

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

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

Held

September 28, 2021

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COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow St., New Richmond, Ohio, in Regular session on Tuesday, September 28, 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 Council with the following members present:

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

Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Glenn Ewing Administration: Law Solicitor Scott Sollmann; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch; Additional personnel: Asst. Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp sitting in for Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee.
Absent: Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee due to vacation.

Guests present in Council Chambers: (*residents): *Dennis Dalton, *Bob Lees, *Tonja Simmons, *David Vornholt.

COMMUNICATION

David Vornholt - Village of New Richmond Christmas Walk will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021. NROBA (New Richmond Ohio Business Association) is looking for events for that day.

Bob Lees

- He found out a few months ago that the Ruben Willis Memorial, placed in Mr. Willis' honor by the New Richmond Youth Football League Inc. years ago, is in a corner of the Knothole Fields, and is in disrepair. The monument is too heavy to move but he was inquiring as to whether the bronze plaque could be removed and placed on a monument on the corner lot of Quarry and Center Streets.
Councilwoman Allen – the property has a lot of New Richmond history and feels Historic New Richmond may be interested.
Councilwoman Ploucha – suggested an area such as the New Richmond Football Field may be appropriate.
Bob Lees – He would like to honor this well respected man in an area of prominence, while he is still healthy, and suggested one of the parks, possibly on a bench, or the Bandstand where there is already a plaque for Bob Beiser.
- Front Street – He likes driving up the street and seeing how new and vibrant the area has become.
- He reminiscence while attending the class reunion held at Haussermann Park during the week of the Homecoming Parade that, as an adult, it felt odd seeing people sitting on the wall and how, as young people, many were forbidden to sit on that wall by their parents.
- He was excited to announce there were five bands playing in the village on Saturday night reminding everyone how the village is growing.

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MINUTES

(*M1) Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

M1 Councilmember Allen motioned to approve as written the Minutes of September 14, 2021 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Prues.

Mary Allen: Yes

Richard Feldkamp: Yes

Becky Ploucha: Yes

Larry Prues: Yes

Gary Skeene: Yes

Melanie Slade: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator Greg Roberts

- 2020 Census: A letter from Ohio Secretary of State DeRose confirmed 2020 Census count of 2,727 as the population in the Village limits as of April 1, 2020—an increase of 145 over 2010. Many of the new residents in the recent housing developments have moved in after the 2020 Census count. There are “unofficial” counts typically on a yearly basis. The official Federal counts occur every 10 years.
- Homecoming Parade & Other Riverfront Events: The NRHS Homecoming Parade was well attended and went smoothly. Several NRHS Alumni events took place on Front Street and Haussermann Park late last week. Great weather and DORA contributed to enjoyable events attended by returning alumni.
- Sunset Beach: With the opening of Sunset Beach at the former Landing the Front Street Business District is experiencing unprecedented volume of visitors especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Clermont Chamber of Commerce has scheduled an official ribbon cutting ceremony for Sunset Beach on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 3:30pm.
- (*M2) River Hills Bank Ground Lease: The lease for the municipal lot on Willow Street with River Hills Bank expires 9/30/2021. Requesting authorization for the Mayor to sign new 10 year lease pending solicitor review and approval of the agreement (attached).
- Notice of Forfeiture: A small land-locked parcel of land adjacent to 204 Caroline Street has been offered to the Village through forfeiture from the County Treasurer. Recommending the Village take no action regarding this parcel.
- (*M3) NR 5K Pumpkin Run: Requesting Street Closures on Saturday 10/16/2021 per attached map.

2020 Census:

- *Councilwoman Allen - There are 1800 voters on the Clermont County walking registered voter's list for New Richmond. There has been an increase since 2010 of 300-350 new homes.*

Homecoming Parade & Other Riverfront Events:

- *Councilwoman Allen: During the Homecoming Parade the alumni were proud to be back to visit their hometown.*

M2 Councilman Prues motioned to authorization the Mayor to sign the new 10 year Ground Lease with River Hills Bank, October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2031, of the parking lot across from the Village Hall, pending solicitor review and approval of the agreement; seconded by Councilwoman Allen.

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Discussion on River Hills Bank Ground Lease among Councilmembers:

- Councilwoman Allen – This lease is good. Even if we have to maintain it; with the fact that we use the parking lot, and with the Front Street growth. Anything close to Front Street is great.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Notice of Forfeiture: No comment by Councilmembers.

M3 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the street closures for the New Richmond Pumpkin Run 5K to be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m. with the street closures from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for the actual race which will start at Haussermann Park: Front St. – Union St. – Market St. – Dickenson St. – Front St. – Cobra Rd. turn around – Front St. – Haussermann Park.; seconded by Councilman Skeene.

Discussion among Councilmembers: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. is too long for the streets to be closed for the patrons of the businesses along the run route which begin opening at 11:00 a.m.. Council approved street closures 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Police Chief Mike Couch

- Statistics presented included: 2 crashes, 2 felony possession charges assisted by Patriot and Sgt. Jason Mallott, 2 juvenile assault charges.
- New body cameras are here.
- PO Chris Beckman has completed Evidence Room training.
- Taser training

Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee was represented by Asst. Chief Tim Feldkamp

- (*M4) Firefighter/Paramedic Craig Schoch was hired at the 9/14/2021 Council meeting as a part-time FF/P. FF/P Schoch has since been hired by Anderson Fire Department and has turned in his resignation with an effective date of 9/20/2021. Asst. Chief Feldkamp asked Council to accept FF/P Schoch's resignation.
- (*M5) Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Lovett application for part-time FF/P, on a one-year probation, at part-time pay of \$13.65, Social Security, effective 9/29/2021. Asst. Chief Feldkamp asked Council to approve the hiring of FF/P Richard Lovett as a part-time FF/P.

A discussion ensued concerning retention of long term employees

Councilman Feldkamp – It is a disgrace that the Village cannot keep up with the rest of the area. All the training and experience gained from a small department leaves us as a training ground for them to move on to other departments for more money.

Councilman Prues – The Finance Committee needs to estimate the revenue from the new homes.

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Councilwoman Allen – We need to gather more information to put a spreadsheet together. 500 new homes would have covered the Beckjord Powerplant closing; but then we had two cuts from state local government funding resulting in a loss above what we thought we would gain in property tax, COVID-19 relief, coupled in revenue from people not working and our costs increasing. 2022 will get us closer. 2023 will look better.

Councilman Prues – the Village of Owensville is on the ballot. We need to think of ways to not go back to the voters or this could happen to us.

Administrator Roberts – There are two local government groups in the County that lobby County and State government. There is a township association that has been effective in directing a larger portion of state funding to the townships. There is also a Village/ City Mayor group that has in recent years been not as effective as the township group. Village residents need to understand that the township trustees are also their elected representatives as the village is almost completely in Ohio Township.

Councilwoman Allen – we need a spreadsheet to show what is the estimated revenue and expenses for each department.

M4 Councilwoman Allen motioned to accept the letter of resignation of FF/P Craig Schoch effective 9/20/2021; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Roll call vote was taken:

Mary Allen: <u>Yes</u>	Richard Feldkamp: <u>Yes</u>	Becky Ploucha: <u>Yes</u>
Larry Prues: <u>Yes</u>	Gary Skeene: <u>Yes</u>	Melanie Slade: <u>Yes</u>

M5 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the hiring of Richard Lovett as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic on a one-year probation, at part-time pay of \$13.65, effective 9/29/2021; seconded by Councilwoman Slade. Roll call vote was taken:

Mary Allen: <u>Yes</u>	Richard Feldkamp: <u>Yes</u>	Becky Ploucha: <u>Yes</u>
Larry Prues: <u>Yes</u>	Gary Skeene: <u>Yes</u>	Melanie Slade: <u>Yes</u>

Mayor Glenn Ewing – thanked Bob Lees for speaking out about the Ruben Willis monument.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

- The Regatta and Ashburn Woods TIF District Ordinances will be read for the third time at the next meeting on 10/12/2021 and will then be up for a vote. He will be attending that meeting.
- River View Bluffs will be breaking ground in the fall or early spring. A TIF may be considered for that development as well.

Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs – nothing to report

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

(*M6 / *M7) RESOLUTION 2021-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT AND PASS THROUGH GRANT ADMINISTRATION, by emergency passage

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M6 Councilman Skeene motioned to suspend the three-reading rule for RESOLUTION 2021-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT AND PASS THROUGH GRANT ADMINISTRATION, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilwoman Allen. Roll call vote taken:

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

M7 Councilman Skeene motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2021-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT AND PASS THROUGH GRANT ADMINISTRATION, by emergency passage; seconded by Councilman Prues. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Second 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

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

Third Reading: Nothing to read.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.
Mary Allen – Nothing to report.
Becky Ploucha – Nothing to report.
Gary Skeene – Nothing to report.
Melanie Slade – Nothing to report.

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Richard Feldkamp – A woman he knows approached him about the bad condition of the bridge over 12 Mile Creek on Front Street.

Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:

Dennis Dalton – Front Street - the crosswalks look fantastic. He suggested Sunset Beach may need a crosswalk also. It is easy to drive 35 MPH on Front Street. Has Council considered something such as speed bumps or rumble strips to deter speeding? The growth is incredible.

David Vornholt – 12 Mile bridge – during construction of the pads for the RV Park there was concern for the bridge. He called ODOT and found out that bridge is inspected every 12 – 18 months, is weighted for 80,000 pounds, and large delivery trucks should put down all their wheels to distribute the weight when going over the bridge.

M8 Councilwoman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Prues. Roll call vote was taken.

Mary Allen: Yes

Richard Feldkamp: Yes

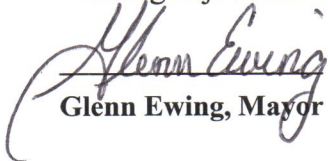
Becky Ploucha: Yes

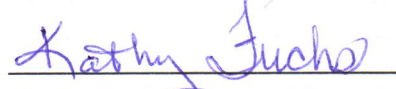
Larry Prues: Yes

Gary Skeene: Yes

Melanie Slade: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Glenn Ewing, Mayor


Kathy Fuchs, Clerk of Council