

March 18, 2024

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7pm.

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 <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>

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

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

Department Heads: Fire/EMS Tim Feldkamp, Police Chief Eric Williams

Solicitor Scott Sollman / Prior work commitment.

Guests present in Council Chambers

Resident: Kurtis Boggs

Non-Village Resident:

Zoom: Sophie Woodruff, Bobbi Phillips, Dave (no last name)

Personnel and Finance:

Councilperson Allen to make a motion to hire Kathryn Bailey as Village Administrator.

Motion 01-2024

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Kathryn G. Bailey effective March 20, 2024, at \$62,500 a year with a (1) year probation. 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>No</u>

Public Works/Combining Water and Sewer:

Councilperson Woodruff: Did research of municipalities on their Public Works Department. It is just a starting point, what we can and cannot do. Will send out the information. Recommends everyone do their own research.

Councilperson Dalton: We have discussed this for a few years. It makes sense due to our staffing needs. He stated he did not know was the amount of money being outsourced for grass cutting.

Councilperson Feldkamp: Lawn Mowing was part of Street Department - saved a good amount of money.

Councilperson Allen: I am okay with combining Street and Utilities but not with the Fire Department. That was never discussed. We can make a motion to do this tonight. Has been hearing about moving the Fire Department -

Councilperson Dalton: Did contact Sheriff dept. Feels its misleading if we don't share the ideas.

Councilperson Allen: Have utmost respect for our Fire Department but some of their skillsets might not match the Street Department. Has no problem with the Fire Department pick up shifts.

Councilperson Woodruff: (2) people that applied for the job to work for Street Department so started thinking about how we could combine the Fire Department and Street Department. This is just an option.

Councilperson Allen: Phone calls and texts from residents. It would be nice to know something about it.

Councilperson Prues: does not like when someone says it's not my job. We can do this in steps. Merge Departments. We are here to provide a service.

Councilperson Allen: been on council for long time, and chair of Personnel finance and feels blindsided.

Chief Feldkamp: This started with a discussion that came up in Safety Rules and Laws and talked about Amberly Village. It's a win win to have dual role jobs.

Councilperson Allen: Need to toss these ideas around at Committee meetings. Then bring it to Council. Have no problem sharing roles but not merging.

Councilperson Woodruff: Apologized but he talks on behalf Council not as an individual and stated that there have been (2) posts about the village dissolving. Our Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin sent information so there are things to consider.

Councilperson Allen: Mentioned the post that was not nice, not going to be specifics. Was disrespectful. Called this meeting to discuss Public Works merging.

Bob Lindhorst: Gave an Org Chart at a Personnel and Finance meeting.

Councilperson Woodruff: Talked to Joel on Friday for another option. Just things to consider.

Councilperson Prues: We need to move forward.

Mayor Ewing: To Councilperson Woodruff, can you send the data out?

Motion 02-2024

Councilperson Allen made a motion to have by July 1st, 2024, a task in place for combining Street and Utilities and calling Public Works Department. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Bob Lindhorst: Would like to be put in as Superintendent Position, he is making \$14/hr. would like \$22/hr. Would like to eventually get out of Planning and Zoning.

Councilperson Allen: Does not have a problem increasing the pay Bob request and looking into 1099's, there was changes to the Labor Law.

Motion 03-2024

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to allow Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst to enter into an agreement with American Legal Publishing to codify our records. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02pm seconded by Councilperson Allen. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

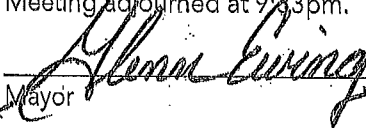
Dennis Dalton Yes

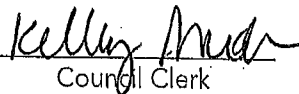
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:33pm.


Mayor


Council Clerk