

Held September 14, 2021 20**September 14, 2021****COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ewing opened the meeting with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ewing asked for the Roll Call of all Council with the following members present:

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade - Yes	Richard Feldkamp - Yes

**Present in Council Chambers:**

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Administration: Administrator Greg Roberts, Clerk of Council Kathy Fuchs

Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch

Additional personnel: Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp, standing in for Chief Bee.

**Absent:** Solicitor Scott Sollmann – due to prior work commitment; Fire/EMS Chief Vincent Bee- due to prior engagement

**Guests present in Council Chambers (\* Residents):** \*Tonja Simmons, \* David Vornholt (NROBA)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Regatta Residential TIF District and Proposed ORDINANCE 2021-15

**M1** Councilwoman Allen motion to open the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:04 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade - Yes	Richard Feldkamp – Yes

Roll Call was taken with the following Council members present:

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade - Yes	Richard Feldkamp – Yes

**Questions/Comments**

The public was asked if anyone had any questions or comments pertaining to new proposed Regatta Residential TIF District development in the village and the

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audience was reminded the purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the Regatta Residential TIF District.

Nobody from the public had any comment or question. With no further questions or comments the meeting was motioned to close the public comment and public hearing.

**M2 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:06pm; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade -Yes	Richard Feldkamp - Yes

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Ashburn Woods Residential TIF District and Proposed ORDINANCE 2021-16

**M1 Councilwoman Allen motion to open the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:07pm; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade -Yes	Richard Feldkamp – Yes

## **Questions/Comments**

The public was asked if anyone had any questions and or comments pertaining to the new proposed Asburn Woods Residential TIF District development in the village and the audience was reminded the purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the Ashburn Woods Residential TIF District.

There were no questions or comments. With no further questions or comments the meeting was motioned to close the public comment and public hearing.

**M2 Councilman Prues motioned to close the public hearing at 7:09pm; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp. Roll call vote was taken:**

Mary Allen - Yes	Larry Prues - Yes	Becky Ploucha - Yes
Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade -Yes	Richard Feldkamp – Yes

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

David Vornholt – NROBA (New Richmond Ohio Business Association)  
With the knowledge that River Days, held August 6-8, 2021 this year, is slow on Sundays, River Days added River Stampede on the Ohio River bank and River Arts Festival at the Bandstand. During this event River Arts was able to raise \$1200. Where can the \$1200 be spent? Tracy Miller has suggested every New Richmond student be able to experience entrepreneurship. The new curriculum change will need to be presented before the Board of Education. An annual contest will be held where students will provide an improvement plan for the Village A \$500 prize will be awarded.



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**MINUTES**

(\*M1) Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Comment: Councilwoman Allen asked for the removal of the word Councilwoman in the motion marked as M3, after the words Vice Mayor.

**M1 Councilman Prues motioned to approve Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Council meeting with the removal of the word Councilwoman in the motion marked as M3 after the words Vice Mayor; seconded by Councilmember Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Prues: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

**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 the meeting held Monday, 09-13-2021 as reported by Councilwoman/Vice Mayor/Committee Chair Allen**  
Finance/Budget - Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird

- (\*M2) The Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of August 2021; we need a motion to pay these bills.
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)
  - The Village has received the first of two payments: \$144,309
  - Reminder: the monies received may be used in the following areas:
    - (1) Respond to Public Health Emergency
    - (2) Essential Employee Premium – possible \$10,000
    - (3) Revenue Loss – possible \$57,975
    - (4) Investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Money spent in this area has to be projects.
- Appropriation changes needing to be made:

FUND	PREVIOUS	NEW	CHANGE	PURPOSE
General - Legal	22,000.00	35,000.00	13,000.00	Legal Fees
Water	106,485.00	133,485.00	27,000.00	Operating
Sewer	110,710.00	140,710.00	30,000.00	Operating
American Rescue Plan	0.00	141,309.18	141,309.18	Grant

- 11/9/2021 will be the first reading for the 2022 temporary appropriations which will include equipment purchases, maintenance and repairs, and changes from 2021.
- October Committee Meetings - Fiscal Officer Baird inquired of the next committee meeting date, which is the federal holiday Columbus Day, Monday, October 11, 2021. Personnel & Finance and Safety, Laws &



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Rules councilmembers have agreed to meet on the Monday before the second Council meeting in October which will be October 25, 2021.

## Police Chief Mike Couch:

- No personnel change. Jason Fullbeck is closer to fulfilling the requirements for the full-time position.
- Body cameras:
  - In researching grants Chief Couch has discovered a grant that will cost the Village \$7,500 per year for 5 years.
  - Currently the police department spends \$11,000 for Sgt. Mallott to download the information from the current cameras as well as other administrative tasks. He would much rather have Jason and Patriot on the road than in the office working with the old cameras to get them to upload.
  - Chief Couch currently has in the police department funds \$20,000 from new home permit fees that could be used towards the department's portion of \$45,000 of this matching grant.
  - NOTE: The Personnel & Finance Committee members are in agreement with using the new home permit fees for the cameras and are recommending this proposal to Council.
- (\*M3) Mayor's court costs: Clermont County Municipal Court has raised their court fees from \$85 to \$100. Chief Couch is requesting a Mayor's court cost increase also from \$85 to \$100 to stay aligned.

## Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee:

- Recommends the following personnel changes:
  - (\*M4) The reclassification of Joshua Hughes, per his emailed written request, from full-time to part-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the reduced part-time pay rate of \$13.65, effective 9-17-2021, and continuing with his current one-year probation.
  - (\*M5) The hiring of Craig (CT) Schoch to fill the now open full-time Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/P) position left by the reclassification of Joshua Hughes. Due to FF/P Schoch fulfilling his two-weeks' notice at his current job, Chief Bee is requesting tonight that FF/P Schoch be hired tonight as part-time FF/P at the part-time rate of \$13.65 effective 9-14-2021, on a one-year probation. During this time, he will begin his orientation period. Once he is available to work full-time Chief Bee will request FF/P Schoch be reclassified to the open full-time position which is expected to happen around September 28.
  - (\*M6) The hiring of Cassie Kelley to the position of Pay-Per-Call EMT, at the Pay-Per-Call pay rate, effective 9-14-2021, on a one-year probation.

## Village Administrator Greg Roberts:

- Gerald "Hoss" Kidd, a long-time Village employee who left due to disability has passed away. Services will be Saturday, 9/18/2021, at Nurre Funeral Home, gathering from 10am-1pm.



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- The Village has received approximately \$20,000 in new tap fees from the RV parks. He suggested Council review the Ordinance related to tap fees as an incentive, and discuss how we want to proceed with the known and anticipated new development in the Village
- The Village has an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Knothole Fields and are circulating for bids
- The capital budget proposal for the Liberty Landing, terrace of the river front, is due November 1, 2021.
- The Village has done zero paving of the streets in the last two years. As a result, some streets are in significant need of repair.
- There was a sewer stoppage issue on Labor Day weekend with roots growing into the sewer lines. We need to use a camera to understand the condition of the major sewer lines. Since there is suspicion of more issues this information would be used to prioritize and determine timing of corrective changes. This may be a project that qualifies for the American Rescue Plan money.

Comments made and items voted on at the 9-14-2021 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

**M2 Councilwoman Allen motioned to pay all bills for the month of August, 2021; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**M3 Councilwoman Allen motioned to raise the Mayor's court fees from \$85.00 to \$100.00; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**M4 Councilwoman Allen motioned to reclassify Joshua Hughes, Firefighter II/Paramedic, from full-time to part-time effective 9/17/2021, at the part-time pay rate of \$13.65/ hour, continuing on his one year probation; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**M5 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the hiring of Craig (CT) Schloch, Firefighter II/Paramedic, to the position of part-time Firefighter II/Paramedic effective 9/14/2021, at a pay rate of \$13.65, on a one year probation; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

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**M6 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the hiring of Cassie Kelley, EMT Basic to the position of Pay-Per-Call EMT, effective 9/14/2021, at the Pay-Per-Call pay rate, on a one year probation; seconded by Councilman Prues. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Safety, Laws & Rules Committee report from the meeting held Monday, 9-13-2021 as reported by Councilman/Committee Chair Feldkamp**

Administrator Greg Roberts:

- Houck Asphalt Maintenance has been hired to paint the curbs which will begin soon.
- Three trees at different locations need to be removed.
- The 9/11 Celebration was well attended and went very well.

Zoning Administrator Gephardt:

- He is working with the county to get funds to remove some bad housing.
- Discussion about the large number of cars parked at Willow and Elm Streets.

Police Chief Mike Couch:

- Discussion on parked cars on Front St.
- Awaiting on curbs to be painted.
- River Days Campground on Cobra Rd has 30-40 campers

Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Asst. Chief Tim Feldkamp:

- 2021 Y-T-D total of runs for the Fire/EMS Department is 499 runs.

Comments made and items voted on at the 9-14-2021 Council meeting after the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:

*Administrator Roberts: Two of the three trees were removed today (9/14/2021).*

**Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report from the meeting held Monday, 9-13-2021 as reported by Councilman/Committee Chair Prues**

Subjects discussed (new business):

- Ashburn Wood TIF
- Regatta TIF
- Knothole property sale
- New Richmond School Homecoming Parade
- Urban Canopy Grant

Subjects discussed (old business):

- Review of Vacant Property Ordinance
  - Administrator Robert to send a draft ordinance to council
- Mitigated property for the Dog Park
  - Willow and Market Streets, approximately 2 acres
- Complete Streets update
  - Administrator Roberts - the ODOT culverts would need to be replaced as part of the project, this may require funding
- Status of the following:
  - Hamilton Street Sidewalk Project
  - Rose Vesper Park lighting



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- Sidewalk Repair Ordinance
- Showboat Majestic Infrastructure
- River View Bluffs
- Lights Pointe

Comments made at the 09-14-2021 Council meeting after the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report:

**Economic Development Committee meeting on hold until 2022**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Village Administrator Greg Roberts:**

- 911 Remembrance: The Remembrance ceremony for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 attacks occurred on Sunday 9/11/21. He thanked Mayor Ewing, State Representative Adam Bird, Fire/EMS Chief Bee, Police Chief Couch, John Hale, the New Richmond Veteran's Color Guard, as well as Marianne Snouffer and Steve Claybourn for assistance in coordinating the event.
- (\*M7) Homecoming Parade: The New Richmond High School Homecoming Parade has changed the date to Friday, September 24, 2021 and are requesting street closures per the map passed out to the council members. This will need a motion.
- (\*M8) Trunk-or-Treat: This event will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and are requesting street closures per the map passed out to Council members. This will need a motion.
- He mentioned the loss of Gerald "Hoss" Kidd. He and Councilmembers commented that he was a special person, and one heck of a good worker.

**M7 Councilman Feldkamp motion to approve the street closures on Friday, 9/24/2021, as presented to Council for the New Richmond High School Homecoming Parade of Market St. - Union St. to Quarry St.; Main St. - Center St. to Willow St.; Willow St. - Main St. to Quarry St.; Quarry St. - Willow St. to Front St.; Front St. - Quarry St. to Union St./Susanna Way Susanna Way - Union St. to Western Ave.; Western Ave. - George St./Susanna Way to Hamilton Ave./Sophia St.; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**M8 Councilwoman Allen motion to approve the street closures on Saturday, 10/23/21, as presented to Council for the New Richmond Fall Bash of Savanna Way - Front St. to Western Ave.; Western Ave. Savanna Way/George St. to Washington St./Plenty St.; and George St. at Washington St.; seconded by Councilman Prues. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

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## Police Chief Mike Couch:

- A semi-automatic pistol was found by a young boy on Market Street and turned in to the police department. For his efforts Chief Couch gave the boy a nerf football and a Citizen's Award for a pizza from Papa Johns.
- A Hamersville woman reported a theft of a check reimbursement from Suburban Propane of \$850. The check was presented to a local business (Marathon Gas) and cashed. There is an ongoing investigation.
  - A discussion ensued over issues with businesses cashing 3<sup>rd</sup> part checks.
- Statistics for the month of August included:

New Richmond Police Department statistics					
August	2021	2020	August	2021	2020
Crimes	14	9	Total Calls for service	299	448
Arrests	10	9	Business Checks	31	79
Misdemeanor Citations	2	2	Residential Checks	27	61
Traffic Stops/Citations	65/27	56/36	School Checks	4	18
Warrants Served	2	4	Assist Fire/EMS	21	11
			Investigate Complaints	28	24
Felony Drug Arrests	5		Theft	3	2
Possession of Marijuana	2		Abandoned Vehicles	4	7
Breaking & Entering	2		Incident Reports	11	2
OVI	1		Crash Reports	3	2
Violation of TPO	2		Domestic Complaints	13	5
Disorderly Conduct	1				
Patriot K-9 Activity	3				

## Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp reported the following in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee:

- He presented run statistics reports to councilmembers. There were no questions or comments.

New Richmond Fire/EMS Department statistics		
August	Month	Y-T-D
Ohio Township (contracted)	4	26
Out of District (mutual aid)	12	59
Village of New Richmond	51	415
TOTALS	67	500

## Mayor Glenn Ewing:

- Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night will be Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: absent due to prior work commitment.

Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs: Nothing to report



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## **LEGISLATION**

### **First Reading:**

ORDINANCE 2021-15 ORDINANCE DECLARING TO BE PUBLIC PURPOSE CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TAXINCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND

ORDINANCE 2021-16 ORDINANCE DECLARING TO BE PUBLIC PURPOSE CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TAXINCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND

(\*M9/\*M10) RESOLUTON 2021-15 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, by emergency passage.

**M9 Councilman Skeene motion to suspend the three-reading rule for RESOLUTON 2021-15 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**M10 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve RESOLUTON 2021-15 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call was taken:**

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

RESOLUTION 2021-16 AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-17 ESTABLISHING A NEW VILLAGE FUND FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS IN 2021

Second Reading: Nothing to read.

Third Reading: Nothing to read.

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CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Water and sewer rates are very low. How do we take steps to increase the rate?

- A discussion ensued. Ideas exchanged included:
  - What does it take to run our Water and Sewer Departments?
  - What does it cost to run our Water and Sewer Departments?
  - Compare our costs to the costs in other areas
  - These departments do not have a cushion, we cannot afford to lose money.
- Sunset Beach Bar and Grille – is officially opening this weekend

Mary Allen – We owe our employees a pay increase. With the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) there is potential for employee bonuses of \$1,000 for Full-time and \$500 for Part-time and Pay-Per-Call employees

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:

Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp commented that River Days committee has met for the first time since the event and have gone over the finances confirming a successful three weekend. The date has been set for 2022. They are working with ride companies and have added new committee members.

Councilman Prues – the fireworks were impressive.

Councilwoman Allen – did not realize the concession booths could be rented through event companies.

Police Chief Couch – Medical benefits out-of-pocket have gone up. (\$7400-\$9800)

M 11 Councilwoman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Feldkamp. Roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Prues: yes

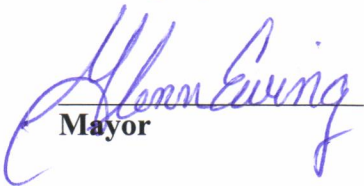
Ms. Ploucha: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk of Council