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7/12/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

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, Joel Gilpin

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann/Prior work commitment.

Guests present in Council Chambers

(Residents) Becky Ploucha, Justine Colone, Donna Prues (Non-Village Resident): Gary Blanton, Skippers/Owner, (Zoom) Bobbi Phillips, Utility Clerk, Jason Mallott, Police Sargent, Ron Henderson/River Days Event Organizer

Justine Colone/212 Columbia Street: Came regarding her neighbors. The fence is too high and facing the opposite way and not complete and looks horrible. Noted that there is a camper on property with people living in it as well as electric and sewer hooked up to it. Her dog has been attacked as well. Police Chief Williams sent someone over ASAP to check it out and report back to Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst as to if anyone is living there. This is one of the addresses he has sent violation letters to. She then asked what could happen after the 3 letters have been sent. Will hand deliver the violation letter and there will have penalties involved. Councilperson Allen and Prues asked that we move on this quickly. Councilperson Allen noted Clermont County may not see this as an issue like we do. Councilperson Feldkamp mentioned a camper on Sycamore Street. Then it was noted the property behind her house that has high grass, bushes, and trees down and that there is so much debris on sidewalk. Bob Lindhorst confirmed he does have plan of action.

Public Hearing – 2024 Tax Budget

Mayor Ewing announced that the Public Hearing for the 2024 Tax Budget will begin at 06:50pm on 07/11/2023.

Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public the preliminary tax budget for 2024 before it is filed with Clermont County Auditor's Office. The tax budget allows the Village to create a spending plan for the Village's revenue, it ensures that the Village will always have enough money for the things it will need and the things that are important. Although this hearing and subsequent filing is a formality that Clermont County still requires of the Village, the numbers presented will tonight will have changed by the time she, Council and the department heads sit down to finalize the budget that will be submitted for 2024.

He then asked if anyone had any questions or comments of which there were none. He announced the Ordinance 2023-10 will be read later in the Legislation section and is being presented as an emergency passage due to the timeframe the budget is due to the county.

The Public Hearing ended at 06:55pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 23, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Prues motioned to approve Minutes of the Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Allen, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent the 5/23 meeting.</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

Minutes of the June 27, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Prues motioned to approve Minutes of the Regular Council meeting; 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>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Absent</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel & Finance Committee Report from JULY 10, 2023, Chair Mary Allen

Finance - Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio for May was \$4, 850.42 and from RiverHills Bank Savings \$359.26
2. Resolution of Necessity has been passed and filed. We have two resolutions we need to pass related to the levies.
3. Joel has received the Certificates of Estimated property Tax Revenue for the two levies from the County auditor A 4 mil levy is \$1.40 per each \$100,000 of a home's value or \$213,938.00.
4. There was discussion about the Tax Budget and a reminder that the Public Tax Budget Meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. The Tax Budget is a requirement to us to submit to the County for the taxes they collect for us. It basically serves to justify we need to continue to receive the taxes.
5. Joel has made loan payments totaling \$81,494.33 and there is one due to River hills at the end of the calendar year.
6. He is requesting we pass the ordinance for appropriation changes. These are changes to the water and sewer funds.
 - a. Water- pass through funds for water meters
 - b. Transfer switch for the sewer generator pump at the water plant

*The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month June 2023. Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

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

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Interim Bob Lindhorst stated he had received the resignation of Rob Painter effective July 28, 2023. He leaves in good standing.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to accept Rob Painters resignation effective July 28, 2023, leaving in good standing. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>Absent</u>

Chief Williams stated he wants to increase Part-time Police Officer Ruth James hourly rate in accordance to the market adjustments that were recently passed, moving her from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour effective June 30, 2023.

Councilperson Allen made motion to increase the hourly rate of Part-Time Police Officer Ruth James from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour effective June 30, 2023. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp stated he wants to hire Robert Kovacs as a Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic at \$17.15 per hour effective July 22, 2023, and serve the normal 1-year probation.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Robert Kovacs as a Part-Time Firefighter/paramedic at \$17.15 per hour, with 1 year probation. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

There was a very brief discussion about the tax levy. The Committee ha agreed to have an additional Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on July 24, 2023, from 4:30pm-5:30pm to discuss planning and next steps.

Councilman Prues will be leading the Tax Levy Project.

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee Report from JULY 10, 2023,
Councilman/Committee Chair Woodruff

The topic of discussion was the updating and possible changes needed to the village's event permit process. Several communities have been surveyed as to their paperwork process and compared to our current model. The committee agreed some changes were needed to better serve the event coordinators as well as better protect the village to provide an overall better process for all. There was communal discussion on some of the shortcomings learned from the most recent festival in town as well as areas we as a village could improve. The committee hopes to have some documentation to bring to council by the end of the month for review and consideration. Chairman Woodruff has been working closely with Clerk of Council Kelley Snider on this task. All departments will have the opportunity to provide input before the final document is ready.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:

Permits

June permits issues: 14.
Fees Collected \$4,270.
Housing permits issued: 5.
Ryan Homes: 0
DR Horton 5.

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Permits issued:90
Fees collected \$39,345.
Housing permit: 47.
Ryan Homes: 15.
DR Horton: 32.

Ashburn Woods Phase 2 just filled a PTI to the OEPA to begin work on water/sewer/stormwater. The site has been developed e.g., tree removal and grades. Their target date to start is late August and hope to have the mentioned completed before the 1st of the year.

Had a preconstruction meeting with Environmental Engineering, Water Works Supply the supplier and general contractor and there sub-AUS for the replacement water meter project, Thursday the 29th. The project will start in mid-late August and hope to have completed by the end of December.

At our last council meeting Mr. Cooper addressed council and noted several addresses where the grass was too high, and garbage cans being left out, violations have been sent out in the past days and we will track progress. I have noticed that a couple of the violations have been addressed.

Will be posting an RFQ (Request for Quote) in the Clermont Sun to run 3 weeks for engineering design services to develop construction plans for the proposed Liberty Landing Project. Submittals must be in by 4:30 PM August 15th.

Working with Emily Lescott OEPA, and Environment Engineering for New Richmond's WRS LA PFAS evaluation treatment planning project. The village will be receiving \$50K in principal forgiveness, so the only out of pocket cost is the application fee of \$175. This will be in front of council at the next meeting.

Working on Utility Plans (water/sewer) for 143 Engineers in respect to the roundabout project, should have in wrapped up tomorrow.

Received the letters from Scott Sollmann that will go out to the Clarks regarding the trailers parked on their lot.

Street Closures for 2023 Events To Date:

- **Jeep Invasion / Acord on file**
7/29/2023 from 1pm-2pm (set up and tear down 12pm-2:3pm)
Street Closures: Susanna, Western (up to Washington) and Plenty Street
- **River days / Acord on file**
8/4/2023, 6pm till Sunday 8/6/2023 till 6pm (set up and tear down Wed 11an and Sunday 8/6 8pm, Requesting DORA to be closed.

Street Closures: Front Street/Susanna Way at Main to Sophia Street and George and Western up to Washington Street.
- **Harleys Against Heroin / Acord on file** – They are not having beer sales.
8/12/2023 1pm-9pm (set up and tear down 730am and 10:30pm). Susanna Way from Union to Plenty Street and Western Avenue up to Washington Street and George Street at end of parking lot.
- **NR High School Homecoming Parade (will get me the Acord)**
9/7/2023 from 5pm-630pm – with parade taking off at 6pm. Front Street from Elm Street to Western (and Elm and Light Streets up to Market Street).
- **Taste of New Richmond - 10/7/2023 12pm to 7pm (set up 10am and 9pm).**
Street Closures from Front Street to Western Avenue and going up to Willow Street at Main and Walnut and Union Streets.

- **RebEarth Festival 4.0 (need to get Acord)**, 10/21/2023 11am-11pm-set up and tear down 9am and 11:30pm. Streets closed at Union Street to Western and up Susanna to Plenty Street.

Councilperson Allen made motion to close the streets for the above-mentioned events, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilperson Woodruff suggested that the Village host Freedom Fest next year, the Tourism side of it. Would work with the VFW and local businesses and would allow Dora. There was more discussion on DORA for the legacy events. We can not find any Legislation stating DORA shuts down for Legacy events. Per Councilperson Allen and Feldkamp, the motion was made several years ago by Council.

Police Chief Eric Williams: Suggested for the Events that we revamp the application to where everything is approved at 1-time, with a more detailed checklist.

26 Total Stops, 8 for Speed, 3 for Criminal, 15 Other Traffic

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: thanks for putting new hire on, Lukas Kroener. Asked that we make a decision on DORA for planning purposes. He stated that they start working on Riverdays the week after the event. Owner of Skippers, Gary Blanton, thought confusion with DORA was supposed to be taken care of in 2023. Councilperson Allen will have a meeting early January 2024, to have a "Meeting of the Minds".

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Nothing to Report

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Absent/Prior work commitment.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Checked in with Councilmembers to see if the Outlook calendar was working for them - All said yes.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

ORD 2023-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS / Pass as Emergency.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2023-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS, Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass ORD 2023-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS as an emergency, Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

ORD 2023-10 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2024 TAX BUDGET / Pass as Emergency

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2023-10 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2024 TAX BUDGET, second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass as emergency ORD 2023-10, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2024 TAX BUDGET, second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

RES 2023-18 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL FIRE & EMS TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Allen made motion to waive 3-read rule for RES 2023-18 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL FIRE & EMS TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>Absent</u>

Councilperson Prues made motion to pass as emergency RES 2023-18 ARESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL FIRE & EMS TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes Larry Prues Yes Dennis Dalton Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes Jon Tharpe Yes Ryan Woodruff Absent

RES 2023-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL POLICE TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive 3-read rule for RES 2023-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL POLICE TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes Larry Prues Yes Dennis Dalton Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes Jon Tharpe Yes Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass as emergency RES 2023-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL POLICE TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes Larry Prues Yes Dennis Dalton Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes Jon Tharpe Yes Ryan Woodruff Absent

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues -

Noted that this is the most productive Council to be a part of. Accomplished a lot of good things.

Ryan Woodruff –

Absent/Work Commitment

Richard Feldkamp –

Agrees with Councilperson Prues and looking forward to getting re-elected.

Jon Tharpe – Working on an ATT grant that Kelley Snider sent over.

Mary Allen – Need to explore what was discussed Safety Rules and Laws regarding Tourism. This is a perfect opportunity with all the issues we had with FreedomFest to include Tourism with Events.

Dennis Dalton – Nothing to report.

Councilmember Prues motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

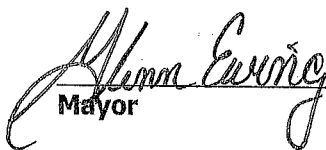
Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm


Mayor


Clerk of Council