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Minutes of New Richmond Village Council Special Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held June 20, 2017June 20, 2017SPECIAL

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Special Session on Tuesday June 20, 2017 at 7 P.M. in Council Chamber. Present: Rodney Henry, Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Mary Allen, Paul Vanderosch and Amanda Davidson - members; Mayor Ramona Carr; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Mike Wyle, Administrative Police Chief; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief; and Matt Faris, Village Solicitor.

Also Attending:

Melanie Slade- 699 Greenmound Rd.
 Tammy and Dawn Riley-Manager at Speedway and her daughter
 Zac Feuler -1484 Indian Ridge Trail
 Frieda Kennedy- 600 Washington Street
 Minta and Gene Colvin- P.O. Box 36
 Todd, Bridgett and Mary Ann Wuerdeman- 300 Susanna Way
 Jeff Hartnady- 1380 Frank Willis
 Otto Roth- 221 Front Street
 Bob Lees-1515 Indian Ridge
 Daren Walriven-
 Ray and Pam Walriven-300 Columbia Street
 Loretta Lily-
 Tim Feldkamp- NRRFD

The purpose of the meeting is to review the proposal from Sheriff Leahy and the Clermont County Sheriff's office to provide police services for the Village and conduct any other business as permitted and necessary.

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All council members were in attendance.

Mayor Carr stated that she met with the Sheriff due to Randy Harvey's retirement. Some Council members had requested a proposal from the Sheriff's department for services. Mayor Carr stated that she feels New Richmond needs its own police department.

Visitors:

The following visitors expressed these concerns.

Frieda Kennedy-600 Washington Street:

- Against having the Sheriff's department provide police services
- Concerned about response time

Bob Lees-1515 Indian Ridge:

- Concerned about not having our own police department

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- Glad council is looking into the option

Otto Roth- 221 Front Street:

- Suggested the sheriff place a sub-station in New Richmond
- Concerned

Sheriff's proposal discussion:

Topics included in the discussion were as follows:

- Sheriff is well fortified
- The effectiveness, commitment and positive changes that occurring in the current New Richmond Police Department
- Future financial aspects
- Need to put out for competitive bid
- The term of agreement. Needs to be at least 10 years with the opportunity to revisit
- Cost of outfitting the vehicles
- When current cars are worn out the sheriff will replace them
- The use of the building has not been discussed
- Mike Wylie feels that 4 deputies are not enough. We need at least 6 as well as part-time and auxiliary officers. Mike also stated that if New Richmond does away with its police department it is not an easy process to start back up if the need should arise. He also stated that it is a great department. If we lose one department then more will follow.
- Council needs to determine what services we need/want.
- Unless there is a drastic cost reduction it isn't worth getting rid of our Police Department.
- Concerns about insurance rates
- Mr. Feldkamp and the Mayor have asked Mike if he would be interested in a part-time position

Henry motioned to keep the New Richmond Police department as it is and work within the budget, Seconded by Allen.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

The following council members expressed their thoughts as follows:

- Mary Allen- feels citizens do not want to get rid of the police department. Council needs to establish what they want and start making changes. She is also concerned about what the village can afford and economic development.
- Paul Vanderbosch - stated that the village needs to find out what we are required to provide.
- Amanda Davidson expressed concerns about the failed income tax and that tells council that the citizens may not want a police department. She also expressed concerns about economic development.
- There was more discussion regarding possible cuts in services. Not elimination of services.
- Lynn Baird did clarify that the Sewer Fund did borrow from the General Fund in the past to pay off a loan. The funds to begin re-paying the amount will be coming available.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Seconded by Rodney Henry.

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

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

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Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Annexa Carr
MayorKelly Parith
Clerk of Council