

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

New Richmond Village Council

Meeting

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

Held

May 25, 2021

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**May 25, 2021**

## COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers and via Zoom teleconference in regular session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting followed rules and guidelines established by the Ohio General Assembly for public meetings established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and state and federal restrictions for public gatherings.

Roll Call was taken, and the following Council members were present:

Mary Allen present Richard Feldkamp present Becky Ploucha present

Larry Prues present Melanie Slade present Gary Skeene present

**Present in Council Chambers:** Council Members: Mary Allen, Gary Skeene, Melanie Slade, Larry Prues, Becky Ploucha, Richard Feldkamp Administration: Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch **Present via Zoom teleconference:** Additional personnel: Asst. Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp; Police Sgt. Jason Mallott. **Absent:** Mayor Glenn Ewing due to a prior engagement and Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee due to a family emergency.

**Guests present in Council Chambers (\* wishing to speak):** Donna Prues, \*Ron Henderson and \*Ohio Twp Trustee Emily Niehaus.

**Guests present via Zoom teleconference:** Chris Bowman, Marsha Delaney, Lauren Godby, Mandy Jenkins, Carol Katterman,, Nancy Swats, David Vornholt, and two other unidentifiable log ins.

In the absence of Mayor Glenn Ewing Vice Mayor Councilwoman Mary Allen lead the meeting and opened with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## COMMUNICATIONS

(\*) Ron Henderson, Vice President, spoke of the upcoming River Days event in the village, (August 6, 7, 8) and the need for a motion from Council to close portions of the streets on the river front beginning Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at noon (to allow the vendors to set up) to Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. He has filled out the Village Event Application and has presented it to Administrator Greg Roberts. A map of the street closures was presented to each Council member by Mr. Henderson. Roads requested to be closed are: Front St at Main St, Walnut St. and Union St; George St. at Washington St.; Western Ave. and Plenty St. at Washington St.; and Susanna Way at Sophia St.

\* Councilman Skeene motioned to allow the closure of Front St at Main St, Walnut St. and Union St; George St. at Washington St.; Western Ave. and Plenty St. at Washington St.; and Susanna Way at Sophia St., for the safety of all participants of the River Days event from Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at noon to Sunday August 8, 2021 at 8:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Prues.



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Mary Allen: yes Richard Feldkamp: abstained Becky Ploucha: yes  
Larry Prues: yes Melanie Slade: yes Gary Skeene: yes

(NOTE: Councilman Feldkamp abstained from this vote due to being the President for the River Days event.)

(Due to the current discussions and the fact that we are in the season for the usage of golf carts, Vice Mayor Allen announced for those interested that the topic would be discussed tonight but will be towards the end of the meeting.)

(\*) Minutes of the May 11, 2021, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

\* Councilman Prues motioned to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2021, Regular Council meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mary Allen: yes Richard Feldkamp: yes Becky Ploucha: yes  
Larry Prues: yes Melanie Slade: yes Gary Skeene: yes

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Village Administrator Greg Roberts

- Liquor License – Buck's Riverside Grill received notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Department of Liquor Control that they have authority to operate under the provision of a D5L liquor license and the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)
- (\*) Liquor License: The Clerk has received another notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. This one concerning the transfer of the liquor license from the Green Kayak Market LLC to the River Dream LLC dba: Green Kayak Grille & Pub. He requested a motion from the board as to direct the Clerk of Council to check the box "WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING" AND RETURN TO NOTICE TO THE Ohio Division of Liquor Control.
- (\*\*) Ball Field Property License: He requested approval of a license agreement with the Village for Mpower Youth Sports to use the New Richmond Ball Fields and structures on Old US 52 for the purpose of a summer youth sports camp for this summer only.
- DORA and F Permits: He posed the question "What happens to DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) when an event with a special F liquor permit occurs (VFW Freedom Fest and River Days have been brought to his attention). He said according to state requirements an F permit and DORA cannot coexist over the same area. It is not required for DORA to shut down, however, required enforcement for all liquor permit holders in the DORA to ensure that DORA drinks do not go into the F permit area and visa versa could become very difficult. He suggested there be further discussion at the next Safety, Rules and Laws Committee meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> with a proposal presented at the next Council meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Mobile Food Units: The Felts Brothers is the first permit holder under the new Mobile Food Unit Ordinance. The hot dog cart started last Friday (5/21/21) on Susanna Way. He reminded everyone that food trucks and food carts now require a village permit to operate in the village under restrictions established in the ordinance (Ordinance 2021-05)



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- Regatta Subdivision- Graham Parlin, developer, told him sales of homes have started.
- Striping on Susanna Way- Chief Couch commented that the signs and striping look good; we may need DO NOT ENTER or WRONG WAY signs as it has been noted several people have gone the wrong way.
- Street Clearance – Ohio Fire Code states fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet. No other width can be grandfathered.
- Street signs need replaced priority this summer.
- Historic District – may be needed per Councilman Prues
- Councilman Feldkamp reminded everyone that the one-way area is on Susanna Way not on Front Street.

(Councilwoman Allen acknowledged Ohio Twp Trustee Niehaus who stated she would like to speak to the Council but would wait until the public portion of the meeting.)

\* Councilman Skeene motioned that “We do not request a hearing.” be marked by the Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs, on the notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control transfer of the liquor license from Green Kayak Market LLC to the River Dream LLC dba: Green Kayak Grille & Pub. Seconded by Councilwoman Slade.

Mary Allen: yes	Richard Feldkamp: yes	Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes	Melanie Slade: yes	Gary Skeene: yes

\*\* Councilman Prues motioned to approve the License Agreement with the Village of New Richmond and Mpower Youth Sports to use the New Richmond Ball Fields and structures located at 1031 Old US 52 (parcel# 260925.103) for the purpose of a summer youth sports camp for this summer only, June 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021, for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) license fee. Seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mary Allen: yes	Richard Feldkamp: yes	Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes	Melanie Slade: yes	Gary Skeene: yes

**Police Chief Mike Couch**

- In the past 2 weeks the Police Department has had 159 service calls, 17 Business checks, 5 Domestic Violence cases, 24 Residential checks, 32 traffic tickets, warrants, Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle, Assault, Resisting, Obstructing Official Business.
- State of Ohio “Click It or Ticket” started 5/24 and will continue for 2 weeks.
- US 52 had to be closed down due to a drug and alcohol stop which included Police, EMS, Fire, and an off duty officer. No one was injured. All departments worked well together. Unfortunately, the defendant was released from the hospital before the charges were finished.
- DORA – Chief Couch and Police Sgt. Mallott have been working in the DORA district, which has been running smoothly. The problem came on Friday into Saturday when they had 8-12 issues where they were pulled away from the DORA District for several hours at a time causing mutual aid to be called in while they were gone. He will bring up a discussion at the next Safety, Laws and Rules Committee meeting about offering a DORA detail where an officer would be working a dedicated shift to the



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DORA District. Example: A man and woman were asked to leave Skippers and traveled to the Green Kayak where an altercations took place that involved the female being arrested and a 15 minute foot pursuit for the male. Mutual aid was called 3 times.

**Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp**

He spoke on behalf of Chief Bee and thanked everyone for their support and prayers during this time of the loss of his mother.

- The street fire code – the Fire Department decided to place barrels and tape on Susanna Way after experiencing for two weekends an ambulance that could not get through the street. The question was posed “What if there was a fire?”. The hydrants are on the side of the houses. They are asking a decision to be made. Chief Bee measured the street and determined there is not enough room for cars to park on both sides of the street and an emergency vehicle pass through.

**Mayor Glenn Ewing**

(\*) Vice Mayor Allen spoke for Mayor Ewing on the topic of discontinuing the Zoom portion of each meeting. Per the Governor he will be lifting almost all the restriction from COVID-19 on June 2, 2021, including the state’s requirement of face coverings inside public buildings. The Ohio Revised Code states the Village Council must meet in person and now that the restrictions have been lifted Council will be discontinuing Zoom and meeting in Council Chambers. The last publicized Zoom meeting will be the Planning Commission’s Public Hearing on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

\* Councilwoman Allen motioned to discontinue holding the Zoom portion of all meetings with the Village of New Richmond, after June 2, 2021 per the lifting of most restrictions by the Ohio State Governor during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the last Zoom hearing being the Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

Mary Allen: yes	Richard Feldkamp: yes	Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes	Melanie Slade: yes	Gary Skeene: yes

**Solicitor, Scott Sollmann**

He requested Council go into Executive Session later this meeting,

**Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs**

(\*) Council Clerk requested a motion of Council to allow, Kathy Fuchs, Clerk of Council to sign her name on the signature card for the Village account at River Hills Bank in New Richmond in order to fulfill the additional duties of her full time position.

\* Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve Kathy Fuchs, Clerk of Council to sign the signature card for the Village account at the River Hills Bank in New Richmond. Seconded by Councilman Feldkamp.

Mary Allen: yes	Richard Feldkamp: yes	Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes	Melanie Slade: yes	Gary Skeene: yes



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LEGISLATION

First Reading:

(\*) **RESOLUTION 2021-12** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR PLANNING, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. As an emergency passage due to the recent incredible growth requiring we have the resources to address deficiencies and inefficiencies in our water infrastructure sooner or later.

\* Councilman Skeene motioned to waive the Three Read Rule for **RESOLUTION 2021-12** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR PLANNING, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AS AN EMERGENCY PASSAGE DUE TO THE RECENT INCREDIBLE GROWTH REQUIRING WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES AND INEFFICIENCIES IN OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SOONER OR LATER. Seconded by Councilwoman Slade.

Mary Allen: yes  
Larry Prues: yes

Richard Feldkamp: yes  
Melanie Slade: yes

Becky Ploucha: yes  
Gary Skeene: yes

\* Councilman Skeene motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-12** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR PLANNING, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AS AN EMERGENCY PASSAGE DUE TO THE RECENT INCREDIBLE GROWTH REQUIRING WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES AND INEFFICIENCIES IN OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SOONER OR LATER. Seconded by Councilwoman Ploucha.

Mary Allen: yes  
Larry Prues: yes

Richard Feldkamp: yes  
Melanie Slade: yes

Becky Ploucha: yes  
Gary Skeene: yes

Second Reading: None



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**Third Reading:**

**(\*) RESOLUTION 2021-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR & VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN EMERGENCY FIRE & EMS SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND WITH PIERCE TOWNSHIP.

\*Councilman Feldkamp motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR & VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN EMERGENCY FIRE & EMS SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND WITH PIERCE TOWNSHIP. Seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mary Allen: yes

Richard Feldkamp: yes

Becky Ploucha: yes

Larry Prues: yes

Melanie Slade: yes

Gary Skeene: yes

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Larry Prues** – Nothing to report.

**Mary Allen** – Nothing to report.

**Becky Ploucha** – Nothing to report.

**Gary Skeene** – (\*) He will be on vacation during the upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for Riverview Bluffs on June 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm and needs a motion to appoint Councilwoman Allen to take his place.

\* Councilman Prues motioned to appoint Councilwoman Allen to take the place of Councilman Skeene, due to being on vacation, during the upcoming Planning Commission Public Hearing on Riverview Bluffs on June 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mary Allen: yes

Richard Feldkamp: yes

Becky Ploucha: yes

Larry Prues: yes

Melanie Slade: yes

Gary Skeene: yes

**Melanie Slade** – Nothing to report.

**Richard Feldkamp** -Golf Cart Ordinance – In attendance for the second meeting were himself, Councilwoman Allen, Mandy Jenkins, Eddie , and Police Chief Mike Couch. The group will submit to Council the following proposals:

- There will be a fee for the first golf cart inspection.
- If the golf cart is sold the new owner will have to pay a golf cart inspection fee but at a reduced rate.
- The operational dates would be January 1 to December 31.
- The new operational time will be “dawn to dusk”.

**Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:**

Ohio Township Trustee Emily Niehaus 1) She asked if the summer concerts would be held this year. (Administrator Roberts: yes. Oolah Khan Grotto Band, Ohio Military Band and the Sycamore Community Band have been scheduled so far. The Village is looking for sponsors to help pay the costs.) 2) She inquired into the surveyors seen in town. (Administrator Roberts stated the surveyors are performing the mapping of the Complete Streets for the bike trail.) 3) She extended an invitation to attend an Ohio Township meeting.

David Vornholt – 1) Has the council heard the new term “New New Richmond”? 2) He told a flood story: Al’s Bait Shop across from The Landing was owned by



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John Whitmer. Johnny Batter worked at the Waterworks and was helping him clean the mud out of the building after the 1997 flood. When Johnny saw something moving in the mud. It was a 30 pound shovel head catfish. Picking the fish up and placing it back in the river. Did you know a catfish can smell 15 feet away? He thinks the fish could smell and that is how it found the bait shop.
Jenny Bramlage: Spokesperson for the River Arts Council. The Arts would like to begin a discussion of refreshing the Bandstand.
Administrator Roberts: The person who began the repairs on the Bandstand has since passed away. Another contractor has been asked to complete the project. He will notify the contractor.
Mandy Jenkins She wanted to say thank you to the Council for partnering with her and others on resolving the differences they had within the Golf Cart Ordinance.
Chris Bowman: He and his wife are new to the area. He commented on the police department asking for help in the DORA. He feels the Police Department is doing an amazing job. He was on a fire department and knows the time it takes for mutual aid to respond.

Executive Session:

(\*) Law Solicitor Sollmann requested a motion be made for Village Council to go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village attorney and also that Village Council go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

\* Councilman Prues motioned at 8:04pm to go into Executive Session as requested by Law Solicitor Sollmann in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation with the Village attorney and also that Village Council go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. Seconded by Councilwoman Slade.

Mary Allen: yes Richard Feldkamp: yes Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes Melanie Slade: yes Gary Skeene: yes

\* Councilman Prues motioned to return from Executive Session at 8:42pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Slade.

Mary Allen: yes Richard Feldkamp: yes Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes Melanie Slade: yes Gary Skeene: yes

(\*) Councilman Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mary Allen: yes Richard Feldkamp: yes Becky Ploucha: yes
Larry Prues: yes Melanie Slade: yes Gary Skeene: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council