

February 12, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present:** Council Members: Paul Vanderbosch; Melanie Slade; Mary Allen; Gary Skeene and Richard Feldkamp. Administration: Mayor Ramona Carr; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Staff: Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee; Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch; Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

Also attending:

David Vornholt – 310 Susanna Way
Ron and Tasha Henderson
Nancy Swats – Susanna Way
Marsha Delaney – Lights Pointe Ct.
Megan Alley – Clermont Sun

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carr informed Council of the following:

- The New Richmond Youth Sports Association (NRYSA) sent a letter stating their decision not to use the Old U.S. 52 baseball fields in 2019 citing one reason for their decision was the condition of the concession stand.

Comments: Paul inquired as to the end-date term of the license; Greg responded the end-date term per the license is September 1st, 2019.

- Mayor Carr also relayed she received a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding their plans to strip the outside shoulder for a bike trail on U.S. 52 starting at Five Mile Rd. up to Adamson Rd.

Visitors

David Vornholt: David is concerned by New Richmond School District's talk of shuffling school buildings and changing class sizes without having done any benchmarking. Instead of benchmarking, the school district hired an architectural firm which makes him feel the Board's decision is already made on how they are going to proceed. David feels it might be good if the New Richmond Business Association and the Economic Development Committee meet and construct a letter to send to the School Board in response to the architectural firm's assessment.

Comments:

Mary Allen: I feel a letter should be approved by Council before sending.

Mayor Carr: Yes, we should have a motion. The Mayor's concern is losing revenue if the Middle School is moved.

Mary Allen: Why move a school with the name New Richmond Middle School outside of New Richmond??

Mayor Carr: I would like to recommend Greg Roberts and Council draft a letter to share.

Tasha Henderson: Mentioned there is a School Board working session meeting at the Market St. building this Thursday (Feb. 14th) at 6:00pm Greg Roberts said he would compile Council's recommendations and deliver the letter at the next School Board public meeting scheduled for next Tuesday (Feb. 21).

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve the drafting of a letter to the New Richmond School District addressing the information presented by the architectural firm they hired; Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Mayor Carr presented the minutes of January 22nd, 2019 Regular Council meeting for approval.

Comments: Mary Allen stated Marsha Delaney spoke during the “comments from the audience” portion of the January 22nd, 2019 Council meeting and thus her name should have been noted in the Visitor’s section.

Mary Allen motioned to approve; Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Administrative Report

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Union Station: Notices for the public hearing on February 21st at 6PM have been sent.

New Richmond Exempted Village School District: The District is facing a \$6 million/per annum budget shortfall in the aftermath of the devaluation of the Zimmer Plant. The School Board has hired a consultant and is evaluating several options related to closing and consolidating buildings. All options would have some impact on the Village since all include closing the Market Street School Building. A school operating levy is being considered. Considering that the schools are the largest employer in the Village, Lynn Baird and I intend to review the economic impact to the Village related to the various options presented by the School District's consultants, Elevar.

1st Baptist Church: of New Richmond is celebrating their bicentennial this year.

Duke Energy Road Closure: Council previously approved by motion the closing of Bethel-New Richmond intermittently from 3/11/19 to 5/6/2019. I received a call today from the Duke rep requesting the start date be extended to 3/4/2019. There “could” be a corresponding earlier completion; however, due to weather concerns they have no certainty.

Comments: Paul Vanderbosch feels Duke should come to the next Council meeting to request the new 3/4/2019 closure date. Ramona Carr explained we just need a motion to change the date. Mary Allen stated this should be voted on tonight. Richard Feldkamp: I know Duke will provide an hour and 45 minutes when school lets out. Mary Allen: We need to let the School District know if we pass this; Greg would you do that?

Motion to approve Duke Energy’s change of start date to March 4th, 2019. Mary Allen motioned to approve; Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	NO
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Update - Shanty Boat YES Showboat NO

Greg reported hearing that an individual from Manchester has allegedly purchased the Showboat.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee:

The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Monday, February 11, 2019. The meeting started at 4:40 p.m. and adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Members Present: Mayor Ramona Carr, Paul Vanderbosch, Council Member, Gary Skeene, Council Member, Mary Allen, Council Member, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee, and Village Administrator, Greg Roberts.

Guests: Minta Herrin

The first order of business was to elect the Committee Chair for the 2019 year. Gary Skeene nominated Mary Allen and it was seconded by Paul Vanderbosch. The vote ensued and Mary was elected.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer*:

- Lynn provided the monthly Finance/Budget summary but was not present so there was no discussion.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief

- No personnel changes to report
- The Police Dept. is currently looking to fill one open full time position. Chief Couch is working on the Lexipol policy with completion for submission in February 2019 and a goal of final approval/completion in March 2019.
- CPR/AED training is finished. Taser training is scheduled for May 2019.

Chief Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

- Chief Bee recommends the following Personnel changes**:
 - Hiring Luke Cox as Firefighter/EMT effective February 15, 2019 at \$12.60 per hour with the standard 1 year probation. Luke has been the maintenance supervisor for New Richmond schools.
 - Accepting the resignation of Jo Mott effective February 13, 2019; she's retiring from the service.
- The Department has received a \$3,897.00 EMS reimbursement grant for money spent in 2018 for equipment and training.
- Vince stated he was very happy with his crew with all the events related to the incident on February 2, 2019.

Village Administrator Greg Roberts

- Greg Roberts recommends the following Personnel change***:
 - Hiring Ron Henderson as a Utility Laborer, to replace the vacant position that had opened by the retirement of Jeff Knoechle. He received and reviewed four applications. Ron has been a pay per call Firefighter/EMT for the past two years and a volunteer for River Days. Ron will be full time effective February 13, 2019 at the rate of \$13.10 per hour.
- Greg and Ken Shearwood have been reviewing suppliers of automated water meters. These would be the drive-by type. This is an anticipated cost-savings project. Mayor Carr stated that Felicity received a grant to replace theirs. Greg said he was aware of that.

Comments from Visitors/Guests: Minta Herrin, Guest, submitted her letter of interest for the vacant Council Seat.

Voted on at the 02/12/2019 Council meeting as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

***Mary Allen made the motion to approve paying bills 1-2019 through 81-2019 and warrants 36319 through 36339; Seconded by Melanie Slade:**

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

****Motion to hire Luke Cox and accept the resignation of Jo Mott. Mary Allen made the motion to approve; Seconded by Gary Skeene:**

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

*****Motion to hire Ron Henderson. Mary Allen made the motion to approve; Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.**

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. Present: Members Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch. Staff: Chief Vince Bee, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch. Village Administrator, Greg Roberts Mayor Ramona Carr Guest: Minta Colvin

A motion was made and second to appoint Paul Vanderbosch as Committee Chair. The motion was approved.

Mr. Feldkamp expressed concern about the rising Ohio River levels and the possibility of flooding in the Village.

Chief Vince Bee

- Reported that the Quint Truck (Ladder) was out of service for repairs to the hydraulic system following the Pierce Township fire on February 2. Repairs are expected to take two weeks and the cost will be approximately \$2,500.
- He commended the following Fire/ EMS staff who were present at the fire in Pierce Township on Saturday February 2, following the murder of Det Bill Brewer: Medic 36 crew consisting of Lieutenant Joshua Hughes and Firefighter/EMT Drew Logan as well as the Quint 36 crew: Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp, Firefighters/EMTs Cameron Pelzel and Dustin White. Chief Bee was also on the scene assisting with the command staff of the incident.

Interim Chief Mike Couch

- Reported that two candidates took the test to fill the one full-time vacant Officer position. Both will be invited in for interviews.
- The draft of the Police Policy and Procedures is expected to be complete this week. The 120-150 policies will be sent to the Village Solicitor for review before being given to Council for review and approval.
- A felony warrant issued for a suspect on Susanna Way was executed.
- A traffic-stop for a report of the unauthorized use of a vehicle led to a drug arrest.
- NRPD has received a grant to fund LED light vests and batons.
- NRPD has acquired four (4) new Glock weapons along with tasers for use by auxiliary officers.

Discussion at Council meeting on 02/12/2019 during the Safety, Laws and Rules Committee report:

- Mr. Vanderbosch asked Ron Henderson to please introduce himself. Ron stood and introduced himself, his wife Tasha and their children Destini, Elizabeth and Bentley.
- Interim Police Chief Mike Couch relayed that the speed cameras will be on-site in New Richmond by the end of next week and installation on the poles will begin shortly after the delivery.
- Chief Bee showed the type of bullet proof vest our firefighters and EMTs wear. Mr. Feldkamp thanked him for sharing and stated he was glad they have the vests to wear.
- Chief Bee noted that he met with Metropolitan Housing as well as other community groups to discuss the way housing code inspections and violations are handled. Currently we are working off a 1999 Ordinance.
- Greg Roberts mentioned we have one or two Ordinances covering housing code/zoning and criminal offenses.

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Committee met on Monday, February 11, 2019. Present: Committee Chair Mary Allen; Council member, Melanie Slade; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; David Vornholt (NROBA); Guests: Tom and Beth Walker.

Discussion Topics:

- David Vornholt provided an update from the New Richmond Business Association
- Greg Roberts reminded everyone of the PUD/Union Station Public Hearing scheduled for February 21st, 2019.
- Mary Allen gave an Underground Railroad presentation at the New Richmond Branch library on February 11th.*
- Ohio River Valley Development Commission meeting
- Discussion and brainstorming about New Richmond exempted village schools

***Discussed at the 2/12/2019 Council meeting during the Economic Development report:**

- Mary Allen feels the Underground Railroad presentation she gave would be good for Ambassador training purposes.
- Mary Allen was voted in as a resident on the Ohio River Valley Development Committee meeting. Greg Roberts was also in attendance at that meeting.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Scott Sollmann, Village Solicitor: absent

Theresa Leigh, Clerk: nothing

Legislation:

First Reading:

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2019-02: ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

ORDINANCE 2019-03: ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL 260915.003 IN THE UNION STATION SUBDIVISION FROM R-3 SINGLE FAMILY TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (P.U.D.) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – nothing

Allen - nothing

Skeene - nothing

Feldkamp – River Days will be held the first weekend in August this year.

Slade – nothing

Comments from audience

Marsha Delaney asked if a stop sign could be placed at the Regatta Dr. and Lights Pointe Ct. She explained how hard it is to see cars coming because cars parked near this intersection block the view.

Paul Vanderbosch made the motion to install a new stop sign at the intersection of Regatta Dr. and Lights Pointe Ct. and approve the painting of the curb to designate the “no parking” zone 30 feet from the stop sign as required by law, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Executive Session

Gary Skeene motioned that Council go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official at 7:50pm; Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Roll Call was taken and a unanimous vote to enter into executive session occurred.

Mary Allen motioned to return from Executive Session to regular Council at 8:07pm; Seconded by Melanie Slade.

Gary Skeene motioned to have Becky Ploucha fill the Council seat vacated by Amanda Richardson; Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	ABSTAIN
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm; Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade:	YES	Mr. Vanderbosch:	YES
Mr. Feldkamp:	YES	Ms. Allen:	YES
Mr. Skeene:	YES		

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council