

6/13/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Vice Mayor Prues asked for Roll Call of all Councilmembers with the following members responding:

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

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor: Glenn Ewing / Absent / Illness

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 Solmann~~ Absent

Guests present in Council Chambers

(Residents): Donna Prues, Amanda Davidson, Kurtis Boggs, Sophie Woodruff

(Non-Village Residents): Sabrina Schnarrenberg, VFW, Gary Blanton, Skippers Owner,

(Zoom): Police Sargent Jason Mallott, Bobbi Phillips, Utility Clark

COMMUNICATIONS:

Amanda Davidson: Asked permission to do volunteer work at Green mound Cemetery. She would like to take care of headstones as she has family members buried there. She was on Council a few years ago but stepped down for health reasons but would like to be involved in this project. She has been watching videos and reading up on the protocol and any questions she may have, Robin Brewer at Washington Township is a good person to talk to. She also brought the kit to share with Council. Councilperson Woodruff confirmed that she was actually doing it the right way. Councilperson Feldkamp apologized for not recognizing her. Vice Mayor suggested she connect with Bob Lindhorst.

Sabrina Schnarrenberg: Came to Council to answer any questions about Freedom Fest and the liquor license. It was decided that we would wait till Christine McAdams is back in town as she is the Chair of event and signed the application. It was also noted that the cost for security will be \$7,500.

Gary Blanton: Came to discuss setting up a booth at the top of the hill at Skippers and a House Bill 669 that would allow him to sell during a festival. Bob Lindhorst will reach out to our Solicitor Scott Sollmann for clarification. Police Chief Williams noted that if DORA was open at events, we would need more police presence. The VFW would like Skippers to have a booth at top of hill. He would need a letter signed by Village.

Councilperson Woodruff confirmed the responsible party is Christine McAdams. She is liable and created a new 501c. He also suggested Scott Sollmann look into this. There are questions – between F Permits and DORA. Appreciates the VFW for kicking in and helping. The committee was hoping DORA would remain open per Sabrina. Will not vote on anything until Christine returns from vacation. Councilperson Allen and Feldkamp thought DORA was suspended during legacy events. Gary will even charge an extra \$1 and donate back to Freedom Fest. Councilperson Feldkamp asked Chief Police if he had concerns about the additional area if a DORA event. The village will not pick up tab for the additional officers. The fee for security would be roughly \$7,500. If Skippers gets approved for the House Bill, he would like it noted to be for the season.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 05-23-2023 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval and not approved due to not having enough Councilmembers for a Quorum.

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

Finance – Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio for May was \$4,930.09.
2. RITA will be implementing the Subpoena Program again for Non-filing Taxpayers.
3. We're still waiting on Duke Energy and their contractors to finish their estimates for replacing the streetlights with LED fixtures. Joel has also asked them about doing Rose Vesper Park. We have the funds to help pay for the park from the county park district.
4. To put a tax levy on the November 2023 ballot we first need a Resolution of Necessity passed and filed. The County will give us estimates of taxes produced. Then we must file a Resolution to Proceed. Councilman Prues will take lead on this.
5. The Tax Budget is due July 14th to the county auditor a public Tax Budget Meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.
6. Loan payments are due July 1st and 3rd totaling \$81,494.33

7. There was more discussion about the market adjustments to be made. Joel provided the attached market adjustments to be made.

Motion: Motion to accept the market adjustment recommendations presented to Council from Chief Tim Feldkamp, Chief Eric Williams, and from Interim Administrator, Bob Lindhorst. These changes will be effective the first pay period following the initial motion, which is June 2, 2023.

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Councilperson Dalton and Councilperson Woodruff asked about other Employees being included. Councilperson Allen stated we could add them at a later date.

The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month May 2023.

Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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Village Administration – Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

1. Discussed his proposed market adjustments.
2. Bob stated he's working with Steve Canter, on the new water meters.

Police Department – Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams had nothing to report at this time.

Fire/EMS Department – Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp had several personnel changes.

Motion: Motion to hire Robin Taylor and Andrew Royalty as part-time Firefighter/EMT's at a rate of \$16.10 an hour starting June 14, 2023. They will each serve a one-year probation and pay into social security.

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Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton: Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Asbent/Illness

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Motion: Motion to accept the resignation of Miranda Sims effective May 19, 2023.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to accept the resignation of Miranda Sims effective May 19, 2023. She does not leave in good standing. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton: Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Asbent/Illness

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Miscellaneous Discussion:

- There was additional discussion again about the need to put a tax levy on the November ballot. The Committee has agreed to have an additional Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023 4:30 – 5:30 to discuss planning and next steps.

Councilman Prues stated he would lead the Tax Levy Project.

Section 402: Certification of Eligibility

Current

Individuals who have immediate family member who is an elected Village officials are not eligible for employment by the Village of New Richmond, Ohio. In addition, an individual who has a family member currently employed as a supervisor or department head is not eligible for employment within the department in which the employee is employed as a supervisor or department head. This will not require the removal of an existing employee, whose family member is elected to office or who becomes a department head after an employee is hired. The Chief Personnel Administrator shall make a recommendation to the Personnel and Finance Committee who shall then consider this recommendation of the Chief Personnel Administrator and if they agree with the recommendation recommend to full council the individual for employment.

Proposed Change

An individual who has a family member currently employed as a supervisor or department head is not eligible for employment within the department in which the employee is employed as a supervisor or department head. This will not require the removal of an existing employee, whose family member is elected to office or who becomes a department head after an employee is hired.

Public Works/ No Meeting

Safety Rules and Laws / No Meeting

Interim Administrator/Zoning Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Permits

March permits issued: (19) Fees collected (\$10,600)

Housing permits issued: (13)

Ryan Homes: (4)

DR Horton Homes (9)

YTD

Permits issued: (77) Fees Collected (\$35,045)

Housing Permit (37)

Ryan (14)

DR Horton (23)

Freedom Fest is requesting Street closures July 1st and the 2nd. Closures are Front Street starting at Main and running to Sophia. Side street closed to Front are Walnut, Union George, Western going back one block. During the Parade Sunday 2pm to 3pm additional closures include Front Street from Dickerson to Western which would include side street Race, Elm, Plum, Light, Sycamore, Quarry. I'm requesting that Dora be closed during this event. This will be discussed at the next Council Meeting when we can talk with our Solicitor Scott Sollmann.

Gary Blandon co-owner of skippers is requesting to set up a booth for alcohol sales at the top of steps leading down to Skippers. The booth would be located on Village Property (Promenade). He states HB 669 would allow him to do so with permission from the village since it is village property. I have sent the information to the solicitor for review, he is out of the office until June 19th. Will get with our Solicitor Scott Sollmann on this.

River Days is requesting Steet closures August 4th, 5th & 6th, Closures are Front Street starting at Main and running to Sophia. Side street closed to Front are Walnut, Union George, Western going back one block. I'm requesting that Dora be closed during this event.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to close the street for Riverdays from Front Street starting at Main and running to Sophia. Side street closed to Front are Walnut, Union George, Western going back one block. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton: Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Asbent/Illness

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Police Chief Eric Williams

39 Total, 19 Speed, 2 Crime and 18 Other

Working with Bethel Police Department and doing a Joint Police Academy with Village Residence.

Officer Beckman had funding come through for bike locks and helmets.

Has concerns about Freedom Fest and the Safety portion – how is this being paid for? The cost for security is \$75000, which gets paid for at the end of event. There were discussions on Events as a whole, we need to revisit the application and possibly charge a deposit. Council Clerk Kelley Snider will send the Event Application out to all Councilmembers.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

Reminded everyone about the lunch and desserts at the DR Horton Open house.

Councilperson Feldkamp thanked Councilperson Allen for a wonderful time at Front Street for ORW.

Vice Mayor, Larry Prues:

- Nothing to report.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:

- Prior work commitment.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

- Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Vice Mayor

First Reading:

ORD 2023-07 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 2063, A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE BUDGET, TO BE ENTITLED "OPWC WATER METER REPLACEMENT GRANT CJOgZ", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3-read rule. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton: Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Asbent/Illness

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as an emergency. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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ORD 2023-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3-read rule. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as an emergency. Second by Councilperson Woodruff

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RES 2023-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER OPERATING AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE, REPLEAING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3-read rule. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.

Ryan Woodruff –

- Did we find out what caused the Sink Hole, Cornerstone Development on Front Street, culvert replacement, was it faulty work? Per Bob Lindhorst, it was on other side of where they worked. Water may have seeped over and just not noticed. Will get a highway steel plate to put over it - there is another one At Bethel New Richmond Road and Greenmound Road.
- Not happy with Duke and their patch job on Bethel New Richmond. Do we have any coal patch? Can Duke come back out? Miller Pipeline was the contractor. We need to get ahold of them to come back.
- The Personnel and Finance meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26th. There will be residents asking questions. Per Councilperson Allen, the information will be shared. Councilperson Prues will create a template; Police Chief Williams will create a video.

Richard Feldkamp –

- Apologized for offending anyone this evening. Was upset because he thought Councilperson Woodruff walked out of a Safety Laws and Rules meeting, not knowing we had suspended the meetings and having them as needed. Councilperson Woodruff feels the frustration and offered to step down as this as been on his mind since he started new job. Councilperson Allen suggested having the meetings without the Chair. Councilperson Prues suggested that I post/share absences/days off on a calendar.

Jon Tharpe – Absent/Illness

Mary Allen –

- Noted that her parents own a lot on Mulberry Street. Is that address still valid?
- The Paddlers had a good time at the Front Street.

Dennis Dalton-

- Thanked Councilperson Allen for planning the Ohio River Way event at Front Street Café.
- Thanked Councilperson Prues. He spent 12 hours last week on calls and in meetings while on vacation.
- Just pointed out that Council is passionate and strongly opinionated and about making things work.

Councilperson Prues motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, 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 Yes

Meeting adjourned :30at 8:40pm

Mayor

Clerk of Council