

12/12/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, November 28th 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 Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

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

Solicitor Scott Sollmann/Prior Work Commitment.

Guests present in Council Chambers

Resident: Lisa Tharpe

Non-Village Resident: N/A

Zoom: Bobbi Phillips, Kurtis Boggs

COMMUNICATIONS: N/A

MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 28th, 2023, Regular Council meeting was presented for approval.

Councilperson Allen made motion to approve Minutes of the November 28th, 2023, (with changes) Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, 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 Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel and Finance / Chair Mary Allen

Finance - Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio November was \$5,253.67.
2. The State Auditor's Office is still working on the 2021-2022 Audit.
3. RiverHills Bank loan for ambulance and boom mower is paid-off.
4. There was discussion of moving money from the sewer fund to the general fund for prior advances. The committee recommends we authorize Joel to move up to \$50,000.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to authorize Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin, to move up to \$50,000 from the sewer fund to the general fund to pay for prior advances. 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>Yes</u>

5. There was brief discussion about routine end-of-year appropriation changes. There's a resolution that we'll need to pass during the meeting.

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

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pay bills. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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>

Village Administration - Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Bob didn't have anything.

Police Department - Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams didn't have anything.

Fire/EMS Department - Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp had several personnel changes. He has requested that we accept his recommendation for two promotions to the level of Lieutenant. The two individuals involved are pay-per-call Firefighter/EMT Joel Gilpin and Firefighter/EMT Curtis Boggs and to reclassify Tyler Eckert.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to promote Joel Gilpin, to Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT effective the first pay period in January 2024. He will receive the normal, annual \$500 stipend, for a pay-per-call Lieutenant and he will serve a 6-month probation. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to promote Kurtis Boggs to Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT effective the first pay period in January 2024 at the rate of \$17.10. He will serve a 6-month probation. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to reclassify Tyler Eckert, from Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter/Medic. His new rate of pay will be \$17.15. This will be effective December 15, 2023, and he will serve a 6-month probation. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

There has also been discussion of doing salary adjustments for Bobbi Phillips and Jan Reynolds. Effective the first pay period in January 2024, the Committee is recommending a 5% increase for both of them.

Councilperson Allen made motion to make a 5% salary adjustment for Bobbi Phillips and Jan Reynolds effective the first pay period in January 2024. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Safety, Rules and Laws, Chair Ryan Woodruff

- Discussions on a proposed Vacant Property Ordinance that the Planning Commission has been looking at. He referenced several communities in Ohio who have implemented similar legislation to help curb nuisance properties as well as encourage economic prosperity in their communities. A sample piece of legislation that had been produced by American Legal Publishing was viewed online. Several communities have adopted this format for their ordinance. Fire & EMS Chief Feldkamp asked if this would be effective since we are already understaffed to handle the general Zoning Rules in the village now. There was some discussion to his point, and it was resolved that it may be better to get the foundation layer first and then we can bolster our enforcement activities. This item was tabled for further research and to check with the Solicitor on specifics for implementation in our dual zoned properties such as Front Street business district.
- Discussion was the Sidewalk Repair requirements for property owners. There was discussion on who should be responsible for sidewalk maintenance. The ORC says it does fall on the responsibility of the property owners. It was discussed that we may look to do an education campaign on the state of the sidewalks in the town and see what property owners would be interested if we supplied a bulk price reduction. This item will be referred to general discussion at council for guidance.
- Discussion on the differences in ordinance as it pertained to "on street parking" The ordinance reads that it is to be on paved surfaces, however most of the village is using gravel with no specific requirement. Police Chief Williams would like some clarity for enforcement since there is a contradiction. He would like to have something fair and measured across the board. This item presents several issues that may involve multiple committees, this item will be discussed at general council and asked to be reviewed by all who feel they stake in it. MA: Augusta street parks all over the place and there is nothing in place about that. No other street has paved parking. RW there is no continuity.
- Discussion on re-grouping and planning took place for the possibility of a future Police levy. This will be discussed in more detail at Personnel & Finance, but some ideas were brainstormed as well as discussion on different staffing accommodations. Chief Williams said he had Joel Gilpin looking at numbers for what better options we could pursue for levy consideration. There was also added discussion on average pay in our area with similar sized communities. It was noted that when council increased wages for the safety service departments we met the pay that other communities had been doing for several years already. Since then, those other communities have increased wages to remain competitive for retention and attraction. We are now below

grade again on the Police side and our Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedics are close but still slightly under the local average. It was discussed that council investigate changing benefits to make up for lower wages for retention and attraction. This will be sent to Personnel & Finance Committee for future discussion.

- Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp mentioned as a reminder that the departments portable radios are due to be replaced this year as they will no longer be compatible with the County once the statewide update is complete. Chief Feldkamp did apply for a MARCS Grant that would cover these needed upgrades, but he has not heard if that has been awarded yet. He has numbers available on the cost to replace these radios should the grant not be awarded. He will share these at the council meeting.
- Discussion was a brief recommendation for council to place a timeframe on Skippers Restaurant for vacancy of the riverfront. Their license termination letter was vague. Since the license contract will expire at the end of this year based on their request and councils' approval, it feels only appropriate to establish a final day of occupation. This recommendation will be made at the council meeting and with the guidance of the Solicitor. Councilperson Woodruff felt the letter was vague. There will be a deadline on it of March 1st, 2024. Councilperson Prues asked if we want to leave door open to stay. Councilperson Allen and Dalton said no. Councilperson Prues heard that whomever they reached out to tow it said it was too risky. Scott Sollmann will send letter - it will state that we accepted terms and expect within 30 days if additional time to let us know.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:

Permits Issued Oct/Nov

(13) Fees collected (\$500)

YTD

Permits issued: (134) Fees Collected (\$47,299)

Housing Permit (55)

Ryan (15)

DR Horton (40)

On Friday the 6th ILCAO our lead applicate submitted the liberty Landing Project along with many others to ACG for approval, let's keep our fingers crossed.

- Notice of Termination to Sensys Gatso USA (Traffic Cameras)

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to authorize Village Solicitor Scott Sollman to terminate agreement with Sensys Gatso USA, seconded 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>Yes</u>

- Letter from Solicitor Scott Sollmann pertaining to Skippers Notice of Termination. They are asking for 90 days from December 14, 2023

Gary Blaton also asked if village would like to purchase any land-based assets. Not sure what they are. Councilperson Feldkamp thought the electric box at top of hill is permanent mount, not moveable, would like it to stay. Joe Vogel had that installed and make sure to keep it all. Chief Tim Feldkamp thought it was mobile. If its not ours they will need to move it. Mayor Ewing has been in touch with our Solicitor regarding this.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to allow Skippers 90days (March 13th, 2024) to vacate the Village of New Richmond/Ohio.

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>

Police Chief Eric Williams:

- Emailed data to Council.
- The resource officer at New Richmond School asked if they could close Short Hill from 215-245pm due to students walking down short hill. He has been monitoring the situation and there are a lot of kids walking down. The Officer will take care of locking and unlocking the gate. It would be about 20 minutes during school days. It was noted that the gate needs painted.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

- Thank for approving recommendations.
- Next few months will make more adjustments/recommendations.
- Swear in the first meeting in Jan and swear Kurtis and Joel in the same night. This will be something new. Councilperson noted we will need to do something for Mayor Ewing, Councilperson Prues and Feldkamp. Councilperson Woodruff suggested we do this for all new employees.

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Absent/Illness

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: ~~Will be calling an executive session.~~

*VS
Scott not in attendance*

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

- Confirm the date of the Christmas lunch. It will be Thursday the 22nd.
- Website: Joel hasn't worked on the numbers to see what our best option is but have requested a mockup from Local Times. Both local ties to the village. Both websites look comparable.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

RES 2023-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES PAID IN 2023 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR / Pass As Emergency Allen/ Dalton

Councilperson Dalton made a motion for RES 2023-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES PAID IN 2023 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR to waive the 3-read rule. Seconded by councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion for RES 2023-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES PAID IN 2023 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR to pass as an emergency. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

RES 2023-26 Resolution Appointing Kathy Bailey to the Clermont County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5)

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for RES 2023-26 Resolution Appointing Kathy Bailey to the Clermont County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5), Seconded by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as an emergency for RES 2023-26 Resolution Appointing Kathy Bailey to the Clermont County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5) Seconded 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>Yes</u>

ORD 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS, Seconded 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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion or ORD 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS to pass as an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Allen

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>

ORD 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS, Seconded 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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion for ORD 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS to pass as an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Feldkamp.

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>

ORD 2023-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND UTILITY ORDINANCE AS DETAILED BELOW AND ADOPTING AS AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive the 3-read rule for ORD 2023-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND UTILITY ORDINANCE AS DETAILED BELOW, Seconded 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>Yes</u>

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to pass ORD 2023-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND UTILITY ORDINANCE AS DETAILED BELOW AND ADOPTING AS AN EMERGENCY, Seconded 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>Yes</u>

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues - Nothing to report.

Ryan Woodruff - Asking to extend the moratorium for 6-months to include medical and recreational marijuana regarding dispensaries. We need more details with the law passing.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to extend the moratorium for 6 more months. 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>Yes</u>

Richard Feldkamp-Nothing to report.

Jon Tharpe-Nothing to report.

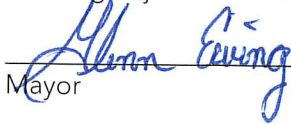
Mary Allen - Mayor Ewing and Council made up a Treat Box for The Fire/EMS/Police.

Dennis Dalton -Nothing to report.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm 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>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.


Mayor


Council Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING DATE _____

MOTION FOR: minutes

MOTION # _____

VOTING SHEET

MOTION Prues

SECOND Allen

READINGS

1ST Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

3rd Reading _____

Emergency Yes ___ No ___

EMPLOYEE HIRE INFORMATION

MOTION:

Effective Date _____

Certification _____

Position _____

Pay Rate _____

Probation _____

SS or OP&F _____

Condition(s) _____

NOTES: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN:

MR. DALTON YES NO MR. FELDKAMP YES NO

MR. WOODRUFF YES NO MR. THARPE YES NO

MS. ALLEN YES NO MR. PRUES YES NO

HOUSING REHAB COMMITTEE

VILLAGE OF NEW
RICHMOND, OHIO

Memo

To: Mayor, Council & Clerk
From: David Kennedy, Village Administrator
CC: Rehab Committee via/Email
Date: 12-20-2012
Re: Front Street Rehab Program

Attached, please find a summary of all completed projects for the Front Street Rehab program. The program has resulted in a total improvement cost of \$43,277. This included a private contribution of \$22,982 and \$20,295 in program funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.


Dave Kennedy