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COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present Council Members:** Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp, Becky Ploucha and Gary Skeene **Administration:** Mayor, Ramona Carr; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Village Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh **Department Heads:** Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee; Asst. Fire Chief, Tim Feldkamp; Interim Police Chief Mike Couch

Absent: None

Also attending:
Dorian Grubaugh; Sensys Gatso
Tom and Mary Beth Wulker
Minta and Gene Colvin
David Vornholt

Minutes of the April 23rd, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comments:
Paul Vanderbosch would like to clarify that the generation fee is paid for by the waste collection company (Rumpke) per a comment made by Hannah Lubbers during her 2018-2037 Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District Management Plan presentation.

Mary Allen motioned to approve Minutes of the April 23rd, 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: None wished to speak

Administrator's Report

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Union Station & Regatta: The undeveloped parcels in these subdivisions are now owned by HPA Development Group. Final development plans for Union Station are in the works.

Miscellaneous: The electrical services to the bandstand have been repaired. Thanks to Chuck Grady and Bob Hinson for their help in identifying and correcting the problem. Weather permitting, repair work on the Veteran's Memorial walkway should begin next Monday; a local mason will fix the edge bricks that are coming loose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel & Finance Committee

The Personnel & Finance Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2019.
Members Present: Mayor Ramona Carr, Paul Vanderbosch, Council Member, Gary Skeene, Council Member, Mary Allen, Committee Chair, Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Sergeant Jason Mallott, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp, and Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee.

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Guests: Ken Shearwood and Rob Painter

Discussion Topics:

There were discussions in four broad areas: Finance, Village Administration, Police Department, and the Fire & EMS Department and there were comments from our guest, Ken Shearwood.

Finance Committee – Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer

- National Salary/Overtime exemption is now \$35,308. annually. In addition to definitions about exempt and non-exempt personnel, this is the minimum amount a person can earn and be salaried. Even if the other criteria are met. This change won't affect New Richmond personnel at this time.
- Lynn wanted to verify the effective date for Sergeant Mallott's salary change.**
- There was discussion about having a public meeting on June 11th to discuss the Tax Budget. While we agreed to do it on June 11th, it may not be required, depending on the outcomes of the local government fund decisions.
- Lynn wanted us to know that a RITA letter was mailed to River Pine Lot Owners who have rental income. They are required to pay local income tax on that income.
- Lynn stated there are some anticipated future appropriation changes:
 - Police Dept. salaries
 - Dump/Salt truck — street, utility, trash
 - Speed Camera expense
 - Income Tax Subpoena
 - General Fund transfer to Police Dept. and Street Fund
 - She's asked everyone to review their budgets closely for any other possible changes
- We need a motion to pay the bills*: Electronic Payments 197-2019, 205-2019 & 206-2019, 208-2019 & 209-2019, 212-2019, 216-2019 & 219-2019, 223-2019 - 259-2019, 261-2019 - 279-2019, 283-2019 - 286-2019, 288-2019-290-2019, 294-2019 297-2019 & 299-2019, 303-2019 & 305-2019, 307-2019 - 310-2019, 312-2019, 316-2019 - 318-2019 and Check 36368-36373 and 36375-36376

Village Administration — Greg Roberts, Village Administrator

- Greg reiterated Lynn's comments in that he will likely have an appropriation change for a salt truck.
- He stated that he wanted to commend the Clerk of Council for her efforts in organizing and significantly improving the document storage process that we use. He also commented on her effective use of the tool that is used. Her efforts have considerably improved the indexing/search capabilities to find stored documents. Great job, Theresa!
- Greg said he heard that David Kennedy, Village Administrator for Loveland, had requested an update from the Clermont County Commissioners on their position on the local government fund changes. This is expected to be discussed in the Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, May 15th.

Police Department — Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch

- Mike stated that he has 3 auxiliary officers he wants to move to part time, 16 hours per month****:
 - Cameron Moran
 - Kyle Soister
 - John Amole
- Mike stated that there was an opportunity to receive a free LPR from the City of Cincinnati Police Department, but we'd incur a fee to use it. The LPR is a camera device that reads license plates and will alert our police cruiser computers when certain license plates are read. One example would be tags connected to a DUS (felon driving under suspicion). The City of Cincinnati received a grant award and are now giving them away. Conversation ensued, and the Committee agree this would be a good thing to have. Paul asked about the loss of privacy with all the

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new detection equipment, but most of Council were ok with the use of this technology. The fee is \$750 annually or \$62.50 per month.

- There was some additional discussion related to the Traffic Cameras beyond what was discussed in Safety, Laws, and Rules. Mike told Greg that we should have a meeting to ensure the appeal process was in place for Mayor's Court, before we start issuing actual citations. That meeting should be between Jan, Mike, and Jason. Jan can set that up.

Fire/EMS Department— Chief Vince Bee

- Vince stated that the 2014 Chevy ambulance was getting some mechanical work done. The expected cost is around \$2,000.
- Vince stated that he wants to hire Daniel Cayse as a PT Firemen/Paramedic. He'll be using social security, not OPERS. His rate will be \$13.00 per hour effective May 15, 12019. He'll be on the standard one year probation. We need a motion to hire Daniel Cayse***.

Guest Comments

- We had two comments from our guest, Ken Shearwood. He stated that Ron Henderson is doing an excellent job. He's proactive and not reactive and works well with others. Ken says he's an incredible hire. Good job, Ron!
- Ken said he'd love to see the department receive a small cost of living increase. Maybe 2%. Conversation followed and Mary stated if we give a cost of living increase to any village employees, it should be given to all employees. She stated that she'd speak with Lynn to see what could be done and come back to the Committee. Greg stated that we really should have consideration of COLA's built into the annual budgeting process. All Committee members agreed that that should become part of the process.

Submitted by Committee Chairwoman, Mary Allen on May 14, 2019

Voted on at the 05/14/2019 Council meeting as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

* Motion to pay the following bills: Electronic Payments 197-2019, 205-2019 & 206-2019, 208-2019 & 209-2019, 212-2019, 216-2019 & 2192019, 223-2019 - 259-2019, 261-2019 - 279-2019, 283-2019 - 286-2019, 288-2019-290-2019, 294-2019 297-2019 & 299-2019, 303-2019 & 305-2019, 307-2019 - 310-2019, 312-2019, 316-2019 - 318-2019 and Check 36368-36373 and 36375-36376. Mary Allen motioned to approve, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

**Motion to accept 04-26-2019 as the effective date for Sergeant Mallott's salary change. Mary Allen motioned to approve; seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

***Motion to hire Daniel Cayse as a PT Fireman/Paramedic. He'll be using social security, not OPERS. His rate will be \$13.00 per hour effective May 15, 12019. He'll be on the standard one year probation. Mary Allen motioned to approve; seconded by Melanie Slade.

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

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Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

**** Motion to move three (3) Police Department officer from auxiliary to part-time, 16 hours per month: Cameron Moran, Kyle Soister and John Amole. Mary Allen motioned to approve; seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee

The Committee met at 3:30 pm on Monday May 13, 2019. Present were: Members - Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene and Paul Vanderbosch. Staff included: Chief and Assistant Chief Fire/ EMS Vince Bee & Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Administrator Greg Roberts, Zoning Administrator Andrew Gephardt, and Mayor Ramona Carr.

Paul Vanderbosch

Paul asked for clarification of the grass cutting ordinance and the required notifications. The current "policy" is a combination of Ordinances 2012-18, 2010-35, 2007-34, 1979-13, and 1975-12.

Andrew indicated the notice is not a 30-day notice but usually 5-days. Greg and Andrew agreed to rewrite the ordinance, so it is clear and with specific notice details and penalties. They will present the updated ordinance at the next meeting.

Paul noted that the revised noise ordinance contains a 150-decibel threshold. Google research shows that 150-decibels is the sound a jet plane makes on takeoff from 100 feet away. A motion is needed to correct the clerical error in Section 1.A-12 of Ordinance 2019-05 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING REGULATIONS ON CHRONIC NUISANCES; change from 150-decibels to 50-decibels *.

Richard Feldkamp

Expressed concern that the grass at Festival Park is getting very high. The right of way and several feet off the right of way are being mowed but not the entire field. Greg will follow up with Jeff Osterfeld, the owner.

Dick also asked about the lights in Rose Vesper Park. Greg also agreed to follow up on this and get cost estimates to install the wiring.

The electric at the Gazebo had been turned off. Dick had Bob Hinson make the repairs which Riverfest paid for.

Chief Bee

Discussed the monthly stats but did not distribute a report. The "mock crash" at NRHS on May 2 went very well. The department is continuing the hydrant inspection throughout the Village and reporting water pressure/ other problems to the water department. The 2014 ambulance is out of service at Bethel Frame.

Assistant Chief Feldkamp

Tim reported on the rental inspection program that also involves the NRPD. Typical problems they find are open breaker boxes, electrical outlets with no covers, and

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openings in ceilings and walls. Chronic problem properties include: 820 Washington Street, 833 Washington Street, 718 Washington Street and 105 Washington Street.

Interim Police Chief Mike Couch

NRPD assisted NRFEMS at 820 Washington Street with three simultaneous overdoses. Three children — ages 2, 8, and 12 —were present. Mike and Sgt Mallott have developed a spreadsheet report stats to Council at each regular meeting. He has processed approximately 500 warning notices from the speed cameras and is working to eliminate the backlog. He said the National Day of Prayer event was well attended.

Administrator Greg Roberts

The Duke project on BNR road has been completed. The Ohio Municipal League on behalf of local governments is advocating against the new and proposed Ohio legislation with respect to the speed cameras. The Ohio legislature has passed with the recent Transportation bill measures to reduce local government funds by the amount of money collected from speed camera violations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Voted on at the 05/14/2019 Council meeting as requested during the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:

*Motion to correct the decibel threshold from 150-decibel as noted in Ordinance 2019-05 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING REGULATIONS ON CHRONIC NUISANCES to 50-decibel. Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve; seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee

The committee met on Monday, May 13, 2019. Meeting began at 6:45 pm

Members present Greg Roberts Village Administrator, Becky Ploucha Council Member, Mary Allen Council Member, Melanie Slade Council Member, and Andrew Gephardt Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Guest: Tom Wulker Village resident

Topics discussed:

Greg:

1. Provided updates on the automated water meters — still discussing different options for financing. Environmental Engineering is consulting on this project.
2. Sewer lining/pump station improvements — still reviewing bids for this project.

Andrew:

Stormwater Management Plan — he has been researching this type of program and presented us with a document referencing costs in various sized populated communities in Ohio. Thought this might be a good option for our village in helping to control the drainage of standing rainwater. All committee members expressed interest in this so he will gather additional information and we will discuss this plan further at next month's meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019.

Members present: Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Council Member Melanie Slade; Mary Allen, Committee Chairwoman and David Vornholt, NROBA.

Guests: None

- Mayor Carr usually can't attend the meetings due to meeting start time but attends when she can.

Discussion Topics:

- Mary provided a brief update on the NROBA meeting that was held on May 6th since David was absent.
- Mary stated that she and David are planning to meet sometime in the next week to draft how they think the NROBA can effectively interface with the Public Works and Economic Development Committees
- There was discussion about the need to find 1-2 new members to replace members who had dropped out.
- There was additional discussion about potential action plan items for the 2019-2020 Action Plan. There was consensus that we'll need to continue to be linked to the Ohio Economic Development Association, REDI Cincinnati, the County, and other communities.

Department Heads

Interim Police Chief - Mike Couch –

Transportation Bill:

- On July 3rd, 2019 the new Transportation Bill goes into effect. As a result, every civil action concerning a violation of a state traffic law or a municipal traffic ordinance within the court's jurisdictional territory (violation includes, but is not limited to, a traffic law violation recorded by a traffic camera) will be heard in a municipal court, not Mayor's court.
- Solicitor Scott Sollmann is in touch with the municipal court in Clermont County in regard to the new law.
- Between the date June 1st, 2019 and July 2nd, 2019 citation appeals will be held in New Richmond Mayor's court.

New Richmond Police Department Report for the period 4-22-2019 through 05-14-2019

In addition to various services provided, community relations activities and training activities, we had the following notable arrests:

- Five (5) operating vehicle under the influence
- One (1) stolen vehicle and recovery
- K-9 Office Patriot – Four (4) search and seizure
- One (1) rape investigation which turned out to be unfounded
- Nine (9) warrant services
- One (1) seized motorcycle and Felony for eluding

Fire Chief - Vince Bee – Chief Bee is very proud of his crew and the work they do. Recently, he (Chief Bee), Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp, Lt. Josh Hughes, Assistant

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Chief Scott Wolf, Firefighter/EMT Drew Logan, Firefighter Stan Kinnard and New Richmond Police Officer Mark Huer responded to a cardiac arrest call. The ambulance could not directly access the location with the ambulance due to difficult terrain, yet the crew was able to get the woman’s pulse back and transport her safely up the hill to the ambulance and then on to the hospital.

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Nothing

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: Scott requested the scheduling of a Records Commission Meeting for June 25th, 2019 (2nd Council meeting date in June) at 6:45PM.

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: Nothing

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

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

Gary Skeene made the motion to pass Ordinance 2019-06; seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

Richard Feldkamp made the motion to pass Resolution 2019-06; seconded by Mary Allen.

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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – nothing
Allen – nothing
Ploucha – The Boys & Girls Club purchased a building in Mt. Carmel and may decide to close the building located in New Richmond.
Skeene - nothing
Feldkamp – nothing
Slade - nothing

Comments from audience:

Dave Vornholt – The New Richmond Ohio Business Association (NROBA) are looking to paint and do maintenance on the wall along the riverfront.

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Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM; seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Barbara Can
Mayor

Christa Leigh
Clerk of Council