

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of New Richmond Council Meeting  
BARRETT BROTHERS Form 6101

Held June 25, 2019

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:05 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; Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch; Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee

**Also attending:**

Louise Frost – 615 Market St.  
PTL. K.R. Frasure – 102 Willow St.  
David Vornholt – 310 Susanna Way

Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comments:

Mary Allen pointed out the Committee referenced at the bottom of page 9 should be the Economic Development Committee, not Public Works/Parks/Recreation. Paul Vanderbosch asked if the Clerk really needs to note the Committee Reports in the Council Minutes. Scott Sollmann stated, although the Committee reports are read verbatim aloud during Council, the Clerk can simply highlight the general discussion and note: "Committee reports in their entirety can be obtained at Village Hall upon request".

Mary Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting; 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       |

Visitors

**Louise Frost** – Informed Council that she resides at 615 Market St. She stated that dog owners, residing at 630 Willow St. have been cited several times for violations related to their dogs. There have been incidences of one or both dogs getting out of the yard due to a poorly maintained fence, biting people and attacking other dogs in the area. Ms. Frost said that she had a petition signed by 60 residents asking for the removal of the dogs. She asked Council for their assistance in addressing this situation.

Comments:

- Paul Vanderbosch asked if this matter would fall under the Chronic Nuisance law. Greg Roberts replied that it would.
- PTL. Ken Frasure stated that he, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch and Pierce Township PD responded to the dog attack report mentioned above. An incident report was taken the day of the attack. The matter was referred to Clermont Animal Control for handling. The Clermont County Dog Shelter cannot take the dogs as they are a no-kill shelter, nor can they be re-homed as they are deemed dangerous.
- Scott Sollmann stated he will send a letter to the dog owners. Additionally, the Village can utilize civil action in Clermont County. The New Richmond



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Police Department may also want to reach out to Clermont Municipal Court for a reference on how to best address this type of situation.

**PTL. Ken Frasure:** PTL. Frasure thanked the Mayor and Council for approving his longevity increase.

**Administrator's Report - Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

**U.S. 52 Bike Lane:** ODOT has awarded the contract for the U.S. 52 bike lane from Kellogg Avenue to New Richmond to A&A Safety. This project is scheduled to commence in August.

**Comments:** Paul Vanderbosch asked if the lanes would be on one side of the road or both. Greg Roberts stated the bike lanes would be on both sides of the road.

**2019 CDBG:** The Clermont County Office of Community and Economic Development has recommended the allocation of \$36,000 to New Richmond's Union Square Playground Park Project. This project is to install a curb, gutter and sidewalk from Augusta to Sophia on the park side of Hamilton Street. The funds for the 2018 CDBG Susanna Promenade Project should be released in August.

**Comments:** Paul Vanderbosch asked if Richard Feldkamp calling David Painter had anything to do with the releasing of the CDBG Susanna Promenade Project grant. Greg Roberts said yes.

**Street Closures:**

- Freedom Fest (July 4<sup>th</sup>) organizers are requesting an additional closing of Front Street from Dickenson to Main from 5p.m. (after the parade) to midnight, in order to run a parking shuttle from the former Festival Park to the central riverfront for the fireworks display. The intent is to reduce congestion in the core Village and augment safer and more efficient egress from the Village after the fireworks.
- The Nicholas Wilson Athletic Scholarship 5K Run/Walk is requesting street closures per attached map for the event on Saturday, July 13.

Gary Skeene motioned to approve the closing of Front Street from Dickenson to Main from 5p.m. to midnight on July 4; seconded by Mary Allen.

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

Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve the closing of Main St. from Center St. to Front Street and Front Street to U.S. 52 from 8:15a.m. to 11:00a.m. on July 13; seconded by Melanie Slade.

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

**Zoning Enforcement Support:** Looking to increase part-time hours of Clerk of Council to support zoning enforcement efforts and other clerical support duties in concert with the Zoning Administrator and Village Administrator.

Mary Allen 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 7:35p.m.; seconded by Melanie Slade. Greg Roberts was invited to the session.

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

Ms. Allen: yes  
 Ms. Ploucha: yes

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

Gary Skeene motioned to return from Executive Session to regular Council at 7:42p.m.; seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

Mary Allen motioned to change Clerk of Council's hours to 30 hours per week to support zoning enforcement efforts through sending out violation notices, and other clerical support duties in concert with the Zoning Administrator and Village Administrator. The Clerk's current rate of pay of \$13.00 will remain unchanged. Comments: Paul Vanderbosch clarified the 6 additional hours will be paid out of the Zoning Fund.

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

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

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

- Chief Couch provided the NRPD bi-weekly updates (June 1 to June 25), including:
  - 18 felony arrests
  - 42 traffic citations
  - 6 K-9 Officer Patriot search and seizures
- John Amole – Based on John's 12 years of experience, Mike asked Council to consider starting John out at \$16.00 an hour instead of the previously approved \$13.00.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve John Amole's rate of pay of \$16.00 and 16-20 hours per week; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Comments: Paul Vanderbosch asked if this should be brought up in the Personnel and Finance Committee and the Safety, Laws and Rules Committee first, before a vote is taken. Gary Skeene asked if there was a vacancy in the department; Chief Couch stated there is a vacancy.

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

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

- Operation Blue Light - Operation Blue Light is a highway drug interdiction program which polices high intensity drug trafficking corridors. The NRPD will attend program training June 25 to June 28.

**Assistant Fire Chief – Tim Feldkamp:** The Fire Department staff are doing a great job; we recently responded to a structure fire. An update on inspections will be provided at the next Council meeting in July.

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**Ramona Carr, Mayor:** The Mayor is concerned for the homeless in our community; she will follow up with Chief Couch on how to address.

**Scott Sollmann, Solicitor:** Amendments and additions to the Village of New Richmond Records Retention Manual were recommended by the Records Retention Commission; a new Ordinance will be presented at next month's Council meeting.

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

LEGISLATION

First Reading:  
Second Reading:

- RESOLUTION 2019-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2020 TAX BUDGET
- RESOLUTION 2019-08 A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

**Paul Vanderbosch** – Paul inquired into the status of the following projects: river wall repair/painting, the VFW Memorial and the Veteran's Memorial. Mayor Carr asked Greg to discuss at the next Safety, Laws and Rules Committee to determine best way to proceed on the wall. Greg relayed Darren Schafer is going to weld metal to the base of the Delta Queen air intakes along the Promenade to repair the deterioration due to rust. Gary stated the Veteran's Memorial work is in progress. Paul also asked Asst. Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp if we are paying for Narcan. Tim responded that he's not aware we pay.

**Mary Allen** – Mary feels if the river wall repairs are needed for safety reasons then we should begin the work. She recommends having a company look at the wall and advise.

**Becky Ploucha** – nothing to report

**Skeene** – nothing to report

**Feldkamp** – nothing to report

**Slade** – nothing to report

**Comments from audience:** David Vornholt spoke about the changes in the B&B business. He was also happy to relay great news about a recent New Richmond graduate who is now a crew member on an atomic submarine.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m..

Ramona Carr  
Mayor

Theresa Leigh  
Clerk of Council