

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

New Richmond Village Council

Meeting

HARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held

*5-9-17*May 9, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Mary Allen, Amanda Davidson and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Michael Wylie, Administrative Police Chief; Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Gene Colvin

Minta Colvin

Pam Schriener

David Vornholt

Ron Henderson

Jenifer Fischer

Nora Lewin

Matt Faris Village Solicitor

Bryan Taylor

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Skeene, Feldkamp, Vanderbosch, Allen, and Davidson. Rodney Henry was absent due to a prior commitment.

Minutes of April 25th were presented for approval. Gary Skeene motioned to approve (with corrections), Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mary Allen stated that she would like the minutes to reflect a more detailed account of her statements during the Call of Members. The original minutes stated as follows:

Allen- Ms. Allen stated that she has spoken with grant writer Sandra Ashba about the following;

- Promenade
- Limited grant funds available
- Recommendations
- Further discussion to finalize any details

Ms. Allen would like the minutes to read as following:

Allen- Ms. Allen stated that she has spoken with grant writer Sandra Ashba. Ms. Allen was very impressed by Ms. Ashba said the work she's been previously involved in. She also thanked Mr. Feldkamp for identifying the resource and giving her name to her.

- Ms. Ashba stated there are limited grant funds, as we already know.
- We should determine if we have any money for a match and how much we have before we set up a formal meeting with her.
- We should identify a project and then seek a grant that could fund some of the project. For example, the Promenade, where we would likely need

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infrastructure. We could possibly get money for the sidewalks and road repair around the Promenade area.

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

Mrs. Davidson: abstain (absent April 25th)
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:**Bryan Taylor, 214 Lights Pointe Ct.**

Mr. Taylor came to council with some concerns regarding damage done by a water leak.

Village Administrator Greg Roberts stated that a landscaper has been contacted and weather permitting the work will be done this week.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Greg stated that he gave his report during committee meetings.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:**Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer**

- Lynn presented April Financial reports and stated that revenue and spending are within expectations based on the budgets
- The 15-16 audit has begun and much of the work is being done off site due to auditors having on-line access to our financial information.
- Work has begun on the 2018 Tax Budget. Readings to be done 5/23, 6/13 and final reading on 6/27.
- Humana health care increase may be as high as 17%. Lynn will invite our broker to the June 13th Personnel/Finance meeting to discuss details and answer any questions.
- The chart below shows the amounts paid for bills and warrants this year, \$1,114,462

January	\$375,439	May		September	
February	\$176,649	June		October	
March	\$400,502	July		November	
April	\$161,872	August		December	

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay the bills 188-2017 to 318-2017 and warrants 35837 to 35851, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- The Sewer Expansion project is nearly complete, about \$30,000 under budget but almost two months behind schedule. Greg and Lynn will research how the Village may spend that sum.

Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Recommended that Ron Henderson (sp) be hired as a pay per call firefighter effective May 10, 2017
- He also requested that Linda West be reinstated to the department as an administrative volunteer.

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Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Ron Henderson as a pay per call fire-fighter effective May 10, 2017 and re-instate Linda West as an administrative volunteer effective May 10, 2017, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

- He also asked that the Cadet Program be reinstated in the Village. The program is designed for 14-18-year-old girls and boys with a maximum of 10 cadets at a time. The program would cost \$100 per year, \$10 each cadet. Cadets are taught their way around the fire house and fire truck. Mr. Feldkamp stated that Firefighters who start out as cadets make very good firefighters.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to re-instate the cadet program, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

Administrative Police Chief, Michael Wylie:

- Chief Wylie requested that Ralph Trost be hired as an auxiliary police officer, effective May 10, 2017

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Ralph Trost as an auxiliary police officer, effective May 10, 2017, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

- Through Officer Jason Mallott, the Village may be able to use a retired police dog, Elko, to be used for narcotics work. Elko would not be on regular patrol.
- Chief Wylie contacted the Communications Center and obtained 5 replacement radios for the department. Motorola will reprogram them for \$40 per radio
- Chief Wylie would like to replace the shotguns not carried in the patrol cars with patrol officer rifles so that our officers can respond more effectively and safely when needed. He would also like to provide at least all full-time officers with the same weapon.

Amanda Davison questioned if the shotguns we currently have are being used. The shotguns are being used however the rifles would be more effective.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Items discussed at the meeting were as follows.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

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- The street sign located at the corner of Long Hill and Green Mound has been replaced with a new sign. The plan is to use this design throughout the village.
- Capital Electric has not responded to Greg at the time of the meeting with the cost of sensor on the hill side of Bethel-New Richmond Rd and Route 52. As of the Council meeting Greg had not heard from Capital Electric. Greg will look in to alternate suppliers.
- Duke is surveying the trees at the site of the slide on Short Hill and will help with their removal. Those on private property will need special permission of the property owner.

Administrative Police Chief, Michael Wylie:

Report was done during Personnel and Finance report.

Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

Report was done during Personnel and Finance report.

Zoning Inspector, Dani Spiegel:

- Dani is recommending that every camper left in place be fined at a heavy level of \$2,000 for non-removal during a high-water event. Greg and Village Solicitor Matt Faris recommended that mobile homes be included. Dani is checking into it.

Minta Colvin, asked if we had examined the proposal brought forward by the Sheriff, for Police coverage in the Village.

Amanda Davidson, Public Works:April 10th meeting:

- Mrs. Davidson asked everyone to visit the park near Dee's Dairy Bar. The park is in disrepair and Mrs. Davison feels that the Public Works Committee should be looking into grant opportunities to make repairs.
- Bill Marsh reported that his current cemetery report could be his last.

May 8th meeting:

- Greg showed an alternative to the stop signs the Village bought a few years ago in core village. He purchased a Stop sign and painted the back black. Crews installed it Monday. The cost of the sign is roughly \$200 versus \$2,000 for the decorative signs and poles on the gateway streets of Sycamore and Walnut.

Mayor Carr requested that Greg get an estimate on replacing remaining signs in the targeted area. Greg said he would need to prioritize which signs to replace first.

- Greg shared pictures of Rising Sun's river front as food for thought of future development.

Greg will bring pictures of Rising Sun to the next Council meeting.

- Andrew Gephart introduced Greg to one of the Graduates of the University of Cincinnati DAAP, to discuss potential student projects for the village. Suggestions included infrastructure to visual elements.

Mr. Vanderbosch stated that he is happy to hear about the Village potentially working with DAAP. Greg will share examples of projects and is impressed with results they are having.

- The sewer expansion project is ending.
- Water Street and Plum Street (Greg mentioned that Matt Faris will be coming to council for an executive session).

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- Bike Trail- Nathan Alley is officially the project owner for the bike trail. Greg received a call from a retired attorney that is interested in working on the project.
- Sexton Position- Mary Allen asked who is fulfilling the role. Greg is currently filling the role. The long-term goal is to have someone on staff add this to their role.

Mr. Feldkamp mentioned contacting the Fischer Group regarding their new housing project. Mayor Carr and Greg have reached out to them.

Mary Allen, Economic Development:**Items discussed at the meeting as follows:**

- Mary Allen shared the Vision/Mission/Strategy documents the Committee has been working on and against.
- Mary agreed to meet with potential new members Mac Johnson, Sharon Mark, and Betsy Mitchell separately, so not to tie up too much of the meeting onboarding.
- Bike Trail- the bike trail has been on our list and we want to move forward with it. Greg and Mary shared that Nathan Alley would be leading the effort.
- There was some discussion related to attracting new business to New Richmond. The group agreed we needed a list of available commercial properties. Each member was to identify 1-2 properties that they thought should go on the list. Check the Clermont County Auditor's site to find out the owner's name and then share that information with Greg Roberts who would compile the list. Our next step will be to develop a script for talking with the owners to see if they are really interested in selling or leasing the space to a prospective business.
- Mary will give an update on yesterday's interim meeting at the next Council meeting.

Administrative Police Chief, Michael Wylie:

- Stated that the departmental meeting held last week went well.

Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Nothing to report.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

- Kelly presented the invitation Council received from Southern State Community College to attend their annual recognition ceremony.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:**Legislation:****First Reading:**

None

Second Reading:

RESOLUTION 2017-04: A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids for the sale of a parcel consisting of parts of Plum and Water Streets

Mr. Vanderbosch asked about bid specifications. Greg has run into a couple of issues on the Auditors site. He would like to discuss the issues in Executive Session.

Third Reading:

None

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CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing to report

Allen – Ms. Allen stated that she feels optimistic about all the potential future projects.

Davidson – Nothing to report

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp-Nothing to report

Henry- Absent

Comments from audience:**Firefighter, Ron Henderson:**

Introduced himself and gave a brief career history.

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way

Mr. Vornholt gave a brief history of his family's boat harbor and the events following the river freezing over in 1964. As well as the challenges and obstacles they overcame to rebuild with the help of the community.

Mayor Carr requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest at 7:41 PM, seconded by Richard Feldkamp

Mr. Henry: absent

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mary Allen motioned to return from Executive Session to the regular meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Amanda Davidson

Mr. Henry: absent

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Gary Skeene

Mr. Henry: absent

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Gamora Carr
Mayor

Kelly Painter
Clerk of Council