

**10/24/2023**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm.

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>Absent</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>

### **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

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann / Absent / Prior Work Commitment

### **Guests present in Council Chambers**

**Resident:** Jeff Baxter, Benedikt Smith, Ethan Clay Thomas, Gary Skeene, Mark Wolf, Joe Vogel, Matt Abercrombie, Heidi Morris, Loretta Lilly and Bill Marsh

**Non Village Resident:** Ty Powers, Jay and Sabrina Schnarrenberg/VFW

**Zoom:** Ryan Woodruff, Justin Keeley

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Ty Powers and Jay Schnarrenberg: Came forward asking if the VFW can take over Freedomfest this year. They will work with the business owners and come to Council Meetings. Will try to work it so that DORA stays open.
- Sabrina Schnarrenberg: Came forward to discuss Veterans Day. They would like to repair some of the older graves, they will be looking for volunteers. She will share information with Council.
- Bill Marsh: Thanked Bob Lindhorst and Council for the work getting done on Country Place.

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup> September 26, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval. (September 26<sup>th</sup> minutes need to be re-approved as we did not have enough votes).

Councilperson Prues made motion to approve Minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup> and September 26, 2023, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen <u>Absent</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 REPORT**

#### **Personnel & Finance Committee Report**

- Hire Lance Hiroshi Fujitana as a part time firefighter medic serving a 1-year probation paying into Social Security. Rate of pay is \$17.15 an hour and hire Donald Books as a Full time Firefighter Medic serving a 1-year probation, paying into Ohio Police & Fire. Rate of pay \$20.50 an hour.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to hire Lance Hiroshi Fujitana as a part time firefighter medic serving a 1-year probation, paying into Social Security with a pay rate of pay is \$17.15 an hour and hire Donald Books as a Full time Firefighter Medic serving a 1-year probation, paying into Ohio Police & Fire. Rate of pay \$20.50 an hour. Effective 10/24/2023. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen <u>Absent</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>

- Accept the resignation of Caleb Kelley.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to accept resignation of Caleb Kelley, who leaves in good standing, effective 10/24/2023. Second by Councilperson Tharpe.

Mary Allen <u>Absent</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>

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:**

- Received parts for Vesper Park Playset and have installed.
- The Gentleman at the last council meeting mention a sidewalk that had not been repaired after a water leak on Lights Pointe has been addressed.
- 362 water meters have been installed as of today.
- Will need a motion later to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding of support for the designation of the Lawrence Community Action Organization to act as the assigned Lead Entity for the Lawrence County ACGP program, and for the designations of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission as Lead Entity should Lawrence County ACGP program activities be included within a Multi-County ACGP Project

Councilperson Prues made a motion authoring Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst to sign Memorandum of Understanding of support for the designation of the Lawrence Community Action Organization to act as the assigned Lead Entity for the Lawrence County ACGP program, and for the designations of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission as Lead Entity should Lawrence County ACGP program activities be included within a Multi-County ACGP Project, second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Absent

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

### **Police Chief Eric Williams:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:**

- Thanked Council for accepting the Personnel changes.
- At last meeting, forgot to give out Levy Website: [www.NRlevy.com](http://www.NRlevy.com).

### **Mayor Glenn Ewing:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Solicitor, Scott Sollmann:**

- Looking into Sidewalk Legislation. Councilperson Woodruff was asking about this. Will discuss at a later date.

### **Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:**

- Nothing to report.

**LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing**

- No readings

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Larry Prues –**

- Nothing to report.

**Ryan Woodruff –**

- Absent

**Richard Feldkamp –** Nothing to report.

**Jon Tharpe –** Nothing to report.

**Mary Allen –**

- Absent

**Dennis Dalton –**

- Ohio Riverway Summit starts tomorrow, Oct 25, 2023, in Madison IN
- Capital Spending budget is coming up. Will need to get together and discuss different projects. There was a Boat Dock grant.

**Comment from the Audience:**

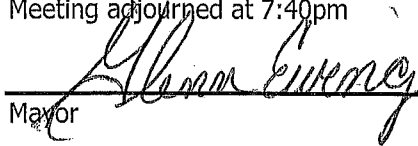
Benedikt Smith: Asked if we were still getting Traffic Circles. Councilperson Dalton explained that we are getting RoundABOUTs.

Councilperson Prues motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm seconded by Councilperson Dalton. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Absent</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>

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Mayor



Council Clerk

