

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

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

Held June 22, 2021 20

June 22, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, in regular session on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ewing opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and all members were present as noted below.

Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Glenn Ewing Council Members: Mary Allen, Richard Feldkamp, Becky Ploucha, Larry Prues, Gary Skeene, Melanie Slade Administration: Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch; EMS/Fire Chief Vince Bee

Guests present in Council Chambers: Attorney Rusty Miller. Residents: Donna Prues, Tonja Simmons, David Vornholt

COMMUNICATION

David Vornholt – As a member of New Richmond Ohio Business Association (NROBA), he announced there will be a Job Fair scheduled for Thursday, June 24th from 11am – 3pm at the Clermont County Library, 103 River Valley Blvd in New Richmond. Rivertown IGA, ACE Hardware, Papa Johns, River Hills Bank, Green Kayak, Sunset Beach Bar & Grill, Front Street Café, Ohio Means Jobs, Buck's Riverside Grill and Wholy Bean will be present accepting applications.

(*) Minutes of the June 08, 2021 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

* Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Prues: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator Greg Roberts

- (*) The first year experience for DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) has been discussed and reviewed at committee and previous council meetings. Feedback from both business participants and customers has been predominantly positive. It is his understanding a one-year review is required per ORC after the DORA implementation. He is asking Council to make a motion to continue DORA and review again after a year of post-Covid experience.
- River Sweep was cancelled Saturday, June 19 due to the weather. It has been tentatively set for Saturday, July 10th.
- Revitalization – The Village continues to experience unprecedented growth in housing starts and new business. As long as the economy stays up and “Old Man River down”, the growth is expected to continue. The new businesses that have opened recently appear to be performing well.

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* Councilman Feldkamp motioned to continue DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) for a second year with another review in a year; seconded by Councilwoman Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Councilwoman Ploucha asked Chief Couch if he was comfortable with the motion for DORA.

Chief Couch said he wants to keep an open mind since this is our first year and it has only been in operation for a few months. He is prepared to discuss staffing in relation to the DORA when the Personnel & Finance Committee meet next.

Scott Sollmann, Solicitor informed Council the review will be necessary in 5 years per statute, **ORC 4301.82**, and must be publicized when that time comes.

Councilwoman Slade asked the time of the River Sweep on 7/10/2021.

Administrator Roberts stated everything will remain the same. Everyone will meet at the Bandstand, from 9am to noon, free t-shirt, and refreshments.

Police Chief Mike Couch

- Lexipol, a provider of public safety policy and training solutions, has presented a plaque stating: "LEXIPOL CONNECT 2020 - BRONZE, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANAGEMENT".
- He brought up new legislation in reference to handcuffs on pregnant women and juveniles.
- Staffing needs – he is ready to meet with the Personnel & Finance Committee to go over what he has prepared.
- Statistics since last meeting: 144 Calls, 3 abandoned vehicles removed including a camper, 22 business checks, 2 Domestic Violence cases, 10 EMS assists, 9 complaints, 12 resident checks, 31 traffic tickets, 2 misdemeanor drug charges, 1 OVI/DUS, 1 criminal charge,
- Sgt. Mallott pulled over a car using the license reader and found all four occupants had warrants, of which two were transported to jail. In the car were found an AR15 high-powered, a BB gun with no red tip, a loaded syringe ready to be used.
- The department participated in the annual firearms qualification on the rifle, shotgun, pistol, and duty firearm.
- Ptl. Ken Frasure will be off at least until July.
- New employee Ruth James is a smart executive with two small children. She has been working a full time job and going to the police academy at night.
- The criminal mischief charge noted above stems from a swastika that was spray painted on a resident's mailbox. During Chief's investigation he discovered more graffiti including another swastika / BLM, a 12' giant male body part painted on a wall, and other sex symbols in the area. It is thought the mischief may be related to juveniles.

Solicitor Sollmann complimented Chief Couch on the great job he has done in updating the department.

Councilwoman Allen said she would like meet with Chief Bee and Chief Couch before the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting on 7/12 to discuss their ideas.

Councilman Prues asked if the graffiti has been cleaned up. Chief Couch reported he has spoken to the people involved to remove the graffiti and all except some of the sexual graffiti has been painted over at this time.

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Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee

- Thursday there was a 2nd alarm warehouse fire in the Monroe area. New Richmond Fire Department responded due to a mutual aid request by Monroe Fire Department. In the process of fighting the fire one of the pistons on the quint that brings the ladder in and out failed. The quint is now at Vogelpohl to be repaired (estimated repair cost \$2,000). The quint was just tested two months ago; but to place it back into service it will have to be tested again (estimated testing cost \$500). He has made the Fiscal Officer aware.

Councilman Feldkamp asked if the department has any AFFF (aqueous film-forming foam) on any of our fire vehicles.

Chief Bee stated all AFFF was removed before he became chief.

Mayor Glenn Ewing

On June 18th, 2021 President Joe Biden proclaimed June 19, known as Juneteenth, a National Day of Remembrance becoming the nation's newest national holiday.

Mayor Ewing and Vice Mayor Allen read the following proclamation which will hang in the Village of New Richmond Council Chambers. Before reading the proclamation Vice Mayor Allen had the following to say:

It is with utmost respect and humility that I begin to read this proclamation. But before I do, I want to share a few historical facts for anyone who isn't familiar with our history.

In 1814 New Richmond became a village and New Richmond was a strong abolitionist stronghold in the 1800's. Some notables are:

James Birney published The Philanthropist, an anti-slavery newspaper, on Walnut Street.

- Dr. Rodgers, who delivered Ulysses S. Grant, our 18th President, led a group called the Chieftains of Liberty.
- Lee Roy Lee, a runaway slave was captured by Kentucky slave catchers and a mob formed on Front Street and chased the slave chasers out of town. Lee Roy later joined and fought in the Union army with the colored troops.
- Because of the underground railroad activities, there was a considerable amount of white/African American diversity, even before the civil war.

New Richmond's heritage has always been to value diversity. My father went to integrated schools in New Richmond. He graduated in 1950. My cousins from Maysville, Kentucky didn't attend an integrated school, the "white high school", until 1967. What a difference a river and 30+ miles made in our lives.

My hope is Juneteenth is not thought of as a black holiday, in New Richmond. Let's celebrate its meaning, while focusing on diversity and inclusion.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first enslaved Africans were forcibly brought as captives to what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1619: and

WHEREAS, Black people were bought and sold as slave labor for 250 years and suffered unspeakable acts of violence and oppression: and

WHEREAS, people of conscience in New Richmond were early at the forefront demanding the immediate end to slavery in our you nation, and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln first issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing the enslaved people in the South upon occupation of land by Union forces principally led by General Ulysses S. Grant, and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and enforced the president's order, freeing the enslaved two and a half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth: and

WHEREAS, the New Richmond Village Council recognizes that our country has not always lived up to the standards of equality determined by our Creator and boldly declare by our Founding Fathers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, GLENN EWING, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, on behalf of the Village Council, staff, and residents do hereby recognize and applaud the decision of our Federal government to establish June 19 and Juneteenth and a National holiday. The Village of New Richmond in future years shall continually acknowledge the historical significance of June 19th and recommit the people of the Village in working towards the goal of equality and ending vestiges of racism in our Village, County, State, and Country.

In witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of New Richmond to be affixed this 22nd day of June, 2021.

Glenn Ewing, Mayor

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Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

- He received information from Purdue Pharm today. He will discuss the information with Council once he has had a chance to read it.
- He will be asking for an executive session at the end of the meeting,

Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

(*) **ORDINANCE 2021-10** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, by emergency passage.

* Councilman Skeene motioned to waive the three read rule for **ORDINANCE 2021-10** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilwoman Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

* Councilman Skeene motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 2021-10** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

ORDINANCE 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF PAPER STREETS OF LIGHT STREET AND COLUMBIA STREET AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A".

(**) **ORDINANCE 2021-12** APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION, by emergency passage.

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**** Councilman Skeene motioned to waive the three read rule for **ORDINANCE 2021-12** APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND**

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Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

**** Councilman Skeene motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 2021-12** APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND**

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GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Prues.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

(*) RESOLUTION 2021-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR THE REMOVAL AND CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE, by emergency passage.**

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*** Councilwoman Allen motioned to waive the three read rule for **RESOLUTION 2021-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR THE REMOVAL AND CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE, by emergency passage: seconded by Councilman Slade.

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

*** Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-13** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FOR THE REMOVAL AND CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Skeene.

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

Second Reading: None to read.

Third Reading: None to read.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.

Mary Allen – Wished to thank our EMS for transporting her father recently two times to the hospital. He has suffered a stroke and will be convalescing in a rehab center.

Becky Ploucha – Nothing to report.

Gary Skeene – Nothing to report.

Melanie Slade – Nothing to report.

Richard Feldkamp – Nothing to report.

Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:

No comments from the audience.

Executive Session requested:

(*/**) 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. He also invited Attorney Rusty Miller be present for a portion of the Executive Session.

* Councilwoman Allen motioned to go into Executive Session for the reasons set forth by Law Solicitor Sollmann at 7:35pm for 121.22 (G)(3) and 121.22 (G)(8) seconded by Councilman Skeene.

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

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David Vornholt commented that the referendum does not constitute a need for Executive Session.

Solicitor Sollmann stated the Executive Session does not involve a referendum discussion and thanked Mr. Vornholt for his input. (FD)

** Councilman Feldkamp motioned to return from Executive Session at 8:37pm with nothing to report; seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

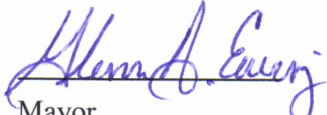
Councilman Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38p.m., seconded by Councilman Skeene.

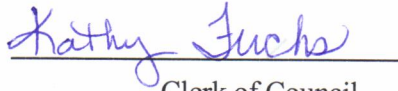
Mrs. Slade: yes
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm


Mayor


Clerk of Council