

7/25/2023
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 25, 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 <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>Yes</u>

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

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

Department Heads: Police Chief Eric Williams

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann

Guests present in Council Chambers

(Residents) Lisa Tharpe, Donna Prues and Kerry Stamper/Front Street Café Owner

(Non-Village Resident): Ron Henderson/River Days Event Organizer

(Zoom) Bob Lees, RNR/Village Resident

Ron Henderson/River Days Committee: Came forward today requesting DORA to be shut down for River Days. There was more discussion on whether DORA was to be shut down for the 2 Legacy events (Freedom Fest and River Days). It was all agreed that we need to come up with a solution ASAP. Councilperson Dalton noted Council is being forced to pick sides, (support the business or support festival) and need to find a way to get along, childish and unfair. There is no legislation stating DORA shuts down for those 2 events. For planning purposes, Councilperson Woodruff feels we need to honor their request as they have been planning over year. Councilperson Prues is not in favor of shutting down DORA. He will help them recoup the funds. Ron Henderson has no issues working with business owners and council for next year.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to suspend DORA for August 4th, 5th, and 6th for River Days. Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues No

Dennis Dalton No

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

COMMUNICATIONS:

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

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

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent 7/11/2023 meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS / Chair Mary Allen

The discussion in this additional Personnel & Finance meeting, was totally focused on tax levy communications and planning.

Councilperson Prues shared a document that he developed that could be used as our initial communication to the public. It would be posted on the Village website and Facebook.

There was much discussion about subsequent communications probably needing more details and we will likely need 1-2 Town Hall meetings, as well as some face-to-face, 1:1 meeting with residents. We also need to ensure all the employees know the key points in the message we want to share with to the public.

Can state the facts but can a flyer. Run by Scott first.

We began to identify community leaders who can also help us promote the levies. A complete list was not developed, but some names that were shared as possible levy supporters include:

- Gary Blanton, Becca Vaske, Kenneth Kimbrell, Lance Sizemore, Curtis Boggs & Rodney Henry (just to name a few)

DEPARTMENT HEADS**Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:**

Finished up mapping for water and wastewater lines running under US 52 for 143 Engineers regarding the Round-About Project.

Stormwater issues over the last (2) storm events

1. Old US 52 by River Valley Blvd.
2. Around 706 & 821 Greenmound.
3. Columbia & Quarry.
4. Caroline and Plenty.
5. Front St by Plum Street Park (Dobbins).
6. 202 Compass.

Reached out for pricing to camera the mention areas to determine the possible issue for the slow drainage estimated cost for one day services is around \$2850.

Level 2 EVCharging Grant from the Ohio EPA for \$15K, goes back to June 2021. I have a quote from EV United with items listed below:

Dual Charging Unit	\$7703
5 yr. service updates & support	\$2210
5 yr. warranty	<u>\$2495</u>
Total	\$12408
Installation	\$23176
Total all	\$35584
Grant Award	\$15000
Village out of pocket	\$20,584
The above does not include site work est.	\$15K +/-
Councilperson Allen will check with Ohio Riverway and Tourism to see they would like to be involved.	
Councilperson Dalton feels the timing isn't right.	
EPA would like to see us use the grant.	
We could charge for this, but Councilperson Prues's company does it as a courtesy. It could go either way.	
Would like to have an answer by next Council Meeting.	

Working with Emily Lescott OEPA, and Environment Engineering for New Richmond's WRSLA 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. I don't believe we need a resolution.

Same topic, I had a go-to meeting with Norm Collins, Jonathan Deters and Brandon Taylor on information they requested for the complaint filed by the Village. Should have the information to them by the end of the week.

Councilperson Feldkamp asked about the High Street house. Police Chief Williams and Fire Chief Feldkamp visited the property. Homeowner stated that people were living in there, with electric water and sewer hooked up. She was told that it is not permitted, and she unhooked it. The campers are waiting for house to be built. Per the Permit, it says 2 years to complete. That shouldn't be the case. Scott Sollmann noted they do not have 2 years to fix it, just 2 years to get up. It's a violation of zoning and we could take legal action. As far as Clark's property, we have haven't heard anything.

Police Chief Eric Williams:

- 40 Total Stops, 17 for Speed, 3 for Criminal, 20 Other Traffic
- Be mindful of Events with DORA and F Permits. That will put a lot on the Police Officers due to having to set up boundaries. Scott Sollmann will check in to this. Can we get clarification of DORA and F Permits, F Permits sets up boundaries. ED Over serving and underage consumption. State is not concerned about DORA. Councilperson Prues noted that other Municipalities go events with DORA and there have been no issues.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: / Not Present

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Thanked Councilperson Prues for the levy letter.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Inquiring about Solicitation Laws in Village, Scott Sollmann will check into this.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – In spite of all the River Days discussion, just appreciate the individual thoughts and opinions and respect everyone's opinion. We are usually on the same page – this was an exception.

Ryan Woodruff – Received an email from a visitor to the village with complaints about Haussermann Park and the Budweiser umbrellas donated by Green Kayak. The visitor feels the village is promoting drinking. That said individual would even pay for new ones. We will ask them to take them down. Councilperson Prues asked that we order 4.

Richard Feldkamp – Nothing to report.

Jon Tharpe – Nothing to report.

Mary Allen – Agrees with Councilperson Prues, we may not always agree, but sometimes that is a good thing.

Dennis Dalton – Nothing to report.

Bob Lindhorst - The funding source changed for the MOU for the Delta Queen. The change is there is no specific fund source, taking out the Appalachian Grant to just Grant.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion for Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst to sign amended MOU for the Delta Queen - taking out specifics and making it generic. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

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

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

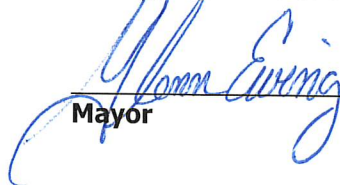
Larry Prues Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm


Mayor


Clerk of Council