

03/13/2023

## 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, March 13, 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:** Interim Village Administrator, Bob Lindhorst; Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; **Department Heads:** Police Chief Eric Williams, and Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp  
**Additional personnel;** Officer Chris Beckman; **Absent:** Scott Sollmann, Solicitor (due to prior work commitment).

**Guests present (Resident):** Kurtis Boggs, Sophie Woodruff, and Donna Prues (**Business Owner**) Christine McAdams and Glenn Burke (**Non village Residents**) Mike Rantz & Jim Serger, (**Zoom Conference Call**) Debbie Warner Oberklaus, Sergeant Jason Mallott and Bobbi Phillips.

### Jim Serger:

- Thanked Tim Feldkamp and Cameron Pelzel for lending the New Richmond Fire Department artifacts to the New Richmond Library.
- Thanked Bob Lindhorst for the quick response to getting the village cleaned up. Looks amazing.
- What is protocol for tobacco ads on poles around the convenient and retail stores and can we get them removed. Are there rules for those types of signs. Councilperson Prues asked if they were Duke poles – Councilperson Woodruff noted they are probably on private poles and will discuss in Safety Rules and Laws meeting.
- Asked about Internships for college student for Bob Lindhorst and the Street Department. Typically, internships run from May to July and should only be college students from New Richmond, maybe \$10 with no benefits. Councilperson Woodruff noted we have had seasonal workers in the past. Councilperson Allen said we did have volunteers in the past and that we should put our ideas down and get a document created. Councilperson Dalton noted that when doing the budget, there was a little wiggle room for something like this. This program might help eliminate overtime.

### Glenn Burke:

He is from Riverfront RV Park and was inquiring about 2023-03 Ord/Lodging Tax. Stated that the recession has hurt their business. Questioned when taxes are due - are they due monthly, quarterly or two times a year. What would merit it being 2 times a year. This will be up to the discretion of Joel Gilpin/Fiscal Officer. He will start with a phone call then set up a time to go meet with the business owner. He saw on the ordinance that lodging tax will go into the general fund - he would like to suggest it go into tourism fund. Councilperson Allen explained the Ohio Riverway and the tourism side – he is already in contact with Christine McAdams regarding this. What is Transient - is for someone staying 30 days or less. So, anyone staying up to 31 days is not taxed. Tax is due when rent is paid. This is not in effect for any bookings already made. If cancelling, will just need to show proof. It was suggested to have the Occupancy Registration Certificate on hand. Councilperson Dalton asked what the Campground would like to see from the Village and how can we help. Councilperson Prues suggested that they connect with Christine McAdams, which is already in the works.

## Kurtis Boggs

Signs on BNR/Double fines – where is beginning and where is end? Was traffic study done? Councilperson Woodruff said that due to camera being sent back, we do not have this. The corporation sign by dip, needs to be pulled out and put in at Ashburn Woods. Where is school zone, there are no markings? If we are going to enforce it shouldn't we make sure everything lines up. There are no double yellow lines. Councilperson Dalton said the striping needs to be done but the fines doubled was cheapest route. Councilperson Feldkamp stated the cruisers radar would not go down to 20 MPH. Bob Lindhorst will check and see if the quotes are still good for the line striping.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the 02/28/2023 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of 03/13/2023 Regular Council meeting with corrections; seconded by Councilperson Feldkamp 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>Yes</u>

## Committee Reports

- o Meeting Cancelled / Personnel & Finance Committee – Chair Mary Allen
- o Safety, Laws & Rules Committee – Chair Ryan Woodruff
  - o Will be setting up a date and time for a meeting with all the Department Heads.
- o Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee – Chair Jon Tharpe
  - o Looking for volunteers for the Shade Tree Committee
- o Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee –
  - o There are changes to the projects. They are no longer allowing counties to be primaries. They are going with smaller municipalities; we have a plan for that. Almost ready to apply for planning grant. John Carey was impressed with work Caroline Duffy was doing with New Richmond. We can apply for a Technical Assistant Grant-this would help us in hiring someone to write grants.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

- We received the double fines signs for speed limit and are in the process of installing.
- Received and installed the stop signs for Sycamore and Walnut which is now a 4-way stop.
- Final documentation has been filed with ODNR for the Liberty Landing Grant in the amount of \$300K.
- Received an intent to purchase the ball fields from AMGS LLC (Andy Moran & Greg Sutter) represented BY David Robertson from Robertson & Associates. See attached.
  - o Ballfields are not for sale. We are not entertaining bids. Bob Lindhorst will check with Scott Sollmann.
- Received the Master Plan Draft from KZF which is attached. If everything looks ok, they will finalize this document, and prepare an online feedback form for our next round of community engagement. (this was displayed on the monitor). Councilperson Woodruff stated we need to keep it as maintenance free as possible. Bob Lindhorst would rather keep it lawn. The boat ramp belongs to the distillery, and they should be removed.
- Skippers Boat Harbor
  - o *Over the past weeks calls received from Augusta and Maysville inquiring about Skippers. Our comment, there were no disagreements between two parties.*
  - o *Attached is the license agreement and 2023 operations plan-from November 2022.*
  - o *Not holding up to their agreement.*
  - o *1. Expectations – give them 30 days. Send letter. In violation.*
    - *Suppose to meet with Administrator, Lay Out Plan of Operation, and bring it back to Council. This has not happened. We rented a machine last year to mow the riverbank. We did work that they were supposed to do. Councilperson Woodruff had conversations with owners, and they felt license fee was unfair. Councilperson Dalton asked if this relationship salvageable? Technically we only have 1 owner to work with but 2 parties. The Village's lease is with Dave Rose, who is on the document.*

- Street Closures  
Pride Festival June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Set up 8am to 9am  
Event 11am to 7pm  
Street closures Quarry and Front to Plenty and Susanna/Front Street.

Councilperson Prues made a motion to close Quarry Street at Front Street to Plenty Street and Front Street. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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 Chief Eric Williams**

- Leash Law- this can be cited in Mayors Court.
- Status of Police report with Sergeant Mallott.
- 2pm-2:40pm an officer has been assigned to Bethel New Richmond for traffic enforcement. Only reason they would not be there is if they were on a call.
- 110 calls for service
- 44 traffic contacts
- 17 citations in mayor's court

**Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp**

- Has had some discussion with Mayor of Portsmouth regarding Drug Rehabs. He will send information over. There are rumors that Adams Recovery Center has closed their doors, but temporary. Moratorium is in place.
- Durango is in bad shape. Looking to purchase a pickup truck. Kurtis Boggs helped with this. 4/5 quotes for pickup truck. Cheapest was around \$54K, not including cap/lighting package. Councilperson Dalton asked if the truck could be "like new". Because of the issues with the diesels its hard to find a new one. 2024 will come out late fall.

Ron Henderson resigned with no notice 03/05/2023. He does not leave in good standing. Councilperson Allen made a motion to accept his resignation, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

Cameron Pelzel was reclassified from Full time to Part time effective 03/15/2023 at same pay rate \$15.15 and will pay into Social Security and will be on probation for 6-months. Will go from Ohio Police and Fire to Social Security. Councilperson Allen made a motion to re-classify Cameron Pelzel, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

Chris Mitchell will be reclassified from Part Time to Full Time effective 03/15/2023, payrate \$17.50 and will be on probation for 6-months. And he will pay into Ohio Police and Fire and will be on probation for 6-months. Councilperson Allen made a motion to re-classify Chris Mitchell, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

**Mayor Glenn Ewing:** Nothing to report.  
**Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:** Prior commitment.  
**Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:** Nothing to report.

**LEGISLATION** read by Mayor Ewing

**First Reading**

**Second Reading:**

**2023-08 Resolution:** AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO THE LAW SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION AND SPECIAL DISTRICT SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR THE TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PLACING ANY RECEIVED FUNDS IN THE VILLAGE'S ONEOHIO FUND.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to waive the 3-read rule. 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 Woodruff made a motion to pass as an emergency.

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>

**Third Reading:**

2023-03 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND LODGING EXCISE TAX" TO LEVY LODGING EXCISE TAX. Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass Lodging Excise Tax to Levy Lodging Excise Tax. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Larry Prues –**

- Asked Councilperson Tharpe how things were with Huntington and the new sign.
- Anthony Spaetzel - Field Representative for Brad Wenstrup set up a pop-up office on March 13<sup>th</sup>, was able to spend time with him along with Councilperson Dalton.

**Dennis Dalton –**

- Appreciates the people that have come to the meetings and mentioned that he likes the "punch list" from Mr. Serger.

**Richard Feldkamp –**

- Concerns about the gas tanks behind Sunset Beach. Per Councilperson Prues, the gas tanks are gone.

**Ryan Woodruff –**

- With the passing of Michael Findlan, the Landmark and BZA Committees needs to be replaced.
- Positive feedback about the billboard, it has improved the corner.
- Follow up on El Barril and the lease of village property.

**Mary Allen –**

- Reminder about the Ohio Riverway Zoom call on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

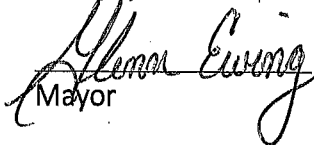
**Jon Tharpe –**

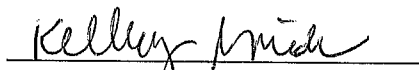
- Thanked Police Chief Williams for looking into the leash law.

Councilperson Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, 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>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

  
Mayor

  
Clerk of Council