

March 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, March 28, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Vice Mayor Prues opened the meeting with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Prues 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 Absent

Present in Council Chambers: *Mayor, Glenn Ewing, Absent, Vice Mayor, Larry Prues;*
Administration: Solicitor, Scott Sollmann, Interim Village Administrator, Bob Lindhorst; Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; Department Heads: Police Chief Eric Williams, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Guests

(Village Resident) Lisa Tharpe, John and Vickie Hale & son, Bob Lees, Kathy Speier,
(Non-Village Resident) Jim Serger, Karen and Rick Fulton, Diana Baker, Bev Lewis Hoskins,
Rick Mahan, John Callebs, Commissioner David Painter
(Business Owner) Christine McAdams, President of NRBA/Owner Rivertown Post.
(Zoom Conference Call/Webinar) Bobbi Phillips, Utility Clerk/Village Resident, Police Sergeant Jason Mallott, Ryan Pickering, Ron Henderson, and Councilperson Ryan Woodruff & (1) unknown.

COMMUNICATIONS

John Hale's 90th Birthday Acknowledgement

- Bob Lees
- Dave Painter
- Adam Bird read by Vice Mayor Larry Prues
- Rick Mahan
- Proclamation from Village of New Richmond read by Larry Prues

Christine McAdams:

- Discussed about how the Business Association is expanding to include smaller towns, like Neville and Chilo. Elections are being held this Monday for new board members.
- Freedomfest Committee has asked Councilperson Feldkamp to be Grand Marshall of the parade on July 4th.

Jim Serger:

- Noticed the ballfields are being cleared out and cleaned up and inquired about fixing them up. He asked if the kids were allowed to play on the High School Fields. It was explained that New Richmond Baseball pulled out of the Ruben Willis Ballfields because they felt the yearly fee was too high. It was noted we have many parks in the village for the kids to play baseball/softball at and that the fields at Monroe Elementary School are used for organized knothole and softball games.

- Inquired about Movies in the Park. Typically, we have a group that holds these events, usually 3 times a summer.

Karen Fulton

- Came to council tonight to ask for Street Closures for "Ricky's Ride", a Cruise In Car Show in honor of her son that was killed in a motorcycle accident back in 2021. Christine McAdams with the Business Association will give them tips and ideas for this event.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to close Front Street from Walnut to Susanna Way. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

MINUTES

Minutes of the **03/13/2023** Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

03/13/2023 Regular Council Minutes **were not** approved due to corrections being made, will resend for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

- All double fines signs for speed limit have been installed.
- Street Department has been cleaning up the front side of the ballfield property.
- Brush pickup has started early due to the windy conditions over the past several weeks.
- We are going to start Wednesday cutting brush back along US 52 both east / west bound, in addition they will be filling potholes since we have lanes closed, we are estimating two weeks to complete. Also, this week ODOT will be doing bridge inspection on 52.
- Utility department is in the process of painting the water wells.
- Drafted a letter for Scott to review, make necessary changes, regarding Skippers and the general condition of the licensed area. That letter will be going out tomorrow.
- Drafted a letter for Scott to review, make necessary changes, regarding a letter I received from Dave Robertson from Robertson & Associates who is representing AMGS Properties LLC, regarding a declined permit application to install a billboard on Walnut Street on the north side of 52, Parcels 260907.179 & 260907.180C. that letter will go going out tomorrow as well.
- With assistance from Caroline Duffy, we applied for a \$50K Planning Power Grant, the application is called Arc Power Application 2629, for recovery from the Beckjord Plant Closure. Our next application is due April 19th.
- Hope to have the RFQ finalized early next week and mailed out for line stripping in the village.

Police Chief Eric Williams

- 121 calls for service, 22 Traffic Stops, 12 Citations, 2 Municipal Court and 1 DUI.
- David Sears: he was indicted last week by Officer Beckman, there will be more to come.
- Vice Mayor/Councilperson Prues asked if it has helped having an officer sit at the high school. Per Chief Williams, it does seem to help.

Fire/EMS Tim Feldkamp: Nothing to report.

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Absent / Prior Commitment

Vice Mayor Larry Prues: With the passing of Michael Findlan, Mike Dobbins will replace Mr. Findlan on the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals).

Councilperson Feldkamp made a motion to replace Michael Findlan with Mike Dobbins on the BZA committee. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:

- Due to Mayor Ewing missing the meeting, the Record Retention meeting has been moved to May 23rd, 2023, at 6:45pm in Council Chambers.
- Sensys Gatso– January 1, 2019, is when this was executed. It is for 5-years. expires Jan 1, 2024. It will auto renew unless we give notice. We will discuss at the Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Vice Mayor Larry Prues

First Reading:

RES 2023-09 STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE- RECESSION LEVELS

RES 2023-10 URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON THE TRACKS LOCATED AT NEAR OUR CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.

Dennis Dalton –

- Discussed the newsletter. This newsletter will be placed strategically around town. Councilperson Allen originally thought it was mostly events. Councilperson Dalton was looking at showed the changeover thru the years. Kelley will resend out the newsletter for review.
- The village applied for a Planners grant. We are already working with the #1 Planner, Caroline Duffy, with 143 Engineering. Emailed out to Council. This is a massive project and keeps growing. Councilperson Feldkamp thought it was well written. It was noted that Bob Lindhorst deserves pat on back for his hard work. Each week a fundamental change. It can get frustrating. All projects need to be completed Dec 2026. All dollars have to be spent. Being a charter member of Ohio Riverway has been very helpful. Councilperson Dalton will do a presentation in the near future.

Richard Feldkamp –

- The 4-way stop. Councilperson Allen suggested we get something for the stop signs to bring more attention to the signs. Bob noted that it would be \$690 for 1 sign, and we would need 2 signs. It would be blinking signs. Councilperson Prues suggested we try painting lines in road but leaving that up to Bob.

Ryan Woodruff –

- Absent / Prior work commitment.

Mary Allen –

- With our involvement in the Ohio Riverway, we should be in the Cincinnati Magazine Publication.
- Police Chief Eric Williams noted that they are doing traffic enforcement at Market and Sycamore Streets but not giving citation.

Jon Tharpe –

- Bob Lindhorst covered most of it. Working on potholes on 52. Per Councilperson Allen, Columbia Street potholes are huge and it's a mess.
- John Lewis is on Shade Tree Commission; he is an arborist and on Milford's Shade Tree Commission. We need to add one more resident.

Councilmember Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:10pm, seconded by Councilmember Allen. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

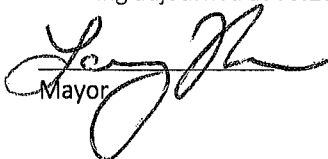
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Richard Feldkamp Yes

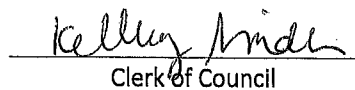
Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Meeting adjourned at 08:10 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk of Council