



Village of New Richmond

Safety, Rules & Laws Committee



Date: April 8, 2024

Location: New Richmond Village Hall

Time Start : 5:35 p.m.

Time End: 6:55 p.m.

Attendees:

Ryan M. Woodruff (Chairman)

Richard Feldkamp (Councilman)

Jon Tharpe (Councilman)

Kathryn Bailey (Village Administrator)

Bob Lindhorst (Planning/Zoning Administrator)

Tim Feldkamp (Fire/EMS Chief)

Eric Williams (Police Chief)

Guests: Kurtis Boggs (FD Lieutenant, Resident)

Call Meeting To Order/Welcome: Meeting was called to order. The floor was turned over to Village Administrator, Kathryn Bailey to provide the committee with an update from her conversation with the local FEMA representative. She was able to gain insight on rules for campgrounds, mitigated properties, and the village's insurance flood rating. She stated the village quit complying with several requirements that have lowered our score to the bottom and we are actually at risk of being dropped from their insurance program. She sighted a concern from the FEMA representative that in the past, administration had not been very compliant with the and that communication was not good. Kathryn will work hard to correct those issues and get the village back where we need to be.

There was a brief discussion on the village's flood plan for emergency services. Chief Feldkamp stated we utilize the county plan as a regional partner.

Additional discussion on campgrounds was had. Chairman Woodruff gave an update from the Planning Commission that they will be looking at possible Zoning changes or further restrictions. The committee is being asked to review the rules and set a new ordinance that will address the concerns of the current structure of campgrounds in the community. There was also a small discussion on reconsidering the Lodging Tax as it pertains to campgrounds and investigate using a flat fee to better align with billing from the campgrounds. This idea was presented by a Campground owner who was willing to assist the village in developing new rules and ordinances.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Feldkamp advised that Lt. Boggs had submitted for and received a Duke Energy grant to fund new gas meters for the department. These meters assist crews with measuring toxic gases

for safe operating conditions and to help locate problems. Chief reminded the committee of receiving the MARCS grant for portable radios and stated we needed to start the process for ordering the balance needed. NRFEMS received a BWC grant for new extrication equipment. On April 26, 2024 the county will be implementing a mock safety exercise to include local public safety resources along with county level members. New Richmond is the host location for this exercise and drill for this year's event. The main operation will take place around the high school for their command and operations center. March 29, 2024 Lt. Boggs met with Red Cross to get more information on their smoke Detector program and what requirements were needed on the fire departments side. Information will be forthcoming as they get ready to roll out the program.

Police Chief Report: Chief Williams requested that the committee revisit the entire golf cart ordinance to update it with better descriptions of what is considered a golf cart. Also requested revisiting the areas permitted to be traveled by golf carts. The fee schedule is outdated as well as it pertains to implementation and cost. Councilman Woodruff said he would work with Chief to address his concerns and provide a bridge from the discussions last year with community members and council regarding the ordinance. They hope to have a draft update available for the next committee meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With there being no additional discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Ryan M. Woodruff