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Minutes of *Village of New Richmond Council*

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

Held *October 8, 2019*

October 08<sup>th</sup>, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Clerk of Council Theresa Leigh **Department Heads:** Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Asst. Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp; Police Chief Mike Couch **Absent:** Scott Sollmann; due to prior work engagement

**Also attending:**

Tom and Beth Wulker  
Minta and Gene Colvin  
Larry Prues  
Terri Daniels  
David Vornholt

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comments:

Councilmember Allen asked that the following names be added as attendees to the 9-24-2019 Regular Council meeting: Beth Wulker; Minta and Gene Colvin. Councilmember Allen also requested her comment noted during Bill Marsh's culvert conversation be struck from the record.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve Minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

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

Visitors:

David Vornholt said the NROBA is (1) looking into an electronic sign to replace the current Community sign and (2) holding the Village Christmas on December 14. David also inquired into the status of the Haussermann Park wall repair; Mayor Carr stated the work to repair this section will begin next week.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Requested permission to close Front St. from Sycamore to Union, and Susanna Way to Western Ave., between 4pm to 7pm for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The parade begins at 5pm.

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Councilmember Vanderbosch motioned to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Veteran’s Day Parade street closure request between the hours of 4pm to 7pm; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

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

- Reported the Liberty Landing 2020 State Capital Budget Proposal is being prepared to meet the County Port Authority’s deadline of October 18.
- While not noted in his report, Greg has identified a person to paint the crosswalks, turn arrows and curbs on Willow and Market streets as well as at the end of Old US52 near the building that used to be Frisch’s. Mayor Carr inquired as to whether Front St. could be included; Greg replied he’ll look at the budget to see if it can be covered as well.

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

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report from meeting held 10-07-2019**

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird reported (1) it is a good possibility our Department budgets will have to be reduced to accommodate an approximate \$60,000. in property tax delinquencies and (2) a \$12,076. rebate from our 2017 Workers Comp 2017 premium is expected.

All checks and electronic payments for the month of September 2019 were reviewed and a motion to approve the payment of September 2019 bills will be needed.\*

Village Administrator Greg Roberts reported a seasonal Street Department laborer position has been posted online and he might also put an ad in the Clermont Sun.

Police Chief Mike Couch reported Sergeant Jason Mallott’s 1 year probationary period has ended and requested Council formally remove him from probation.\*\*

Asst. Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp requested Council accept the resignation of Natasha Simmons effective 10-08-2019; she leaves in good standing.\*\*\*

Mayor Ramona Carr asked for thoughts on selling Village property along US 52 where the ballfields are and asked Greg Roberts to get an appraisal done.

Leo Hurst, Rob Painter and Ken Shearwood asked for an update on the salary increase and performance review talks. Mary Allen relayed she intends to get the information to Lynn by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Items voted on at the 10-08-2019 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

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\*Councilmember Allen motioned to approve paying the September 2019 bills; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

\*\* Councilmember Allen motioned to approve removing Sgt. Jason Mallott from his 1 year probationary period; seconded by Councilmember Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

\*\*\* Councilmember Allen motioned to accept the resignation of Natasha Simmons effective 10-08-2019; seconded by Councilmember Ploucha.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

**Safety, Laws & Rules Committee report from meeting held 10-07-2019**

Administrator Greg Roberts reported (1) the Susanna Way project should soon be underway and (2) the Planning Commission approved the idea of creating a designated outdoor refreshment area bound by Front St. to Willow St. and Sycamore to Augusta streets. A designed refreshment area requires 4 liquor permits; in the Village these are: Green Kayak, Front Street Café, Skippers and the VFW.

Councilmember Feldkamp suggested the speed limit on Bethel New Richmond Rd., from the school to out past St. Peter Church, be lowered from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Andrew Gephardt provided the September permit and violations report..

Police Chief Mike Couch reported:

- the Department acquired two hand-held radar detectors and four additional body cameras
- a warrant was served and, as a result, animals were removed from 1100 Front St.
- NRPD met with the school's new Superintendent

Asst. Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp reported the Safety Committee met with the new school Superintendent and Principals.

Comments made and items voted on at the 10-08-2019 Council meeting after the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:

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Councilmember Vanderbosch asked Chief Couch to expand on the incident at 1100 Front St. Chief Couch explained a complaint to Animal Control regarding the conditions at Spencer Park Aviary resulted in a determination that the animals there needed to be removed.

## **Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report from meeting held 10-07-2019**

Greg Roberts shared the following: (1) preliminary plans for the Susanna Way Promenade Project (2) a follow up inspection by the Ohio EPA at our wastewater plant on 9-24-2019 determined the 11 violations outlined in their October 2015 report have been resolved.

## **Economic Development Committee report from meeting held 10-08-2019**

Greg, Andrew and Mary continue to reach out to prospective businesses who have an interest in New Richmond. Also, the Committee decided marketing the Village will be the main focus for 2019-2020.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Police Chief Mike Couch shared how the Police Dept. continues to conduct business checks. Chief Couch also reported a 57% increase in total calls for service in 2019 to-date.

Fire Chief Vince Bee shared that the New Richmond Fire Dept. in conjunction with the New Richmond Police Dept. will hold a Public Safety Day at the Fire Department building 104 Market St. on October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 4pm

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Nothing to report

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: absent due to prior work engagement

Clerk of Council Theresa Leigh requested permission from Council to destroy the following Village-owned property that is non-working and of no value: four (4) computer towers - with the motherboards removed, one (1) upright vacuum and one (1) 37" television.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the destruction of the following non-working Village-owned property: four (4) computer tower shells; 1 (one) upright vacuum and one (1) 37" television; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

## **Comments:**

Councilmember Ploucha asked that we donate the computer tower shells to an agency who recycles computer parts and volunteered to take the towers to them.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

## **LEGISLATION**

### **First Reading:**



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## Second Reading:

## Third Reading:

### **ORDINANCE 2019-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NEW RICHMOND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS**

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-10 An Ordinance Amending New Richmond Floodplain Regulations; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

## Comments:

Councilmember Feldkamp asked for a review of the changes being made; Mayor Carr read the changes aloud as noted in Exhibit A. Paul asked that 'Federal Management Association' referenced in the first line of exhibit A be corrected to 'Federal Management Agency'; Theresa stated she will make the change.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

## **CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** – Paul asked if anyone reached out to the wood processing business owner who might be interested in setting up business in New Richmond. Greg said he spoke with the man about business-zoned areas that are available.

**Allen** – Nothing to report

**Ploucha** – Becky will take the computer tower shells to a recycling center who accepts old computer equipment

**Skeene** - Nothing to report

**Feldkamp** – Nothing to report

**Slade** - Nothing to report

## Comments from audience:

Terri Daniels asked if there is a floodplain regulation pertaining to boats? Mayor Carr stated the legislation can be amended to include boats. Greg Roberts said boats and cars were considered when drafting the ordinance to update the floodplain regulations concerning campers, and they could be considered for future legislation.

Minta Colvin thanked the Fire and EMS department regarding the smoke detectors. Minta also asked how aggressive the Village was in collecting Municipal Earnings Tax money owed to the Village as deemed by the Court. Gary Skeene stated RITA is responsible for the collection of owed money.

David Vornholt shared the Cox's Army bluegrass band's song 'New Richmond Town' and urged everyone to check out the video online which portrayed the Village beautifully.

Councilmember Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

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Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Mayor

*Theresa Leigh*  
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Clerk of Council