trees and brush on US 52 west and east bound and clean up around the guard rails. Estimated cost/time, \$1,500 / 2 to 3 weeks.

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

Absent

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: Applied for a fire truck grant. Will know something in 3-4 months. Fire Truck

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Discussed legislation for another Opiate Settlement. Will do the first reading on the legislation this evening. Also set a date for the Record Retention meeting for 03/28/2023. Council also confirmed that we are still using Zoom for Council Meetings.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Presented 2 events, New Richmond Farmers Market and Ricky's Ride. Farmers Market was approved to be at Haussermann Park every Sunday for a one-time rate of \$120. Ricky's Ride, we are asking if they can move the car and bike show further down Front Street.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

1. **ORDINANCE 2023-01** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Woodruff made 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 Woodruff made a motion to pass as emergency. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

2. ~~ORDINANCE 2023-04~~ ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (REVISED CODE SEC 5705.38)

Councilperson Woodruff made 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 Woodruff made motion to pass as emergency. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

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

3. ~~RESOLUTION 2023-05~~ RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023 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 THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D)

Councilperson Woodruff made 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 Woodruff made motion to pass as emergency. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

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

4. ~~RESOLUTION 2023-07~~ ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE WATER METERS AND AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM PROCUREMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO EXECUTE REQUIRED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH THE CONTRACTOR.

Councilperson Allen made motion to waive the 3-read rule. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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

Councilperson Allen made motion to pass as emergency. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

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

5. **Second Reading:**
~~ORDINANCE 2023-03~~ ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND LODGING EXCISE TAX" TO LEVY LODGING EXCISE TAX

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues –

- Nothing to report.

Dennis Dalton –

- Discussion on nuisance property – how do we declare a nuisance and how many calls have been made to the blighted properties. Councilperson Allen stated to let Bob continue to work on this. Councilperson Feldkamp mentioned Vine Street and wanted to know if this street was abandoned as that area is starting to look bad.
- Thanked Interim Police Chief Mallott for stepping up the last few months.
- Heard rumors about Skippers going to Augusta.
- Would like to start Zoom recordings for Committee Meetings. Councilperson Allen noted that she does not want to take on that project of Zoom recordings during the meetings.
- Discussed Michael Findlan – Will do a proclamation and Christine with Rivertown Post will do a plaque to give the family at his memorial.

Richard Feldkamp –

- Welcomed our new Police Chief Eric Williams

Ryan Woodruff –

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Mary Allen –

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- There will be a publication in Cincinnati Magazine in regard to Ohio Riverway. The magazine will feature itineraries.

Jon Tharpe –

- Welcomed our new Police Chief Eric Williams.

Councilperson Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Councilperson Woodruff. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

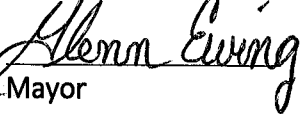
Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm


Mayor


Clerk of Council