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Minutes of Village of New Richmond Council Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held September 10, 2019September 10th, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present Council Members:** Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Becky Ploucha **Administration:** Mayor Ramona Carr, Village Administrator Greg Roberts, Solicitor Scott Sollmann, Clerk of Council Theresa Leigh **Department Heads:** Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Asst. Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp; Interim Police Chief Mike Couch

Also attending:

Kathy Angel - Clermont Senior Services
David Vornholt – 310 Susanna Way
Frank Renn – Ohio Township

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the August 27th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Feldkamp motioned to approve Minutes of the August 27th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilperson Allen.

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

Visitors:

Kathy Angel, with Clermont Senior Services, shared the various programs and services this organization has to offer. Her hope is to partner with the New Richmond Police Department to bring these services to seniors in the area who may be in need. If anyone has questions regarding the available services, they can call 513-724-1255 or, to learn more about the Volunteer program, call 513-536-4058.

David Vornholt said the 'Wrong Turn – the Foundation' filming is going along great and the movie people are so appreciative of the hospitality they've received while in town.

Frank Renn stopped by to let us know he is running for Ohio Township trustee this fall. He is from Mt. Pisgah and served as an Ohio Twp. Trustee from 2008 to 2015.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Greg Roberts, Village Administrator, reported the following:

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- The Bethel-New Richmond Stonewall Improvement Project is being re-scheduled to allow adequate time to communicate road closure and detour information to residents and school personnel, students and parents.
- The movie filming crew will remain in town through late Friday.
- A gathering at the Susanna Way bandstand will take place on September 11th, at 6:00 p.m. to remember the tragic events of September 11th, 2001 and to recognize our first responders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Provided below is a synopsis for each report; to obtain a full copy please visit the Administrative office.):

Personnel & Finance Committee - Chairperson Mary Allen's report from meeting held September 9th, 2019:

Finance/Budget - Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird reported:

- We will be receiving \$687.38 more from the Local Government Fund than originally expected; this additional money will be received through the fund's 2021 Fiscal Year.
- We've received about \$60,000. *below budget* in property taxes. The County explained anticipated property tax revenue includes delinquencies. **Unpaid property taxes directly impact the Village's budget; it's a good possibility our departmental budgets will have to be reduced proportionately.**
- The Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of September 2019; we need a motion to pay these bills.*

Village Administration - Village Administrator Greg Roberts reported he is in discussion with Leo regarding the new salt contract.

Police Department - Interim Police Chief Mike Couch requesting Council accept the hiring of Robert Bowling and Kenneth Grossman Jr. as non-paid auxiliary officers effective September 11th, 2019. Both are experienced officers.**

Fire/EMS Department - Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee requesting Council accept the following personnel changes:

- Resignation of Tyler Cahill as part-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective immediately. Tyler leaves in good standing; resigning due to scheduling conflicts.***
- Hiring of Beatrice (Beth) Simeliunaite as a full-time firefighter/paramedic with an hourly rate of \$15.50 effective September 11th, 2019. She will be on 1-year probation. ****
- Hiring of Todd Koehler as a part-time Firefighter/paramedic with an hourly rate of \$13.65 effective September 11th, 2019. He will be on 1-year probation.*****
- Hiring of James Eugair and Johnathan Weinstein as pay-per-call trainees with a rate of \$15.00 per call effective date September 11th, 2019.*****

Rob Painter provided a wage and salary scale comparison between the Street Department and 15 neighboring communities; he provided as input toward the performance review/salary increase process.

Mayor Carr reminded everyone there will be a 9/11 program at the Bandstand Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.

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Items voted on at the September 10th, 2019 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

* Motion to pay September 2019 bills. Councilperson Allen motioned to approve paying the bills of September 2019; seconded by Councilperson Skeene.

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

** Councilperson Allen motioned to hire Robert Bowling and Kenneth Grossman Jr. as non-paid auxiliary police officers effective September 11th, 2019; seconded by Councilperson Slade.

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

*** Councilperson Allen motioned to accept the resignation of Tyler Cahill effective immediately; seconded by Councilperson Skeene.

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

**** Councilperson Allen motioned to accept the hiring of Beatrice Simeliunaite as a full-time firefighter/paramedic with an hourly rate of \$15.50 effective September 11th, 2019. She will be on a 1-year probation.; seconded by Councilperson Skeene.

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

***** Councilperson Allen motioned to accept the hiring of Todd Koehler as a part-time Firefighter/paramedic with an hourly rate of \$13.65 effective September 11th, 2019. He will be on 1-year probation; seconded by Councilperson Ploucha.

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

***** Councilperson Allen motioned to accept the hiring of James Eugair and Johnathan Weinstein as pay-per-call trainees with a rate of \$15.00 per call effective date September 11th, 2019 ; seconded by Councilperson Ploucha.

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

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Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee – Chairperson Paul Vanderbosch's report from meeting held September 9th, 2019:

Administration – Administrator Greg Roberts reported the following:

- He and Planning & Zoning Director, Andrew Gephardt, are updating rules about camping in the flood plain; the legislation should be ready for first reading at tomorrow's Council meeting.
- Greg is also working on establishing a designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in the Village by next Spring.
- There was discussion whether or not enough time has been given to notifying residents about road closures/detours related to the Bethel-New Richmond wall work.

Fire/EMS - Chief Vince Bee and Asst. Chief Tim Feldkamp:

- Demonstrated the new RAMFAN Power Stream fan. The \$3,695. cost was paid for out of the \$10,000.00 Ohio Fire Marshals Grant. The portable fan has the capability of directing clean air into a building while at the same time removing smoke and heat.
- Chief Bee spoke about the recent boat fire and how the portable pumps, which are old and no longer in service, would have helped.

NRPD – Assistant Police Chief Mike Couch reported:

- A Coffee-With-a-Cop at McDonald's date will be scheduled for some time in October

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee - Chairperson Melanie Slade's report from meeting held September 9th, 2019:

- Greg Roberts attended a Bethel-New Richmond Rd. pre-construction meeting where he reminded all that (1) the needed road closure must be brought before Council for permission to close and (2) the project needed to be discussed with the school district.
- Becky Ploucha inquired about the bush trimming needed around the Community sign. Greg stated he will ask Leo to take care of this.

Comments made at the September 10th, 2019 Council meeting after the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report:

Paul Vanderbosch asked why the Village is paying to cut the grass and weeds around the Community sign if Lancelot Car Wash owns the property. Mary Allen explained there was an agreement in the past between the owner of the car wash and Renaissance New Richmond where the Village would weed around the community sign. The Village does pay to have the grass cut in the Village-owned strip near the sign and the car wash owner mows the land they own.

Economic Development Committee – Chairperson Allen's report from meeting held September 10th, 2019:

- The Committee's main focus for the 2019-2020 timeframe will be marketing the Village. A date sometime in the Fall will be scheduled for a multi-organizational Economic Development meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

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New Richmond Interim Police Chief Mike Couch: Chief Couch reported:

- NRPD action in the past two weeks, including 11 misdemeanor arrests and 7 felony arrests. The Department wrote 26 traffic citations and served 5 warrants.
- Examples of departmental reports, such as year-to-date crime data and highlights of the Department that Council might find helpful.
- NRPD officers are in the process of reading, evaluating and testing out on Lexipol training policies.

Comments:

Paul Vanderbosch asked if Council didn't need to first approve the Lexipol policies. Scott Sollmann explained as Solicitor he reviews the Lexipol policies. Scott went on to say Departmental policies which are administrative in nature do not always require Council approval before being implemented.

Fire Chief - Vince Bee: Chief Bee reported:

- The new RAMFAN Power Stream fan is now in service.
- The NRPD had 17 fire runs and 34 EMS runs in August.
- Options to resolve the lack of firefighting vessels (boats) in our region are being looked at.
- Chief Bee commended members of the Fire Dept. for their response to the boat fire this past Sunday. To those wondering why the fire personnel were not wearing protective gear while fighting this fire, Chief explained that if a firefighter were to accidentally fall into the river he/she would sink immediately due to the weight of the protective gear.
- Chief Bee welcomed home Firefighter James Beman from his year-long deployment overseas and thanked him for his service to our country.

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Nothing to report

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: Nothing to report

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: Nothing to report

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-13 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Councilperson Allen motioned to suspend the three reading rule for Resolution 2019-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND IN CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES; seconded by Councilperson Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

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Ms. Allen: yes

Councilperson Allen motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND IN CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES; seconded by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

ORDINANCE 2019-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NEW RICHMOND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND IN CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES.

Councilperson Allen motioned to approve Resolution 2019-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND IN CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES; seconded by Councilperson Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing

Allen – Mary reminded Council members to provide Asst. Police Chief Couch with feedback on which police activity reports are important to them.

Ploucha – Nothing

Skeene - Nothing

Feldkamp – Nothing

Slade - Nothing

Comments from audience:

David Vornholt: David shared a heartwarming story about his cat Whiskers. Currently Whiskers is enjoying all the attention he's getting from the movie people filming at the Susanna's Guest House.

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Councilperson Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Amora Carr
Mayor

Thomas Leigh
Clerk of Council