

March 26, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present** Mayor Ramona Carr; Council Members: Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp, and Becky Ploucha; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Gary Skeene (illness); Interim Police Chief Mike Couch

Also attending:

David Vornholt - 310 Susanna Way

Megan Alley – Clermont Sun

Tom and Mary Beth Wulker – New Richmond residents

Minutes of the March 12th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comments:

Paul Vanderbosch: In the *Members Present* section of the *Personnel & Finance Committee report* it notes Lynn Baird as the “Financial Officer”; Lynn’s title is “Fiscal Officer”. Also, his comment before the vote to accept the HAS contributions was noted incorrectly; what he said was “We should only pay the single rate to everyone.”

Mary Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 12th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: absent

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Visitors:

Administrator’s Report

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Local Government Fund: The letter has been sent in response to the Clermont County Township Association's proposed alternate Local Government Fund distribution formula.

Riverfront Improvements: For project proposal for the 2020 State Capital Budget we intend to enhance and resubmit the proposal to improve the riverfront beyond the WPA retainer wall. This will complement the CDBG funded Promenade project.

Comments:

Paul Vanderbosch:

- Paul asked who sets the State Capital Budget. (Greg Roberts stated our State reps do.) Paul Vanderbosch suggested we contact those representatives now then.
- Paul Vanderbosch asked where the WPA retainer wall is located. (Greg Roberts stated the WPA retainer wall is the terra cotta wall located between Haussermann Park and the Veterans' Memorial.)
- Paul Vanderbosch asked how we are doing with the flag pole by the Veterans' Memorial; is the flag still lit and are we having a permanent flag pole put in? (Greg Roberts said the flag is not currently lit; we have to use our Fire Dept. quint ladder truck to replace the flag. He will also talk to the veterans about putting a permanent flag pole in.)

Richard Feldkamp:

- Richard asked Greg what the Village is doing about the on-going leak at Gray's Lane that is deteriorating the road. (Greg Roberts stated Ken has investigated and it is not a water line leak; the source of the water appears to be from a natural spring. Mary Allen asked if the Village owns the road repair here? Mary stated she will support the Administration's decision on how to approach this.)
- On Boyle's Curve there are buildings and sheds in bad shape and now there's drug activity; they were put up in the past without a permit. (Greg Roberts stated it is on a Village right-away then we should definitely look at what we can do.)

Insurance Renewal: The proposal for Village insurance renewal policy from Public Entities Pool of Ohio is \$42,214. This represents roughly a 4% increase over last year.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to accept the insurance renewal policy; seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Skeene: absent	Ms. Allen: yes

Interim Chief of Police, Mike Couch: Absent

Fire/EMS Chief – Vince Bee: Nothing to report

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Nothing to report

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor:

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: I have hard copies of 2018 Legislation if any Council member would like to have them. The information is also available on New Richmond's website as well in Laserfiche.

Legislation

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE FOLLOWING FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2019-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: STREET FUND \$60,000; CEMETERY FUND \$21,000; POLICE FUND \$235,000; FIRE/EMS FUND \$285,000

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2019-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF THE UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND.

ORDINANCE 2019-05 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING REGULATIONS ON CHRONIC NUISANCES.

Comments:

Paul Vanderbosch: Paul had the following questions and comments pertaining to the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance:

- Section 1. #6 – What is meant by “Attendance at school violations” (Greg Roberts responded: I assume it’s police action involving truancy.)
- Section 1. #8 – We should ‘name’ the Village of New Richmond Codified Ordinance referenced here. (Richard Feldkamp responded: it is the gun ordinance. Scott Sollmann clarified most Village ordinances are based on Ohio Revised Codes.)
- Section 1. D. Hamilton County is incorrect; the ordinance should state “Clermont County Auditor”.
- Section 2 and Section 4 - The specifics noted in these two sections are too lenient. Also, “may” and “could” wording is weak; shouldn’t we use “shall” and “will”? (Mayor Carr stated that she agreed with Paul and the legislation doesn’t have “enough teeth.” Greg Roberts stated it is our prerogative to tighten the wording. Scott Sollmann stated the use of “may” and “could” wording would give discretion to the Village.)
- Paul stated he believes we should table this Ordinance until we have better wording. (Scott Sollmann will review the ordinance and provide council on how to proceed.)

Mary Allen: Mary pointed out the following errors:

- Section 1. #7 – The bullet point in front of “RC” should not be there.
- Section 3. The correct word in the Section title should be “determination”.

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Paul Vanderbosch - Nothing to report

Mary Allen – Are we getting a Newsletter out? Could we put information in it regarding burning in the Village; proper parking; loud music/noise and illegally messing with utility meters?

Becky Ploucha – Will upcoming events be posted to the Newsletter?

Skeene - Absent

Feldkamp - Nothing to report

Slade - Nothing to report

Comments from audience:

David Vornholt: When I grew up in the Village during the 1950's there were several retailers on Front St. including a grocery store, a jewelry store and drugstore. It was a wonderful childhood. As an adult, I traveled a lot before deciding to settle in my hometown and open a bed & breakfast on Susanna Way. It's a wonderful old house; the old brass chandelier even had mud in the bulb socket from the flood of '37!

Richard Feldkamp made the motion that the board go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village Attorney; seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: Absent

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mary Allen motioned to return to regular session at 7:55 PM, seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: Absent

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: Absent

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council

