

August 8, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at 7:04 pm. Present: Rodney Henry, Richard Feldkamp, Mary Allen, Amanda Davidson, Paul Vanderbosch and Gary Skeene - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Michael Couch, Police Chief; Vince Bee Fire/EMS Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Matt Faris Village Solicitor

Lee Trost-NRPD

Bill Marsh-2423 Country Place

Minta and Gene Colvin- P.O. Box 36

Raymond and Pam Walriven- 320 Columbia Street

Todd Wuerdeman- 300 Susanna Way

Minutes of July 20th Special Council Meeting and the July 25th, 2017 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mary Allen motioned to approve, Seconded by Rodney Henry.

Corrections:

July 25th-Bob Lees All Class Reunion to be held Friday, August 18th

-Remove the word administrative in the motion to hire Mike Couch.

July 20th- Amanda Davidson change second to last vote to absent.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: Abstain 20th (absent)
Yes (25th)

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Todd Wuerdeman, 300 Susanna Way:

Mr. Wuerdeman declined to speak.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Greg stated that he gave his report during the Committee meetings. He also stated that he met with an engineering firm this morning at the Riverbank to come up with ideas for improvement. He has spoken with a consultant regarding potential improvement projects. The consultant felt positive about potential grants.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- July financial reports
- The Bicentennial Committee returned \$29,089 to the Village representing funds not used for legacy projects. Discussion included some of the funds to improve the promenade along Susanna Way.
- Other miscellaneous income for the year includes:

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- \$17,334 from the Gazebo insurance
- \$8,757 from the Duke settlement
- \$13,565 rebate from BWC of which \$2,098 is allocated to the General Fund
- The gazebo kit is here but we need to find someone to assemble it.
- The county has advised that our 911 fees for 2018 will be \$24,419. The fee is based on 2016 dispatch calls. The amount is paid from the general fund and is decreasing for the third year in a row.
- Potential appropriation changes will be needed for a potential EMS grant, salaries, medical insurance and RITA fees.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 375-2017 through 583-2017 and warrants 35922 through 35934 as listed in the July financial report, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

January	\$375,439	May	\$293,689	September	
February	\$176,649	June	\$184,283	October	
March	\$400,502	July	\$201,553	November	
April	\$161,872	August		December	
Total Annual Appropriations \$4,563,697		Seven Months' Total \$1,793,987			

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Greg mentioned the promenade project as a potential use for the funds returned from the Bicentennial Committee
- Planning continues for the Short Hill Road repairs. Greg is to arrange.

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

Chief Bee requested the following personnel changes.

- The hiring of Carl Watson as part-time FF/EMT, effective August 9, 2017 at \$12.00 per hour. One-year probation.
- Hiring of Kasandra Bowers as Paid-Per-Call trainee. One-year probation.
- Accept the resignation of Michael Sowards who leaves the department in good standing.
- Remove Paid-Per-Call trainee Misty Westgerdes who did not meet certification requirements within her one-year probationary period.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Carl Watson as part-time FF/EMT, effective August 9th, 2017 at \$12.00 per hour with a one-year probation period, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

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Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Kasandra Bowers as Volunteer Trainee until certified. Effective August 8th, 2017 with a one-year probation period, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Clerks note:

The motion was changed from hired as Paid-Per-Call trainee to Volunteer Trainee until certified.

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

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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of Michael Sowards in good standing, effective 8/8/2017, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of Misty Westgerdes who did not meet certification requirements within her one-year probation period, effective 8/8/2017, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

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

- Chief Bee reported on a possible BWC Grant that could fund 75% of the cost of a new cot in each ambulance. The estimated cost of the two cots is \$80,000. The BWC grant, if awarded, would pay \$60,000 of the cost. The consensus of the committee members was that Vince should apply for the grant and the village would review and decide.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to allow Chief Bee to apply for the BWC Grant, seconded by Mary Allen.

Chief Bee will look into supplementing the remaining cost within his budget.

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

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

- In response to a later discussion with Chief Couch, Chief Bee agreed to review the personnel policies with Greg Roberts and identify needed changes

Police Chief, Michael Couch:

- Chief Couch would like to increase the amount of training the officers receive each year. Some training will be at no cost however the officers would be paid to attend. An immediate priority is training in preparation of equipping each car with a rifle.
- Chief Couch would also like to maintain the practice of replacing one patrol car each year. The car that was the "canine car" is in very bad shape. The car would cost \$24,000 to \$28,000
- Chief Couch is modifying the scheduling in the department after 84 hours of overtime were recorded in just one pay period. He proposes two 10

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hour and five 12- hour shifts in a two week period, equaling 80 hours with potentially reduced overtime. Lynn will check to be sure this schedule meets wage and hour rules.

Discussion included the following:

- Chief Couch can use existing schedule and modify policy
- Matt Faris stated the change needs to be done by ordinance.
- Officers understand that the Village has limited funds for over time.
- *Mayor Carr asked if an Ordinance could be presented before the end of tonight's meeting. It could not due to complexity of the issue.*

Mayor, Ramona Carr:

- Mike Wylie should be taken off payroll as of August 4, 2017.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to remove Mike Wylie from payroll effective August 4th, 2017, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Richard Feldkamp stated that Mike did a wonderful job.

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

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

- The mayor requested that Chief Couch be permitted to drive a Village car to and from work.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to allow Chief Couch to drive a Village car to and from work, seconded by Rodney Henry.

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

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

- The mayor also asked that Council waive the requirement that the Police Chief must live in the Village for Mike Couch.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:
Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- The accident at Sycamore Street caused damage to 8 out of 10 traffic lights. A large amount of time was spent on repairs. Several items still need to be fixed. The approximate cost of the operation so far is \$30,000 . Police, Fire and EMS have not tabulated yet.
- Dani Spiegel has been working on several zoning issues and yard sales being conducted without the proper permits.
- Greg met with the property owner on Short Hill about the ground slippage. The purpose of the meeting was to see what the property owner's intentions are.

Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- Chief Couch has done a ride along with several of the officers to get to know their program.
- Chief Couch is also working on proper uniform usage for day and time.
- Chief Couch requested moving Officer Lee Trost to a part-time position.

- Mayor Carr recommended letting Chief Couch drive a cruiser home to allow for quicker response to important runs.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to hire Lee Trost as part-time Police Officer, effective August 9th, 2017 per pay schedule with a one-year probation period, seconded by Rodney Henry.

Discussion:

Paul Vanderbosch questioned the purpose of hiring Officer Trost.

Mayor Carr stated because of all the hours he is putting in.

Chief Couch stated that Officer Trost has outstanding skills and is being utilized 20 hours per week.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

- Chief Bee is calculating the charges for the Fire/EMS during the traffic light detail.
- The department has received a grant for \$3,175 from the State of Ohio.

Amanda Davidson, Public Works:

- Greg is meeting with KZF engineering (the same engineers that did work for Rising Sun) Tuesday August 8th, for planning and ideation on terraces, a bike path, and other waterfront features including a paddleboat launch station. Greg is also looking into grants associated with the riverfront.
- People have called attention to excessive speed.
- People are complaining about the height of curbs at Jacob Light Court.

Sewer Grant application is due Friday. Greg will have an application ready to submit.

Discussion:

- *Mayor Carr requested that Chief Couch look into the situation and patrol the area more.*
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Mary Allen, Economic Development:

Items discussed at the meeting as follows:

- Members were given updated versions of the Vision/Mission and Action Plan and asked to bring their changes or approval to the next meeting.
- Continued discussion regarding Tiny Houses included:
 - Differences between Tiny Houses and Mobile Homes
 - Economic Development Committee and the Planning Commission will continue to gather information.
 - The Planning Commission is also discussing potential regulations that would need to be created before moving forward.
 - No definite plans/desire to bring Tiny Houses to New Richmond, but in our efforts to bring more families to the Village, we're considering them and therefore trying to gather meaningful information.
- David Vornholt provided an update on the Ambassador's program.
- A meeting will be scheduled with Jack Langworthy of Keller Williams in the upcoming 1-2 weeks. He's agreed to assist with some marketing material.

Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- Chief Couch stated that Officers Tom Collopy and Jason Mallott have finished their one-year probation.

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Paul Vanderbosch motioned to remove Officer Tom Collopy and Jason Mallott from Probation effective 8/8/2017 and adjust pay per pay schedule, seconded by Rodney Henry.

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

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

- He has received positive reactions from social media
- Possible charges against 3 individuals.
- Charges cannot be pressed until drug results are returned.

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince BEE:

- Nothing to report.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

- Nothing to report

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

- Nothing to report

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 2017-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE-ARTICLE 31: AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE 2017-16: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MICHAEL COUCH, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Second Reading:

None

Third Reading:

None

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to suspend the three-reading rule for ORDINANCE 2017-16: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MICHAEL COUCH, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF, Seconded by Rodney Henry.

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

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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2017-16: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR MICHAEL COUCH, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

Village Solicitor, Matt Faris:

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Allen – Nothing to report

Davidson – Nothing to report

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp-Next weekend is going to be the greatest weekend for this community.

Henry- Nothing to report

Comments from audience:

Todd Wuerdeman, 300 Susanna Way:

Mr. Wuerdeman expressed concerns about the 6-way stop. People don't stop. Speeding on Susanna Way. He is against speed bumps.

Greg Roberts stated that during the meeting he was unable to find any local policy on-line to use as a template regarding over-time.

Mayor Carr asked Matt Faris to check with local agencies to see what their policies are. The Mayor wants to make sure the policy complies with all federal wage and hour regarding over-time. Federal law is difficult to interpret. Matt Faris wants to make sure we do it properly.

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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 8:04 PM.

Samara Carr
Mayor

Kelly Painter
Clerk of Council