

**April 23, 2019**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present** Mayor Ramona Carr; Council Members: Mary Allen, Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp, and Becky Ploucha; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch; Police Sergeant, Jason Mallott; Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Scott Sollmann

**Also attending:**

Tom and Mary Beth Wulker - residents

Minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

**Comments:**

Mary Allen: Mary requested her comment made during the Knothole Field conversation at the April 09<sup>th</sup>, Council meeting be struck as it was not put in context with the other comments made during this discussion. Mary also noted the following clerical errors in the Committee reports given during the April 09<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council meeting:

- omission of the word “working” in Interim Chief Couch’s comments during the Safety, Laws & Rules Committee report.
- Tom Wulker’s last name was incorrectly noted as “Walker” in the members present at the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report.

Mary Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

**Visitors:**

**Hannah Lubbers** - Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality/Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District:

Hannah spoke about the proposed Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District Management Plan for the years 2018 to 2037. She explained the District is required to revise the Plan every 5 years and get it ratified by townships and municipalities representing 60% of the population of the District, as well as the largest municipality and County Commissioners in each county. There is a 90 day period to approve the Plan, otherwise Ohio EPA may develop the Plan for our district; the District needs a certified copy of the Village of New Richmond’s legislation approving the Plan by June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In addition to existing programs including emergency debris management and road side trash pick-up, the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District would like to see an in-school recycling assistance program, multi-family housing recycling assistance and a large-item collection site established. Currently the District’s

programs are funded with a \$3/ton generation fee but, with expenses exceeding income and the projected depletion of the reserve fund in several years, the Plan proposes increasing the generation fee to \$3.50/ton in 2020 and to \$4.00/ton in 2021 if expenses continue to rise and exceed income. Increasing the generation fee to \$3.50/ton equates approximately to an additional six (6) cents per household per month.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

Paving & Striping: We are seeking bids for paving the section of Bethel-New Richmond Road from Watkin's Hill/Regatta to the corner below the apartments. We are also seeking bids for paint striping on Old U.S. 52 from Riverview Bluffs to the four lane including turning arrows. Several crosswalks in the Village including those at the Post Office and in front of Village Hall are in need of repainting.

Gary Skeene made the motion to approve seeking bids for paving the section of Bethel-New Richmond Road from Watkin's Hill/Regatta to the corner below the apartments and paint striping on Old U.S. 52 from Riverview Bluffs to the four lane including turning arrows and several crosswalks in the Village; seconded by Mary Allen.

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

Spring Classic Driving Tour & Motor Show: Predictions of good weather, if they prove out, bodes well for a good turnout of participating car clubs.

U.S. Grant Birthday: Will be celebrated in Point Pleasant this Saturday. Formal program is at 1p.m.

#### **Interim Chief of Police, Mike Couch:**

- Tonight, is Elko's last night as a Canine Officer for the Village; he officially retires Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. On Elko's last shift he located narcotics on a traffic stop.
- Yesterday, a resident of the Village gave a very generous check for \$12,000.00 to go toward the K9 unit's care.

Mary Allen made the motion to accept the \$12,000.00 check and approve the deposit into the K9 fund; seconded by Melanie Slade.

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

- NRPD has been tagging cars that are in violation; Interim Police Chief Mike Couch and Greg Roberts are looking at tow companies to use to move the cars in violation.
- The NRPD has taser refresher training coming up on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire/EMS Chief – Vince Bee:** nothing to report

**Personnel & Finance Committee Special Meeting Report**

The Personnel & Finance Committee held an additional meeting this month on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Members Present: Mayor Ramona Carr; Council members: Paul Vanderbosch, Gary Skeene; Interim Police Chief Mike Couch and Committee Chair, Mary Allen.

There were no guests present.

**Discussion topic:**

Interim Police Chief Mike Couch has been working with the solicitor, Scott Sollmann and Sergeant Jason Mallott to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for managing the canine officer responsibilities to feed, house and train our new canine officer, Patriot.

There was discussion among the Committee related to the Memorandum of Understanding and compensation for Sergeant Mallott. The Personnel & Finance Committee overwhelmingly, but not totally, \*recommends Council accept the Memorandum of Understanding which includes moving Sergeant Mallott from an hourly to salary position in consideration of his canine handler responsibilities.

**\*During the 04/23/2019 Council meeting, the motion was made to go in to Executive Session to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding:**

**Executive Session**

Mary Allen motioned that the Council go into executive session at 7:30pm in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (1) in order to discuss the employment, demotion, dismissal, and/or compensation of a Village employee/position for the purpose of discussing the position of the canine officer and his handler compensation; seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes  
Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

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

Richard Feldkamp motioned to return from Executive Session to regular Council at 7:55pm; seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes  
Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

**\*Voted on at the 04/23/2019 Council meeting as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:**

Mary Allen made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding, which includes moving Sergeant Mallott from an hourly employee to a salary position with an annual salary of \$57,500.00; seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

(Clerk's note: The Memorandum of Understanding for Canine Handler is attached at the end of the Council Minutes.)

**Ramona Carr, Mayor:** Mayor Carr proclaimed Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Arbor Day in the Village of New Richmond.

**Scott Sollmann, Solicitor:** absent

**Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council:** nothing to report

## LEGISLATION

### **First Reading:**

### **Second Reading:**

**ORDINANCE 2019-06** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATIONS WITHIN VILLAGE

**RESOLUTION 2019-06** AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF REVISED DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, DATED 2018-2037, FOR THE ADAMS-CLERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### **Third 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

Gary Skeen made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04; seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

**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

Richard Feldkamp made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes  
Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Paul Vanderbosch** – Paul asked when the Riverview Bluff sign will be in place. Greg Roberts responded that he is working on this.

**Mary Allen** – Recently I’ve seen motorcyclists speeding and riding wheelies on U.S. 52; can our traffic cameras be used to capture this because it is dangerous. Interim Police Chief Mike Couch responded he will look in to whether the data from the cameras can be used to identify not only speeding and traffic light violations but also those operating a vehicle/motorcycle in a dangerous manner.

**Becky Ploucha** – nothing

**Skeene** - nothing

**Feldkamp** - nothing

**Slade** - nothing

**Comments from audience:** No one wished to speak.

Mary Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes  
Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**