

**03/26/2024
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 26, 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 Sollmann

Guests present in Council Chambers

Resident: Gary Skeene, Donna Prues, David Cooper, Lisa Tharpe

Non-Village Resident: Mindy and Ed Horgan, Property/Business owners in the village

Zoom: Bobbi Phillips, Sophie Woodruff, Joe Vogel, Village Residence. Unknown Zoom

Account, Troy Jackson, Mike Babuke, Josh Hunstad, Jay Schnarrenberg/VFW

Commander, Rhonda Wrenn, Kim Musgrove, Regina Bajorek, Geri Geasland, Glenn

Burke/Riverfront RV Park, Ryan Spence.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Troy Jackson/Regarding Noah Anderson/Undivided Co-Founder

- Wants to memorialize Noah Anderson by bringing in a plaque him. He was the black gentleman that was lynched for killing someone before he was tried. He has had conversations with Councilperson Prues regarding this. Councilperson Allen does not want to memorialize Noah Anderson. Council, Councilperson Feldkamp agreed. Councilperson Woodruff asked if they are working with Historical Society?

Jay Schnarrenberg/VFW Commander/Update on Freedomfest.

- Secured a sponsor for the Fireworks and Security but still seeking other sponsors. Will have the full schedule at the next Council Meeting.

- April 27th is the Spring Fling Dance, May 10th a quarter auction, both open to the public.
- Loyalty Days at the bandstand (Kelley will send out reminders).

Regina Bajorek

- Lived on Frank Willis for 30 years. Rich history here. Has heard a lot of stories. Historical stories that we do not hear much about. Proud to live here. Would like us to partner with Oxford, Butler County Boone County to take racial healings including a memorial for Noah Anderson as a citizen.
- Is Symarian Cemetery part of the grave cleanup day. No, that cemetery is in Ohio Township (it's the oldest colored cemetery)
- Councilperson Allen noted we have underground railroad sites throughout the village.

Gerri Gasland

- Came with Troy Jacksons organization supporting the memorial for Noah Anderson.
- Moved to Cinti from Kansas and visits New Richmond with her sister. Councilperson Allen asked for her phone number.
- Feels this is a unique place which is why she wants to partner with Undivided.
- Councilperson Allen asked for her phone number.

Glenn Beck/River Front Campground

- Ready for Phase 2 of RV park, eventually opening the park year around. Currently the months are April 1 to November. Our Village Administrator Kathryn Bailey will get with Former Village Administrator David Kennedy to go over FEMA rules and have a meeting with FEMA. Councilperson Woodruff thanked Mr. Beck for being compliant. Discussed the letter he received from the Village as to when they need to be moved out including fines that are involved but noticed the Clarks campground and Riverdays are operational all year round. Our goal is to 2nd phase to be all year around. Legislation should be for all 3 campgrounds.

MINUTES:

(Motion 05-2024) Minutes of the March 12th, 2024, Regular Council meeting was presented for approval.

Councilperson Woodruff made motion to approve Minutes of the March 12th, 2024, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, 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

(Motion 06-2024) Minutes of the March 18th, 2024, Regular Council meeting was presented for approval. (With changes)

Councilperson Allen made motion to approve Minutes of the March 18th, 2024, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, 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>

Mayor Ewing welcomed our New Administrator Kathryn Bailey.

Administrators Report, Bob Lindhorst

- All stop-sign post and signs received from the township have been changed out, the remaining signs ordered for the project should be completed by the middle of May. Rick Hinson Ohio Township Trustee is pleased with the progress.
- We did gravel some of the berm on high street allowing for better passably, and graveled parts of Union Street. Additionally, we put down 2700#s of cold patch for potholes holes throughout the village e.g., main gateways off 52 and 52 in that general area, BNR Road out passed the school, ST Route 132 after the curve, some on Front St. and Old US52. It's an improvement but still more to be done.

Received an Update from Tim Cadwell (208 Susanna)

Per the MOU Addendum the following items have been completed:

Section 1: Securing the Property - **COMPLETE**

Section 2: Sealing and Strengthening the Building Structure

A structural assessment may identify vulnerabilities and safety concern - **COMPLETE.**

Necessary door & window repairs - **COMPLETE.**

Section 3: Restoring The Property

Front step - **COMPLETE.**

Landscaping enhancements - **COMPLETE.**

Removal of debris, graffiti, or any unsightly elements - **COMPLETE.**

Per the MOU Addendum the following items remain:

Section 2: Sealing and Strengthening the Building Structure

Roof repairs - **To Be Completed By 3/29/24.**

Section 3: Restoring The Property'

Facade / Siding repairs - **To Be Completed By 3/29/24.**

In addition, we have removed all debris and furniture from the inside of the house. I will be at the April 9th Council meeting to present the results to the council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, thanks again for all your help and please confirm that you received this message.

- Shout Out to Joel/Kurtis for getting the tree off short hill last night.

Police Chief Eric Williams:

- On Monday 3/25 the police department took delivery of a 2023 Dodge Durango. After speaking with the mayor and Joel the 3 vehicles in the parking lot will be sold via GovDeals Joel's convenience.
- On 3/19 officers were called in reference to a domestic in a vehicle on US52. Sgt. Mallott made contact the vehicle at the corner of US 52 and Bethel New Richmond. Sgt. Mallott initiated a traffic stop and after a short investigation and interview with the female passenger. The male driver was placed under arrest for 7 felony warrants and 6 grams of meth. The male was transported to Clermont county Jail on warrants and additional charges.
- We are still in talks with axon on the contract for new tasers.
- Patriot had surgery today (ACL) and it went well. He is expected to make a full recovery in 6-8 weeks. The surgery was paid in full by a village resident who has supported the canine program since it was started. Councilperson Dalton thanked the resident that donated the money.

Officers Contacts

- Speed: 23
- Other traffic related contact: 17
- OVI 1
- Criminal offense: 1
- Total contacts: 42

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

(Motion 09-2024): Re-classifying Chris Mitchell Per Chief Tim Feldkamp.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to reclassify Chris Mitchell from Full Time to Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic effective 2/26/2024 at a rate of \$17.50 an hour, paying into Social Security. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Had a meeting with the Business Association and the business owners regarding DORA and Riverdays. There was good discussion. Riverdays budget is thin, Beer sales is a big fundraiser to keep the festival going. It takes \$40,000 to put the festival on. Beer sales between \$14,000-\$18,000 in beer sales alone. The committee depends on that money. All businesses agreed to suspend DORA for this year for Riverdays. (Becca and Steve, Kerry, Dan and Robin) Will need a motion. Councilperson Dalton asked Jay Schnarrenberg if Freedomfest would like it to be closed. Per Jay, yes. What Councilperson Dalton has wanted a collaborative decision all along, we need to stay out of the business's way. All 3 businesses agreed that these legacy events are very important to the village. Councilperson Woodruff have the business produced ideas for this. Ripley sells DORA cups that the business buys a sleeve of the DORA cups, and an idea was to put out donation boxes.

(Motion:10-2024): Councilperson Allen made a motion to suspend DORA for FreedomFest and Riverdays this year only. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Nothing to report.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

(Motion 07-2024) RES 2024-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY INTERNET AUCTION/ Pass as Emergency

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to suspend the 3-read rule for RES 2024-05 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY INTERNET AUCTION/ Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass RES 2024-05 as an emergency AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VEHICLES THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY INTERNET AUCTION/ Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

~~(Motion 08-2024) ORD 2024-03 AMENDING THE 2024 APPROPRIATIONS/Pass as
Emergency.~~

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2024-03 AMENDING the 2024 APPROPRIATIONS. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass an emergency for ORD 2024-03 AMENDING the 2024 APPROPRIATIONS. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Yes

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

~~If needed / RES 2024-04 A RESOLUTION FOR DEMOLITION OF THE PROEPRTY AT 324
QUARRY STREET.~~

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues:

- Welcome Kathryn Bailey.
- Were we able to sign agreement with American Legal Publishing? Per Bob Lindhorst he has had trouble finding the information. Will send over Mr. Froemeyer information again.

Mary Allen:

- Welcome Kathryn Bailey.
- Thanked Council Clerk Kelley Snider for the work that is being done on the website.
- June 5th is when the River Voyager Canoes will be back to New Richmond, details to follow.
- River Circus Sept 5th, (they perform and live on the barge) Trying to figure out where people will sit for the event. Maybe have dinner at Café. Get Street Performers to come after the event to make it longer than an hour. This will be promoting recreation on the river. Councilperson Woodruff suggested we get sand. Councilperson Allen asked if we drudge the area. This will start 6pm on a Thursday evening. We will make the businesses know about this event. There is no charge for event, but they will take donations.

Dennis Dalton:

- Welcome Kathryn Bailey.

- Will do better about not calling our Chiefs by first name.
- Do we know anything about Skippers-Chief Feldkamp stated they are running out of time. April 3rd is the 30 days up.
- Appalachian Community Grants: \$70M went to Healthsource of Ohio. \$350M is still being awarded. We are in a good spot. There are two more announcements coming April 15th and May 8th.

Ryan Woodruff:

- Welcome Kathryn Bailey.
- River Circus: Reach out to Brian Bailey regarding moving the Planning Commission meeting as it's the same night.
- As we prepare for the River Circus, we can have our Street Department help, will reach out to for volunteers, get volunteers from the students at the high school. Councilperson Allen will ask Jeff Blum what they can do. We want the riverfront to be presentable.

Jon Tharpe:

- Welcome Kathryn Bailey.
- Working on the Pollination and Butterfly Garden. Will get with Bob Lindhorst to mark the area and cut the grass short. Will plant. Plants will grow quickly. At the Ballfields.
- Seedling / Mentioned the seedlings are being picked up tomorrow.

Richard Feldkamp:

Welcome Kathryn Bailey

(Motion 11-2024) Councilperson Dalton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm seconded by Councilperson Prues. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

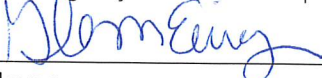
Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk