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COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 24th, 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; Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. **Absent:** Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; due to prior work commitment.

Also attending:

- Kimberly Boardman – resident
- David Vornholt – resident
- Bill Marsh - resident

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 10th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the September 10th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Comments: Mary Allen requested a correction be made to the payment month noted in the last Personnel & Finance Committee meeting; the Committee reviewed the *August* bill payments at the September 9th, 2019 meeting, not the *September* bills as noted in the report.

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

Visitors:

Kimberly Boardman/resident – Cincinnati is a test city for the 5G cell service rollout and Kim asked the Village to consider whether they wanted this service in light of the possible health, safety and privacy concerns that come with it.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator's Report - Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Greg requested the following road closures:

- Bethel-New Richmond Road closure starting Monday October 7th through Friday October 25th, during daylight hours, for the Stormwall Improvement Project work. The School District has been advised of this road closure pending approval by Council. The contractor has modified their traffic control plan to allow the detour of smaller vehicle traffic up and down Short Hill. Morning and afternoon bus traffic will be accommodated, as well as emergency vehicles if necessary.
- Road closures for the New Richmond High School Homecoming Parade on Friday October 4th from 4p.m. to 7p.m.; the route starts at Main & Market, follows over Willow to Quarry then down Front St. to Susanna Way and ending on Western Ave.

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Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve the Bethel-New Richmond Road closure needed for storm wall and road repairs starting Monday October 7th through Friday October 25th; seconded by Councilmember Allen.

Comments: Mayor Carr asked Greg if the school was good with this road closure plan. Greg replied that they were.

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

Councilmember Skeene motioned to approve the 2019 Homecoming Parade road closure from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, October 4th; seconded by Councilmember Slade.

Comments: Richard Feldkamp asked if the parade was ending at Western and Washington St. or would it continue up Bethel-New Richmond Rd. to the school. Greg replied the Parade would end on Western.

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

Memorial Tree: The New Richmond Garden Club, working with the Shade Tree Commission, will plant two Chinkapin oak trees on the grounds of Susanna Bandstand Park near former Councilmember Rick Hilt's memorial bench.

Union Station Subdivision: HPA Development has started work at Union Station.

Ohio EPA: Representatives from Ohio EPA toured the wastewater treatment plant this morning and were pleased with the completed and planned improvements to reduce stormwater infiltration as well as the plant efficiency and effluent quality.

Temporary Street Department position: With one member of the Street Department out on leave, Greg asked Council for permission to post a temporary Street Department position for the timeframe September through mid-December 2019.

Councilmember Allen motioned to allow the posting for a temporary/seasonal Street Department position needed for the months September through mid-December 2019; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

Comments: Richard Feldkamp asked if Ron Henderson could possibly fill the position by working in dual capacity between the Water Dept. and the Street Dept. Mayor Carr replied that a motion allowing Greg to post the position is needed first before further discussion regarding Ron.

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

Interim Chief of Police, Mike Couch:
Chief Couch reported on recent police activity, including the recovery of a stolen boat. Canine Officer Patriot was involved in three incidents.

Fire and EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

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Chief Bee said the New Richmond Fire Department, along with the New Richmond Police Department will hold Public Safety Days on October 19th. National Night Out, usually held in August, will be incorporated into the Public Safety Days event this year.

Chief Bee also stated New Richmond, Monroe and Pierce Township fire departments are participating in combined trainings every other month.

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Nothing to report

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: Absent due to prior work engagement

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: Nothing to report

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 2019 COMMUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilmember Allen motioned to suspend the three-reading rule; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

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

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-14** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 2019 COMMUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT LOWEST AND BEST BID AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DOLL LAYMAN, LTD. FOR THE NEW RICHMOND WASTEWATER SYSTEM REPAIR/REPLACEMENT - CONTRACT II EFFLUENT PUMP STATION AND PLANT APPURTENANCES PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilmember Allen motioned to suspend the three-reading rule; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

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

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

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2019-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NEW RICHMOND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

Third Reading:**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Paul Vanderbosch – Paul asked Chief Couch what the plate carriers and ballistic plates were that the NRPOA were wanting to fundraise for and wouldn't the Police Department supply these to their officers. Chief Couch explained the items are used in addition to bullet proof vests to provide more protection and would be great to have.

Mary Allen – Nothing to report

Becky Ploucha – Becky asked Chief Couch if he could expand on what happened at the library this past week. Chief said he could check the details and report back.

Skeene – Gary offered to get a copy of Bethel's ordinance allowing the raising of chickens if anyone was interested.

Feldkamp – Richard praised how nice the new gazebo in the Hamilton Street park was and noted we might consider getting some children's rides too.

Slade – Nothing to report

Comments from audience:

Bill Marsh – Bill asked who was notified when issues such as culvert problems were reported to the Village. Greg replied he is notified as well as Leo in the Street Department. Paul asked what actions were taken when such a report is received and if Council could receive a list of the complaints received. Greg explained the Village handles the smaller problems that can be addressed but went on to note that the larger issues' root cause lies with the infrastructure. Richard pointed out we have an infrastructure issue on Front St., as well the rock wall around Haussermann is falling apart. Mary noted an engineering study could be done but without passing a levy we wouldn't have the money to do the repairs needed.

David Vornholt - David shared how he was able to get a picture of a grave marker located in France for a friend of his while on a trip to Europe. The friend's father served in the war and was buried in a section called "American Force". The last time his mother saw her husband was when he went off to war, and to see her husband's final resting place just brought her to tears. David reminded us how blessed we all are to be here at home in this beautiful Village.

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Mayor Carr called for Council to adjourn.

Comments: Before adjourning, Mary Allen requested a correction be made to the payment month noted in the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting; the Committee reviewed the *July* bill payments at the August 12th, 2019 meeting, not the *August* bills as noted in the report.

Councilmember Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Ploucha.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Ramona Carr
Mayor, Ramona Carr

Theresa Leigh
Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh