**May 28th, 2019**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, May 28th, 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; and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent**: Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee

**Also attending**:

Adam Bird; candidate for Ohio House of Representatives 66th District - 3562 Behymer RD

Richard Mahan – 1196 Fagins Run RD

Tom and Beth Wulker – 401 Washington

Rodney Henry – 840 Old US 52

**Communications**: The tentative public hearing date for the 2020 Tax Budget is June 11th, 2019

Minutes of the May 14th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Mary Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the May 14th, 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:**

**Adam Bird** – Mr. Bird addressed Council to state he is running for the Ohio House of Representatives 66th District and then proceeded to present his qualifications for the office.

Comments:

Richard Feldkamp - I would hope you would be in favor of the 71S/US 52 development. Mr. Bird replied he is in favor of the Eastern Cincinnati By-Pass and wants to see it happen but, noted we will have to work with Kentucky to make this happen.

**Richard Mahan** – Rick presented two proposals before Council.

* The VFW would like to memorialize Edgar Aston with a bronze plaque in the war memorial section by the river. Edgar Aston was born in New Richmond and an Army Medal of Honor recipient. Comments: Council felt this was a wonderful idea and thanked Rick and the VFW for doing this.
* Mahan requested Council approve re-purposing a flagpole located at the Knothole fields and moving it to the high school fields.

Mary Allen motioned to approve the re-purposing of a flagpole currently located at the Knothole fields and moving it to the high school fields; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

**Administrator’s Report**

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator**:

**Freedom Fest** – Freedom Fest will be held July 3rd and 4th this year; I ask Council to approve the following street closures for this event: George St. to Hamilton; Western Ave. to Hamilton; Susanna Way from Union to Sophia.

Comments: Richard Feldkamp suggested closing Susanna Way from Main to Sophia, not Union to Sophia. Rodney Henry will defer to Richard’s suggestion based on his experience with needs related to large events.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve the closing of George St. to Hamilton; Western Ave. to Hamilton and Susanna Way from Main to Sophia; seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

**Parking Issue on Susanna Way** – When Mr. Vogel’s parking lot is covered by water, it pushes customers to park up on Susanna Way. Many times, both customers and those who reside on Susanna Way park on the grass during these times. Roberts is looking into enhancements to the infrastructure along Susanna Way that could ease the effort to moor the existing and future marina(s).. The fluctuations of Ohio river levels in New Richmond results in this need.

Comments: Richard Feldkamp said at one time in the past the Coast Guard installed pylons along the river. Greg Roberts stated if Mr. Vogel would find this helpful as a business owner now, then it would be helpful to other businesses in the future.

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

* Mike stated he was a bit late because right before this meeting the New Richmond Police Department arrested a drug dealer and revived a person who had overdosed.
* Mike missed the vote on approving the May 14, 2019 Council Minutes earlier but wanted to clarify the three officers - Cameron Moran, Kyle Soister and John Amole - are volunteers and not in paid status.
* Mike provided the NRPD bi-weekly updates, including:
  + 5 felony arrests
  + 6 misdemeanor arrests
  + 4 misdemeanor citations
  + 25 traffic citations
  + 6 warrants served
  + 1 search warrant executed
  + 5 mutual aid requests

**Fire/EMS Chief – Vince Bee**: absent

**Ramona Carr, Mayor**: Nothing to report

**Scott Sollmann, Solicitor**: absent

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

**LEGISLATION**

**First Reading:**

**ORDINANCE 2019-07** **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINES AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PROCESS OF TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

Comments: Paul Vanderbosch stated there is no excuse for getting this legislation the same day we are expected to vote on it. Mary Allen noted Solicitor Scott Sollmann emailed all Council members this legislation on the preceding Friday.

Mary Allen motioned to suspend the 3-reading rule for Ordinance 2019-07; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: abstain

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Comments: Paul Vanderbosch asked for the definition of the term “affiant” used at the top of page 4 (Section 3.1); Mike Couch stated an affiant is the person who swears to an affidavit. Paul also asked if anyone had checked that the days referenced are consistent. Mike Couch stated Scott (Sollmann) checked and verified all information in the Ordinance. Paul asked for clarification on the meaning of Section 8 (page 9). Mike Couch responded it means the vehicle involved in the violation has to be going at least 10 miles over the speed limit. Greg Roberts stated there’s no one in the Village who can say we don’t have a speeding problem on 52. We are using this technology for the right reason – for safety; I firmly believe this.

Mary Allen motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-07; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: abstain

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

**Second Reading:**

**Third Reading:**

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Paul Vanderbosch –** nothing

**Mary Allen –** Mary would like to keep receiving the Ohio Municipal Leagues’ Cities & Villages magazine. Theresa will check with Greg to see about our current subscription and getting more copies.

**Becky Ploucha –** nothing

**Skeene -** nothing

**Feldkamp -** nothing

**Slade** **-** nothing

**Comments from audience:**

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m..

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**Mayor Clerk of Council**