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# October 22, 2019

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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; Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp; Solicitor, Scott Sollmann and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh. Absent:. Police Chief Mike Couch; Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee

### Also attending:

David Vornholt Frank Renn Minta and Gene Colvin Danny Bieser Andy Moran Larry Prues Tom and Beth Walker Nancy Swats

Nathan and Megan Alley

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the October 8th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve the Minutes of the October 8th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

> Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes Mr. Skeene: yes

#### Visitors:

David Vornholt, speaking for the New Richmond Ohio Business Association (NROBA), informed Council of the following:

- The NROBA is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates (Mayor and Council seats) forum; scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 30th at New Richmond High School. The League of Women Voters is conducting the forum. Mayor Carr reminded us we also have the Meet the School Board Candidates forum scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 29<sup>th</sup> at the High
- supports the proposed US 52 changes
- New Richmond's 2019 River Village Christmas will be held December 14th, with the parade scheduled for 2:30. David thanked the River Fest committee for sponsoring the event.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator's Report - Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Greg requested a street closure for the River Village Christmas event and parade December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (map attached)

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Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the street closure for the River Village Christmas event and parade on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Ploucha.

<u>Comments</u>: Councilman Vanderbosch asked why we are keeping the streets closed until 8 p.m. if the parade ends around 3 p.m. Greg explained there will be carriage rides again this year.

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

- Greg reported the Village has received a federal Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (OKI CMAQ) Grant for fiscal year 2023. While there has been much discussion about the roundabouts, he pointed out dedicated walkways and bicycle paths are also an important part of the plan. As well, public input will be integral to the final plans.
  - o Nathan Alley,
- Weather permitting, the Stormwall Project on Bethel-New Richmond should be completed this Friday. There may be some clean up work next Monday and Tuesday, but the road will be open. The paving between Watkin's Hill and the sharp curve by the apartments should commence the second week in November. Mayor Carr asked if the dip in the road will be fixed as part of this project. Greg said the dip repair was not part of this project but that it would have to be fixed before the section is paved.
- Installation of water and sewer in the Union Station subdivision continues. A performance bond is in the works and will be in place within the next couple of weeks. Mary asked what the performance bond does; Greg said it is a surety from the contractor that there is money to finish a project in the event the company folds.

Interim Chief of Police, Mike Couch: absent

Asst. Fire and EMS Chief, Tim Feldkamp: Nothing to report

**Ramona Carr, Mayor**: Mayor Carr reminded Council the November 11<sup>th</sup> Committee meetings need to be rescheduled as they fall on Veterans Day. Mary Allen said the Committees discussed this and ask that the meetings be rescheduled to November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: Nothing to report

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: Nothing to report

**LEGISLATION** 

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

**CALL OF MEMBERS:** 

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Paul Vanderbosch - Paul said he is concerned with the New Richmond Police Officers Association (NRPOA) in Village uniforms and using the Village's address when not registered with the Secretary State of Ohio and without 501(c)(3) designation. Mayor Carr will check into the status of their 501(c)(3) application. Tim Feldkamp mentioned he believes the NRPOA is working with Life Savers to raise funds for under-privileged children and the Shop with a Cop holiday program.

Mary Allen - Mary provided a quick re-cap that the Meet the School Board Candidates is scheduled for October 29th, Meet the Candidates (Mayor & Council) October 30th and Halloween October 31st.

Becky Ploucha - Becky asked Greg if he's been able to fill the temporary Street position. Greg said no one has applied for the position as of yet.

Skeene - Gary was very happy to hear what Nathan Alley had to say about the US 52 proposal.

Feldkamp - Richard asked what day and time Halloween will be observed in the Village. Mary replied October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. Richard also asked if the police couldn't help with keeping the speed down on the section of Bethel New Richmond Rd. that falls within Village jurisdiction.

Slade - Nothing to report

Mayor Carr would like to extend our condolences to the Crozier family on the passing of their son, Matt.

## Comments from audience:

David Vornholt spoke about the time in March 2012 when Greg Roberts called and saved him from driving into an area where a tornado was possibly heading; David was only a mile away from said area when Greg reached him. We are all grateful to Greg for making that phone call!

Councilmember Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.