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Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held 5-23-2017May 23, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, May 23rd, 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 Greg Roberts, Village Administrator

Also attending:

Mark Bishop- Energy Alliance

Rich Surace- Energy Alliance

Bill Grafe- Energy Alliance

Sheryl Larger- 2543 State Route 222 New Richmond

Megan Alley- Clermont Sun

Adam Lot- 1480 Fagins Run Rd.

Daren Walriven

Tim Feldkamp (Assistant Fire Chief)

Bill Marsh - 2423 Country Place

Gene Colvin-P.O. Box 36

Minta Colvin-P.O. Box 36

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way

Two late arrivals

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of May 9th were presented for approval. Gary Skeene motioned to approve, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: Abstain (absent May 9th)

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Mark Bishop, Bill Grafe, and Rich Surace, Energy Alliance:

Mr. Bishop, Mr. Grafe and Mr. Surace spoke about their company and possible energy alternatives for the village. Some of the topics covered during their presentation were as follows;

- Their company currently serves 37 communities most in south west Ohio
- Their program is an Aggregation program. "Aggregation is when a group of households and small businesses join together to form a single larger customer that buys energy for its members, because a larger customer base can secure better pricing than members can get individually. Ohio's law allows for townships, cities and villages to form aggregated buying

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groups, with voter ballot approval, to purchase natural gas, electricity or both on behalf of its citizens."

Mayor Carr stated that former Village Administrator Dave Kennedy had looked into aggregation a few years ago. The mayor advised the representatives from Energy Alliance to meet with Village Administrator Greg Roberts and give him all their information.

- The representatives from Energy Alliance went on to say that they will help spread word about the program to residents
- The program is no cost to the village
- They will follow all the way through the process
- Ability to enter and exit freely
- No termination fees
- Village facilities can be part of the program
- They will take customers calls regarding questions
- Customers will receive a letter explaining the program and that they are automatically signed up if they meet eligibility requirements
- Customers can opt out of the program
- Pricing to be discussed by April or May
- Takes about 4 months to get through certification
- No obligation to follow through
- Possible 10-15% savings on electric
- Customer service would be provided in the USA
- Bill would still come from Duke

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Traffic Light Update:

The traffic light located at Augusta and 52 has had a new radar system installed and is in working order.

Potential D.A.A.P. projects: D.A.A.P. = Design, Art, Architecture and Planning

Greg showed several pictures of various promenade concepts.

Andrew Gephardt is compiling a list of potential projects to work on with D.A.A.P.

D.A.A.P. has worked on projects for Over the Rhine and Georgetown Kentucky.

Their most recent work is both practical and able to be implemented.

D.A.A.P. is associated with the University of Cincinnati.

Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief: Nothing to report.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council: Nothing to report.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Legislation:

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2017:05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND TO DO BUSINESS WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK, STAR OHIO AND RIVER HILLS BANK WITH GREG ROBERTS OR LYNN BAIRD AS SIGNATORIES

ORDINANCE 2017:12: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2018 TAX BUDGET

ORDINANCE 2017-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE- ARTICLE 29 AND 30

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Second Reading: None

Third 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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to rescind 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 until Mr. Dobbins provides the village with the information needed to proceed with the bid process, seconded by Rodney Henry.

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

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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Mr. Vanderbosch requested an update regarding the restoration needed by Mr. Taylor in Lights Pointe. *The grass has been reseeded and straw has been put down.* Mr. Vanderbosch questioned if there has been a decision made regarding the \$30,000 savings on the sewer project and how it is going to be spent. He also asked for an update on the expected Humana increase *There is no update at this time.* He also questioned the River Pines fee. *Dani Speigel and Greg Roberts are working together and expect to meet with River Pines.*

Allen – Mary Allen stated that she will update Economic Development at the next Council meeting.

Davidson – Nothing

Skeene – Nothing

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp expressed concern regarding weeds growing near the water plant. Greg stated that the weeds have not been cut due to the river height causing it to be wet and inability to clean up debris.

Henry-Nothing

Comments from Audience:

Minta Colvin, -P.O. Box 36

Minta Colvin stated that she has been unable to obtain a copy of Administrative Police Chief Mike Wylie's contract. *Greg Roberts gave her a copy of the contract during the council meeting.* Minta Colvin questioned when the Planning Commission held its Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2017-13. *Greg Roberts stated that he believed the hearing was held last year. He will check for the exact date and let Minta and the Mayor know.*

Sheryl Larger, 2543 State Route 222:

Sheryl Larger came to council with concerns regarding cars parking in the right of way and people working on cars in the street. The problems are occurring on Sycamore and Front Street. She stated she has not received any assistance from the police department. *Mayor Carr requested that Sheryl Larger give her the information and the Mayor will take it to the Police Department.*

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David Vornholt, 310 Susanna Way:

Mr. Vornholt spoke about Tow Boats vs. Push Boats and the differences between the two.

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

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Genora Carr
Mayor

Kelly Painter
Clerk of Council