

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of New Richmond Village Council Meeting

HARRELL BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held

3-28-17

March 28, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 28th 2017 at 7:00 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Amanda Davidson, Rodney Henry, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; and Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

Also attending:

Bill Marsh
Mike Dobbins
Megan Alley
Gene Colvin
Minta Colvin
David Vornholt
Bob Lees
Justin Keely

One gentleman who wished to remain anonymous.

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Skeene, Allen, Henry, Feldkamp, Davidson and Vanderbosch.

Minutes of March 14th were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve, Seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Henry: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: abstain(absent March 14th)
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Bob Lees, Front Street Café

Mr. Lees came to council to express his opinion regarding economic development of the village.

- The new sewer is a great investment.
- The signs marking the Underground Railroad sites are drawing visitors to our community.
- The village is mentioned to visitors at the Cincinnati Freedom Center.

Justin Keely, 111 Compass Court

Mr. Keely is the Quarter Master at the New Richmond VFW. Mr. Keely spoke about the 4th of July Parade.

- Would like to see the VFW move toward taking control of the celebration.
- Would like to help plan the parade.
- Would like a later start time.

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Mayor Carr stated that she would contact Justin in order to discuss the subject further.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**Sewer Expansion Project:**

The projects are winding down in the three neighborhoods being serviced by the new low pressure system. With the arrival of better weather, residents are getting connected in greater numbers. Approximately 85% of eligible residents are connecting. The village sent out a letter outlining tap fee payment options and last call for connections.

World War I Commemoration:

2017 is the 100th anniversary of United States entry into WWI. New Richmond veterans are organizing a commemorative event at the Veteran's Memorial on Susanna Way for next Thursday April 6th at 7pm. There is a memorial plaque at the monument listing area veterans that served in WWI with a star next to the names of those that lost their lives in the conflict.

Sale of Village Property:

The village has received the surveys of the Plum Street and Water Street properties. The next step will be to have an appraisal done.

Legislation:**First Reading:**

ORDINANCE 2017-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 2017-11: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER UP TO AND NO MORE THAN TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$24,026) FROM THE WATER FUND #5101 TO THE WATER WELL DEBT FUND #5722, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report

Allen – NROBA and the Economic Development Committee are integrating together. The meeting will be held at the regular time of the Economic Development Committee.

Davidson – Mrs. Davidson wished to clarify the contracted times for garbage pickup. (Contracted times are 6am-6pm)

Skeene - Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp stated that he feels that council needs to create a legacy. Council needs to set goals like building new homes and doing whatever it takes to draw developers. He also feels we need more advertising for events. Paul Vanderbosch stated that he recently attended a meeting about marketing and strategy and feels that the village needs a P/R person on staff

Henry- Nothing to report

Comments from Audience:**Mike Dobbins, 110 Susanna Way:**

Mr. Dobbins spoke about Ripley's development of their riverfront. Mr. Dobbins stated that he feels that the village needs to write more grants. He also stated that if the village develops the riverfront visitors will come.

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The discussion that followed included items listed below.

- *Grant writers are paid through the grant.*
- *Mary Allen stated that the Economic Committee needs volunteers to follow through on ideas being generated by the committee. They also need volunteers to do target marketing and do research about who our target market should be.*
- *IGA has a new hardware section.*
- *The Goodwill donation unit is doing well.*
- *Village needs professional grant writers.*
- *Need a common direction.*
- *Council and mayor need to work together regarding economic development.*
- *The opening of the new Family Dollar.*

David Vornholt, 310 Susanna Way:

Mr. Vornholt spoke about Harriet Beecher Stowe and her book (*Uncle Tom's Cabin*). He spoke about Eliza's escape from slavery and how it humanized the slaves and caused the Civil War.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM, seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Sandra Carr
Mayor

Kelly Painter
Clerk of Council