

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of New Richmond Village Council Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held 11-14-2017November 14, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Present: Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch and Gary Skeene - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Michael Couch, Interim Police Chief; and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator. Mayor Carr reported Rodney Henry and Richard Feldkamp were absent.

Paul Vanderbosch questioned the difference between an excused absence and an unexcused absence.

Also attending:

Bill Marsh-2423 Country Place
Minta and Gene Colvin- P.O. Box 36
David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way
Karey Herrin- 303 Columbia Street
Darin Walriven- 320 Columbia Street
Melanie Slade- 699 Greenmound
Bob Lees-1515 Indian Ridge
Lee Trost-NRPD
Floyd Henderson-NRPD
Nathan Alley-110 Pointe Court
Patrick Blaire- Lights Pointe
Donna Hermann- 6 Vineyard Lane
Charlie Scott- Willow Street

Minutes of October 24th, 2017 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Gary Skeene motioned to approve, Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

Clerk Kelly Painter mentioned some information given to her by Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird regarding the Personnel and Finance report given at the last meeting. "sick leave is paid out per policy and ORC upon retirement only", and "OWDA has not provided approval for undisbursed funds to be drawn". Council decided to leave the October 24th minutes as written. No corrections were made.

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

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

Visitors:Bob Lees, 1515 Indian Ridge:

Mr. Lees came to express his thoughts on the election.

- Healthy example of democracy
- Housing stock needs improvement (he suggested increasing the zoning officer's hours)
- We need education on Grants
- Better communication
- Smells at Walnut, Columbia and Little Indian
- Rose Vesper Park

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Mayor Carr stated that most of the items he listed were discussed during committee meetings.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**OPWC Grant:**

Our OPWC Grant Application for \$349,500 for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and manhole replacement/sewer line repairs is still in the running for funding. Final word is anticipated within the next two weeks.

County Parks Grant:

The Village has been approved for two Clermont County Parks grants for the purchase of benches and playground mulch.

No Solicitation Ordinance:

Several door to door solicitors have been reported in the Village recently. There appears to be a lack of signage communicating the rule. The village does not allow solicitation.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:**Present:**

Committee Members: Mary Allen, Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch

Staff: Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp, Ramona Carr, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Greg Roberts

Guests: Minta Colvin, Darrin Walriven

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- Lynn was unable to attend the meeting

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 679-2017 through 838-2017 and warrants 35971 through 35999 included in the October 2017 financial report, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

Greg reported that the Port Authority of Clermont County is researching grants for riverfront development. He will keep us posted.

Interim Police Chief Mike Couch:

- Mike indicated he will be working with Lynn to develop an equipment list for the 2018 budget.
- He expects to order three vests in 2018
- He would like to contract with the training company with the money obtained from the training grant.
- A 9-month old Belgian Malinois may be available to the Village and will be trained in drug and search work.
- Mike obtained bids from three companies to outfit the new Dodge Charger: Mobil Com, \$8,800; Camp Safety, \$7,200; and Lee Trost, \$6,700

EMS/Fire Assistant Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Mr. Feldkamp will have a personnel action to request in his Safety committee meeting minutes
- The \$25,000 grant to replace expired and expiring fire personnel gear was not approved. The department had budgeted \$25,000 for these items.

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Mayor Carr asked that the committee meet in executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was made and seconded and the committee went into executive session at 4:50 pm. A motion was made and seconded and the committee returned to the regular meeting at 5:00 pm.

Gary Skeene, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Present at the meeting were Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch, Greg Roberts, Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp, and Interim Chief Mike Couch.

Guests: Minta Colvin, and Darren Walriven

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- The dangerous tree at 718 Washington Street has been addressed by the property owner.
- A small land-slide at Greenmound Cemetery along Greenmound Road occurred last week. There was discussion on how to address the issue. Greg reported that there was evidence of similar slides on the steep embankment.

Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Tim mentioned personnel requests to be covered under Personnel and Finance Committee (*items were discussed at this point*)

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Josh Hughes at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective 11/15/17 as a Full time FF/EMT, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

- The Firefighter Assistance Grant through FEMA for replacement of expiring gear was denied. Money was budgeted to cover the need as a contingency. There is a 10-year mandatory retirement for firefighter's personal protective equipment by the NFPA.

Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- The proposed Use of Force policy will be distributed to Council this week. A contract/agreement with Lexi-Pol is under review with the solicitor.
- Three bids were received for additional equipment for new police cruiser. Chief Couch is requesting Council direction on vendor selection.
- \$1,800 matching grant money is available for new bullet proof vests.
- The department is transitioning to the new blue uniforms.
- OPOTA training for officers should be completed this week.
- New common firearms for officers have been ordered from Vance's
- The canine grant is moving forward.
- A 9-month old Belgian Malinois canine trainee has been identified. A private donation in support of the dog may be forthcoming which could result in no or minimal out of pocket expenses to the village for the new dog.

The Mayor has spoken with the company out of Tennessee that Ripley and Higginsport has contracted with.

- Regarding speed camera's

Public Works, Amanda Davidson:

Committee members present were Mary Allen and Amanda Davidson

Committee members absent were Rodney Henry.

Staff present: Greg Roberts

Cemetery:

A small hill slide has been brought to our attention.

Road Projects:

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Brandstetter and Carroll Engineers has extensive experience in developing long term street paving plans for other communities. Greg is working with them to put together a new long-term plan that is more comprehensive than the ones we have created in the past. A formal proposal is being developed for presentation by the end of the year. The worst streets in the old plan have already been repaired or resurfaced.

Proposal: State Capital Budget:

A discussion followed including the following.

- Port Authority 2018 Capital Budget
- December 1st deadline, for project proposal from Haussermann Park to Veterans Memorial for the riverfront including Kayak launch, moorings for large boats, and recognition of the National Park Service Underground Railroad site.

Lights in Vesper Park:

- Working to install the lights by year end.
- The gazebo will be ordered shortly.

Paul Vanderbosch questioned if Greg had previously reported that the gazebo was here. Mayor Carr stated that the gazebo will be ordered by the end of the week.

Greg stated that he would like to co-ordinate the construction of the gazebo with the installation of the lights.

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

Chief Couch spoke briefly about the Use of Force Policy. The mayor asked him to send a revised copy to council for review. Mr. Vanderbosch asked if the policy would need to be passed by Ordinance or motion. Mayor Carr stated that it would need to be an Ordinance. Chief Couch also reported that he is receiving additional bids for outfitting the Dodge Charger. He also stated that the new firearms have come in and will be issued in January.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

- Nothing to report

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

- Mayor Carr informed Council that Solicitor Matt Faris is resigning his position.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of Solicitor Matthew Faris effective 11/17/2017, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Matt is leaving due to additional duties at his firm.

Mike Minniewar will be acting solicitor until a replacement can be identified.

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

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

Greg Roberts stated that Zoning Officer Dani Spiegel has accepted a full-time position with Monroe Twp. She will remain with us part-time until the village is able to find a replacement.

Mary Allen, Economic Development:**Tiny House:**

There is a Tiny House Expo being planned to take place during the 2018 River Days event.

Legislation:**First Reading:**

ORDINANCE 2017-21: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS