

February 13,2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, February 13,2018 at 7:00 pm. Present: Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Amanda Davidson, Richard Feldkamp and Gary Skeene - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief; Michael Couch, Interim Police Chief; Scott Sollmann, Village Solicitor and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way
Patrick Blair- Lights Pointe

Minutes of January 23rd, 2018 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Discussion: the minutes need to be corrected a typing mistake was made in the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-02. The minutes are as follows.

Mary Allen motioned to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A CLERMONT COUNTY CDBG FY 2018 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUSANNA WAY PROMENADE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Corrected minutes:

Mary Allen motioned to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A CLERMONT COUNTY CDBG FY 2018 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUSANNA WAY PROMENADE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: abstain (absent 1/23/2018)

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

No visitors requested to speak.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Short Hill:

Weather permitting work will begin to remove debris from the creek along Short Hill this Thursday. If all goes well, it is anticipated that Short Hill can be opened by the end of March.

Discussion:

Amanda Davidson requested an update on the apartments along Short Hill.

- *Unpermitted work has been done*
- *An engineer has evaluated the work that has been done and his opinion is the work is not sufficient enough to support the retaining wall.*
- *The wall that has been installed does reduce some debris.*
- *We need a maintenance plan.*
- *Greg stated that he feels the problem area needs re-engineered.*
- *The engineer recommends installing a sizeable culvert.*
- *There is a rupture in the sewer line coming down Short Hill. The rupture appears to be coming from the lower apartments.*

U.C. D.A.A.P. Studio Project:

The class has started with much enthusiasm from the students and professors.

Green Kayak:

Seeking motion to permit solicitor Scott Sollmann to confirm Village’s lack of ownership in parcel behind the Green Kayak.

Mary Allen motioned to provide Law Solicitor Sollmann authority on behalf of the Village to agree to a final judgment order relinquishing any and all claims of right, title, or ownership interest in the parcel at issue in Clermont County Court of Common Please Case No. 2017-CVH-00230 seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Discussion:

Paul Vanderbosch questioned if the village is being consistent regarding to property within the village. Mayor Carr stated that unlike the other issues the village has dealt with regarding street abandonment, in this situation the village has no ownership of this particular parcel of land. We “the village” are not abandoning this property because we never owned it. There is no evidence that the village ever owned the property.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Present:

Committee Members: Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch and Mary Allen

Staff: Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Greg Roberts, Lynn Baird.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- Distributed the January financial report..

January	\$307,969	May		September	
February		June		October	
March		July		November	
April		August		December	
				Total	\$307,969

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 1-2018 through 86-2018 and warrants 36053 through 36067, included in the January financial report, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Tap fees are to be used to partially repay the \$250,000 General Fund loan to the Sewer Fund. Greg Roberts is checking to determine if unused sewer improvement funds can also be used.
- Dental Care benefits are scheduled to renew in March. The healthcare plan renews in July.
- A decision must be taken on funding the HSA contributions: \$2,000 family and \$1,000 individual.

Mary Allen motioned to allow Lynn Baird to fund HSA contributions of \$2,000 per family and \$1,000 per individual for employees in the high deductible insurance plan, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Discussion:

Mr. Vanderbosch expressed his concerns of being unfair to employees who are not on the high deductible plan.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- The State approved the transfer of \$1,449 from the Rehab Fund to the General Fund.
- Duke awarded the Village \$6,084 for the Riverfront Park Plan.
- The October and November Committee meetings are scheduled on holidays, so they are rescheduled to October 22nd and November 26th.

Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief:

- Request the acceptance of the resignation of Jo Mott, effective February 13, 2018 at 0000hours. Jo cites other obligations causing scheduling issues. She leaves the department in good standing.
- Reclassify Joel Gilpin from part-time to Paid per Call status with the department effective February 13,2018 at 0000 hours.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of Jo Mott, effective February 13, 2018 at 0000hours. Jo cites other obligations causing scheduling issues. She leaves the department in good standing, and to reclassify Joel Gilpin from part-time to Paid per Call status with the department effective February 13,2018 at 0000 hours., Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Tim also discussed the 2009 Ford diesel ambulance and their expectations about replacement.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Mike has received four applications for the open sergeant's position: two internal candidates and two external candidates
- Mike would like to form a small committee to assist with the interview process.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Greg reported that the application for funds from the Clermont County Port Authority was not approved in part due to "inadequacy of planning and readiness to proceed." These funds were for the Riverfront Park Plan.
- We have applied for a CDBG for the sidewalks along Susanna Way.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Present: Greg Roberts, Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Paul Vanderbosch, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief Couch and Mayor Carr.

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- Greg reported on the Short Hill project. He has received two bids for getting the creek cleaned out and is expecting to get the third very soon.
- The village wants to get the road re-opened as soon as possible.
- Rumpke is experiencing personnel problems and it has affected our garbage pick-up.

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- Mike stated that several important issues have been placed on Facebook as a means to bring attention to the incidents.

Discussion during council.

There was discussion regarding police Facebook post

Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Personnel changes previously reported in Finance and Personnel.

- Tim reported about a fire that occurred on Caroline Street and the aid received from other departments. A good job was done by all.

Public Works, Amanda Davidson:

Attendance:

Mary Allen, Melanie Slade, Amanda Davidson, Greg Roberts and Andrew Gephardt

State Capital Bill Proposal:

Our proposal was not on the go-forward list.

Short Hill:

We will be cleaning brush and debris from Short Hill and the road will be opening soon, by the end of winter.

Mouggenberg Request:

Discussion ensued about street abandonment.

Discussion During Council:

- Location of request – Corner of Dickenson and Front- Vine Street
- Solicitor Scott Sollmann hasn't done a street abandonment for the village. He will investigate statutes.
- Mary expressed concerns street abandonments will have on economic development. Streets need to be evaluated before abandonment.
- Mayor Carr asked Greg to provide Council with pictures of potential work.
- Paul Vanderbosch expressed some concerns and asked about permit status of Mr. Dobbins.

Ad Hoc, Mary Allen:

- The committee continues to work on the action plan.
- Melanie Slade is joining the committee.

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- The Use of Force Policy has been distributed and weapons are in the cars.
- Hope to have the new drug dog soon.
- The department has been approached by someone wanting to donate money towards the drug dog.
- Officer Malott will need a new contract.

Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

Tim presented an update from the proposed Public Safety Building.

- Committee members include: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Mike Couch, Greg Roberts, Matt Abercrombie, Scott Wolf, Vince Bee and Tim Feldkamp.
- The goal of the committee is to come up with ideas to put Fire/EMS and possibly other village departments under one roof for better operations and to save some money.
- Ideas the committee has come up with are as follows.
 - Move the Street Department into the existing fire house to keep their vehicles and equipment in a climate-controlled environment for proper preventative maintenance and storage out of the weather.
 - Sell the EMS building
 - Tear down the Street Dept. building and property sold.
 - Another option is to build onto one of the existing buildings
 - Buy a structure in the village and retrofitting it to our needs or building a new building on property that the village already owns
 - Identifying what locations could be used.
 - After reviewing these ideas, it was found that building a new building on village owned property was more feasible and operationally beneficial to the village for a 50-year plan.
- It is the recommendation of this committee to build the proposed Public Safety Building at 509 Caroline Street parcel #260908.
- Positive things about using this property are as follows:
 - The property is one of the higher pieces of property in the village close to the 505 level

- It is centrally located
- It is big enough for all future expansion projects
- It would offer restrooms and possible community room to the public from the park area.
- Concerns expressed by Council are as follows:
 - Mayor Carr would like at least 4 residents on the committee
 - Giving up the park.
 - Mary requested a Cross Benefit Analysis.
 - A list of pros vs. cons of each of the potential properties in writing.
 - Current value of Village Hall
 - Not permitted to build on mitigated property.
 - How things would operate in an emergency.
 - Needs to be looked at from a business perspective.
- Other considerations and discussions include:
 - convenient access to Long Hill
 - Near 505 Flood Plain
 - Much discussion regarding the history of wanting to use this particular property
 - Other potential sites were suggested.
 - Modern ambulances won't fit in the current EMS building.
 - Tim is not asking for a vote tonight.
 - The committee will re-evaluate and gather data.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Committee appointments:

- Mike Findlan re-appointed to Planning Commission term ending in 2020
- Becky Ploucha appointed to replace Nathan Alley ending December 31st, 2019
 - Paul Vanderbosch expressed concerns about Planning Commission

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE – ARTICLE 19: RESIDENTIAL, “PUD” PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS and Declaring an Emergency

Gary Skeene motioned to waive the Three Reading Rule for ORDINANCE 2018-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS and Declaring an Emergency, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Mary Allen motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2018-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS and Declaring an Emergency, Seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Third Reading:

RESOLUTION 2018-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D).

Amanda Davidson motioned to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D)., Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor Carr stated that she went for a ride with Patrick Blair around town and it was an eye-opening experience to the zoning problems that exist. Mayor Carr is giving Solicitor Scott Sollmann a copy of our zoning rules and regulations to look over. Scott will check to see if Clermont County has a Housing Court.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concerns about street lights being out. To report street light outages, use the link on the village web-site or call Greg. The decorative street lights are the Villages responsibility all others are serviced by Duke. Mr. Vanderbosch requested clarification on the language of Ordinance 2018-03. Greg stated that it creates a process for PUD.

Allen – Nothing to report

Davidson- Nothing to report.

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp made some suggestions to beautify the roadside along 52. Suggestion was barrier walls with murals painted on them.

Slade- Nothing to report

Mr. Vanderbosch asked ODOT vs. Village responsibility with regards to mowing the median. Greg stated there is an agreement; however, the agreement does not specify responsibilities.

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54PM, seconded by Paul Vanderbosch

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council