

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

December 10th, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday December 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, Clerk of Council Theresa Leigh Department Heads: Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Asst. Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp; Interim Police Chief Mike Couch and Sgt. Jason Mallott

Absent: Scott Sollmann absent due to conflicting work engagement

Visitors/Those wishing to address Council:

David Vornholt - 310 Susanna Way

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November 26th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Skeene motioned to approve Minutes of the November 26th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Ploucha.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Visitors:

David Vornholt reminded everyone A River Village Christmas is this Saturday, December 14th. David also presented Mayor Ramona Carr with a plaque from the New Richmond Ohio Business Association, thanking her for her 34 years of service to the Village.

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

- Engineers recommend shoring up the collapsed section of Haussermann Park retainer wall asap before the river rises above that section and potentially resulting in further damage.
- Plans are being finalized for the 2020 Spring Classic Driving Tour
- Greg thanked Mayor Carr for allowing him to serve the Village and expressed appreciation for all she's done for our Village.

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 12-09-2019

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

Councilmember Allen (Chair) relayed the following discussed at the 12/9/2019 Personnel & Finance Committee meeting:

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer reported:

- There is a need for 2019 appropriation changes, not because we've overspent but due to receipt of less revenue than expected – our appropriations can't exceed the anticipated revenue. A motion will be needed to suspend the three-reading-rule* for Resolution 2019-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS and a motion to vote on it as an emergency.**
- The Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of November 2019; we need a motion to pay these bills.***
- At this time, it looks like the carryover will be around \$300,000. or a little less
- The necessary information was sent to the State regarding the new separate bank account for the Police Dept. currency. The currency will be at the bank vs. in the evidence room.

Police Department - Interim Police Chief Mike Couch requested Council approve:

- Moving Auxiliary Officer Robert Bowling to a paid part-time Officer's role effective December 10th, 2019 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour****
- Adding James Clemons as an Auxiliary Officer*****

Fire/EMS Department - Chief Vince Bee mentioned there will be cookies with Mrs. Claus at the Fire House from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th. Also, the 2009 ambulance needs a re-chassis.

Village Administration - Village Administrator Greg Roberts reported that the Solicitor's contract expires at the end of the year and requested acceptance of the proposed new contract with Solicitor Scott Sollmann. The proposed rate of pay is the same as the current contract. The current contract has a \$30,000. maximum ceiling. The new contract does not have the ceiling. Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird reported that historically the Village budgets \$30,000 for the Solicitor and year to date current expenditure is around \$20,000.

Mayor Ramona Carr stated she thought a decision should be made on the appointment of Mike Couch as Police Chief with a salary of \$56,816.50 with the current work arrangements, 4 weeks of vacation, and a take-home car effective December 10th, 2019.*****

Comments made and items voted on at the 12-10-2019 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

Councilmember Vanderbosch noted the carryover mentioned earlier in the Fiscal Officer's report section, is the lowest it's ever been.

* Councilmember Allen motioned to suspend the three-reading-rule for Resolution 2019-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS and declaring an emergency; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

** Councilmember Allen motioned to approve Resolution 2019-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS and declare an emergency; 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 approve paying the bills of November 2019; 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 moving Auxiliary Officer Robert Bowling to a paid part-time Officer's role effective December 10th, 2019 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

Comments: Councilmember Vanderbosch asked if paid-on-call and paid part-time positions are two different things; Interim Police Chief Couch said yes they are.

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

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

***** Councilmember Allen motioned to approve adding James Clemons as an Auxiliary Officer; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

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

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

***** Councilmember Allen motioned to approve renewing Solicitor Scott Sollmann's contract; seconded by Councilmember Slade.

Comments: Councilmember Vanderbosch asked if the Village pays Mr. Sollmann or his law firm. Mayor Carr and Greg Roberts both replied the payment is made to the law firm Mr. Sollmann works for.

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

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

***** Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the appointment of Mike Couch to Police Chief with a salary of \$56,816.50 with the current work

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 16148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

arrangements, 4 weeks of vacation and a take-home car effective December 10th, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee report from meeting held 12-09-2019

Councilmember Richard Feldkamp reported (1) discussion related to roundabouts and how they would help reduce the number of fatal accidents on US 52, (2) Shop with a Hero raised approximately \$8,500. which will aid about 7 family's with Christmas this year, (3) a motion is needed to sell two old police cars*****, (4) the Fire/EMS Dept. has made 696 runs this year so far and (5) the house located at 1031 Bethel-New Richmond Rd. has been razed in response to a citation for nuisance violations; the Zoning Inspector issued a repair permit for 619 Market St. Feldkamp mentioned that two mobile homes located in the 300 block of Center St. were an eyesore and need to be inspected.

Comments made and items voted on at the 12-10-2019 Council meeting after the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:

Councilmember Vanderbosch asked how many deaths there have been on US 52 and if anyone at the meeting discussed how the roundabouts would help? Chief Bee said he could check for a number. Administrator Greg Roberts added there have been 3 since 2012 at the S curve just outside the eastern edge of village limits. He said he was tired of people misrepresenting the majority of Council's efforts to improve safety on U.S. 52 when just one death is one too many. Councilmember Feldkamp went on to say there have been studies showing roundabouts have proven to lessen the chance of fatal accidents.

***** Motion to sell of the old Police cars. Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve the selling of two old Police cars; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report from meeting held 12-09-2019

Councilmember Slade (Chair) reported the paving project on Bethel-New Richmond Rd, from Watkins Hill to the bend by the apartments, will be carried over to Spring 2020.

Comments made at the 12-10-2019 Council meeting after the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report:

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

Mayor Carr inquired if the dip at the bottom of Bethel-New Richmond Rd. was fixed; Greg Roberts stated the contractor will be fixing this area over the upcoming school holiday.

Economic Development Committee report from meeting held 12-10-2019

Councilmember Allen (Chair) reported the Committee (1) held a brief discussion about New Richmond School's planned levy request and (2) discussed the Committee's structure and activities going forward.

Comments made at the 12-10-2019 Council meeting after the Economic Development Committee report:

Councilmember Allen stated the school levy is set for March 2020 and for somewhere between 8 to 10 mills.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Mike Couch: Chief Couch reported (1) highlights of the past 14 days and year-to-date crime data prepared by himself and Sgt. Mallott; including 8 significant felony drug arrests and a reported 47% increase in investigative complaints and (2) active shooter training will take place in mid-January with all Clermont County Police Departments participating.

Lastly, Chief Couch expressed appreciation for the Mayor's management and leadership style and thanked her for both her service and her friendship.

Fire Chief Vince Bee: Chief Bee expressed his appreciation for the Mayor's and Councilmember Vanderbosch's service to the community.

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Mayor Carr (1) removed Tom Wulker from the Board of Zoning Appeals and appointed him to the Planning Commission (2) appointed Bob Prebble to the Board of Zoning Appeals and (3) re-appointed all non-Council board members and Commission members that last held the positions, and asked Village Administrator Greg Roberts and Clerk of Council Theresa Leigh to prepare a new document showing the updated terms for each.

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor: Absent due to conflicting work engagement

Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council: An office chair was disposed of due to it having a broken seat.

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-20 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

Second Reading:

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held December 10, 2019 20

RESOLUTION 2019-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE GRANT FOR THE NEW RICHMOND UNION SQUARE PLAYGROUND PARK PROJECT

Third Reading:

RESOLUTION 2019-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-17** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN 2020 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR

Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-18** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN 2020 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-19 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

Councilmember Slade motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-19** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: no
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Ms. Allen: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing to report

Allen – Mary provided Mayor Carr with a small gift from Council to thank her for 34 years of service.

Ploucha – Nothing to report

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-8338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 10, 2019

20

Skeene – Gary asked, amongst much laughter, how it was possible a 40 year-old woman (Mayor Carr), could have worked for 34 years???

Feldkamp – Richard stated he was very proud to have worked with Ramona Carr in the EMT division and served with her on Council and that he will always treasure the good times they shared.

Slade – Melanie thanked the Mayor for all she's done for our Village.

Comments from audience:

Councilmember Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

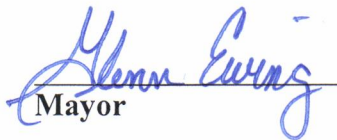
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


Mayor


Clerk of Council