

05/23/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, May 09, 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 Councilmembers with the following members responding:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor: Glenn Ewing

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

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

Additional personnel: Solicitor Scott Sollmann

Guests present in Council Chambers

(Residents): Lisa Tharpe, Donna Prues, Ken Kimbrell

(Non-Village Residents): Ron Henderson, Christine McAdams (President, NRBOA)

(Zoom): Nancy Swats, Village Resident / New Richmond Garden Club

COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Kimbrell

- Asked about the trees on Main, Willow, and Quarry Street. Just last week we had a wire spark, it could get dangerous. Thought Duke was going to take care of this in the spring. Councilperson Allen noted there was a tree on 132 and Columbia Street that's getting bad. Typically, Dukes policy is they wait till its on the ground till it is taken all the way down.

Ron Henderson

- Dropped off Riverdays paperwork. Will put in for street closures next meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 05-09-2023 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Allen motioned to approve Minutes of the 05-09-2023 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilperson Tharpe Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Provided below is a synopsis for each report; to obtain a full copy please visit the Administrative office.):

Personnel & Finance/Chair Mary Allen

This additional meeting was primarily to continue discussing a potential tax increase.

Finance - Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Joel stated he'd have some appropriation changes in June.
2. Asked that Council approve his creating two new funds - both related to debt retirement for water meters.

Will have a Motion to approve the creation of two new funds, both related to debt retirement for water meters

Fire/EMS Department - Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp stated he needs to have a decision by Council on Luke Cronan soon. He could really use him. Councilwoman Allen said she'd send an email to the Solicitor to determine how to best address the language in the Village Personnel Policy Manual. Solicitor Scott Sollmann noted that Councilperson Prues should not discuss Luke at this time. Councilperson Allen suggested he do light duty.

Miscellaneous Discussions

Councilwoman Allen provided a recommendation to the Mayor for his consideration in adding some specific Tourism responsibilities to the Clerk of Council's position. The recco was sent to the Mayor and Council yesterday, but Councilwoman Allen wants to bring it up during the Council meeting and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Very active discussion followed related to the need for a tax increase to increase the revenue coming into the Village. Options discussed were:

- a. Property tax increase
- b. Local income tax increase and/or elimination of the reciprocity for taxes paid to another community.
- c. Police and Fire Levies

Per Councilperson Feldkamp, he feels that this is a bad decision.

There was discussion about making a market adjustment in the salaries we pay our employees so we can retain and attract talent. The discussion included options for paying for it.

Public Works/ Chair Jon Tharpe

The first discussion was regarding signage for our parks and directional signage to guide people to the parks. This conversation was brought forward for new residents and in the ongoing effort to be attractive to tourism. It was noted that we have 11 parks in New Richmond. Most currently have little or no signage. None have directional signage. All agreed that it would be a good direction to proceed in.

We then discussed village maintenance and grass cutting. We have found that the Adopt A Park program and having the grass cutting on 52 contracted out has been very beneficial for the Public Works department by making more hours available for other maintenance and repair issues throughout the village. Ryan Woodruff communicated some of the success that other communities have had with flex employment and cross training.

Police Chief Eric Williams

- 10 Total Traffic stop, 5 speed and 5 other.
- May 19th started handing out the free steering wheel locks for Kia and Hyundai's. Will schedule another day, while supplies last.
- Complaints about Watkins Hill residents and kids speeding. Will check to see if NRPD can sit in a Watkins Hill residents' driveway.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

Thanked everyone for their work on the market adjustment on wages. Police Chief Williams agreed. Mayor Ewing agreed.

Mayor, Glenn Ewing:

- Record Retention meeting took place at 6:45pm, removing David Vornholt from Record Retention and adding Michelle Petry as a Committee Member.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:

- Will be going into Executive Session regarding a MOU.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

- Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 5724, A PROPRIETARY FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE BUDGET, TO BE ENTITLED "WATER METER REPLACEMENT OWDA LOAN 9541", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Second Reading:

2023-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CLERMONT COUNTY CDBG FY 2020 SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 1 FOR THE HAMILTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS NO. CDBG 2020-05 PROJECT, Pass As Emergency.

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.

Ryan Woodruff – Absent/Work.

Richard Feldkamp – Nothing to report.

Jon Tharpe – Nothing to report.

Mary Allen – June 5th we will be hosting a Paddle event. It is on a Monday, Front Street is normally closed, however Kerry and Neil will open for this event. Will pre order the meals and Renaissance New Richmond will supply a small band for the patio in the back of Front Street. 5:15pm will be a small program and 5:30pm will be the meal.

Dennis Dalton - Absent

ORC 121.22 (G)(3)

Scott Sollmann requested a motion be made for Village Council to go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village attorney.

Councilperson Prues made a motion to go into Executive Session, Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

Councilperson Allen made a motion to come back from Executive Session at 8:30pm.

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

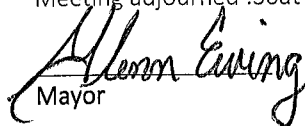
Councilperson Prues made a motion allowing Interim Administrator bob Lindhorst to sign the MOU. Councilperson Prues motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Councilperson Allen, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

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Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned :30at 8:40pm.


Mayor


Clerk of Council