

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of New Richmond Council

Meeting

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

Held October 12, 2021 20

October 12, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow St., New Richmond, Ohio in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 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 members with the following Council 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

Absent: Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee – family emergency

Guests present in Council Chambers (\*residents): \*Dennis Dalton, \*Tonja Simmons, \*Ryan Woodruff, \*Sophie Woodruff, \*David Vornholt.

COMMUNICATION

(\*M1) Dennis Dalton – presented to Council a change in the running route for the 10/16/2021 New Richmond Pumpkin Run 5K and asked Council to approve the new route. He also announced the planned rain date, if needed, of 10/23/2021.

M1 Councilman Skeene motioned to approve a change to the New Richmond Pumpkin START at the Cardboard Boat Museum, Front St. to Susanna Way, Left on Augusta St., Left on Hamilton Ave., Left on Western Ave., Right on Front St., Right on Union St., Left on Center St., Left on Walnut St., Right on Willow St., Right on Sycamore St., Left on Market St., Left on Dickenson St., Left on Front St., FINISH at Haussermann Park; 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

Tonja Simmons

- Presented a sample resident newsletter format she and several business owners have been working on and are suggesting being included in the resident’s utility bill on a quarterly basis, at no cost to the Village. The format includes information gathered from the Village, schools, and residents.
  - The Village had produced a quarterly newsletter in the past; but due to staffing hours and COVID-19 the last newsletter covered October, November, and December of 2020. A discussion ensued and a meeting was scheduled with Mrs. Simmons next Tuesday 10/19/21 at 10:00am in Council Chambers with Mayor Ewing, Administrator Roberts, and Clerk of Council Fuchs.
- Can Zoom be brought back to Council meetings?  
Solicitor Sollmann: The General Assembly passed legislation which permitted council members to vote via Zoom during COVID-19, but that expired around July 1, 2021.



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## David Vornholt

- The NROBA (New Richmond Ohio Business Association) will be holding a Meet the Candidate forum on October 13, 2021 at the New Richmond school theatre by the League of Women Voters, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. This will be live on Face Book with 7 candidates vying for 4 seats.

## MINUTES

(\*M2) Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

**M2 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Prues. Roll call vote was taken:**

Mrs. Slade: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Prues: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Ploucha: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Village Administrator Greg Roberts

- Utility Billing Software: With unprecedented growth with new housing, the current and future transition to radio-read water meters, the current utility billing software is insufficient for current and future needs. We have selected and will be transitioning to a new software provider that is a larger company with more to offer the residents in their billing.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 5K Pumpkin Run Saturday – Saturday, October 16,
  - Wyoming Civic Winds Community Band Concert – Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
  - New Richmond Fall Bash – Saturday, October 23,
  - Trick or Treat – Saturday, October 30, 6-8 pm.
- Movie Premier *Christmas Collision*: The film that started as *An Unintentional Christmas* premiered at RJ Cinemas Eastgate last Friday renamed as *Christmas Collision*. The village, as hometown New Richmond and several local businesses are featured in the film. It is a wholesome family film in the Hallmark tradition.
- River Town Review Summit: This Thursday at 9am the first Rivertown Review Summit will take place on-line virtually. Representatives from New Richmond, Augusta and West Point, Kentucky as well as Lawrenceburg and Aurora, Indiana will participate. The communities will share their results of participating in the reviews conducted with the Ohio River Recreational Trail organization and the National Park service aimed at enhancing tourism and outdoor recreation in Ohio River communities.

### Police Chief Mike Couch

- There was a high speed chase today heading to Kentucky from Brown County involving domestic violence and abduction.
- The body cameras are set up on the cloud but are not in service yet.
- Kianté Gardner is expected to plead guilty to murder and will be receiving 25 years to life for the murder of resident Robert Farrell Jr.
- Patriot has allergies and is being treated for them.
- (\*M3) During the wage discussions in July Police Officer Marc Heuer was missed. Chief Couch requested Police Officer Marc Heuer's part-time pay be increased from \$13.50 to \$15.00, which is the current new hire part-time rate. *Councilwoman Allen approved the request but reminded Chief Couch that personnel issues need to be discussed at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting before coming to Council.*
- Mentioned a spike in drug activity in the 300 block of Susanna Way. *Administrator Roberts: There is a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance which allows charges to be filed against property owners for the chronic criminal activity*



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happening on their rental properties. Warning letters to previous property owners with multiple criminal drug activities appear to have been effective in those cases.

M3 Councilwoman Allen motioned to increase Police Officer Marc Heuer’s part-time pay from \$13.50 to \$15.00 to match the new hire part-time pay rate; Councilman Prues seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

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

New Richmond Police Department statistics						
SEPTEMBER	2021	2020		SEPTEMBER	2021	2020
Crimes	23	14		Total Calls for service	221	713
Arrests	22	12		Business Checks	17	140
Misdemeanor Citations	1	2		Residential Checks	5	69
Traffic Stops/Citations	47/19	69/52		School Checks	3	30
Warrants Served	1	3		Assist Fire/EMS	13	24
				Investigate Complaints	25	45
Felony Drug Arrests	5	Pend.		Theft	2	0
Possession of Marijuana	2			Abandoned Vehicles	3	51
Dru Abuse Instruments	1			Incident Reports	7	1
OVI	1			Crash Reports	4	0
Drug Paraphernalia	1			Domestic Complaints	9	6
Forgery	1	Pend.				
Patriot K-9 Activity	6					
Receiving Stolen Prop.	1	Pend.		Resisting Arrest	1	
DUS	1			Obstructing	1	
Fleeing & Eluding	1			Escape	1	
Domestic Violence	1			Theft Village Property	1	
Assault	2			Stolen Vehicle	1	Inv.

Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp in place of Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee

- Statistics: Fire 137, EMS 424 = YTD Totals 561
- They are actively looking for a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic.
- Squad run – a male fell 15-20 feet out of a tree, a half mile up a hill on Little Indian Creek. The patient was able to use his cellphone to call 911. The rescue involved the Fire, EMS and Police Departments, Aircare and a gator to get the patient down the hill to the landing zone for Aircare.
- There will be a Safety Day at the Fire Department on 10/16/2021 1pm-4pm held by the New Richmond Fire/ EMS/ Police Departments. There will be vehicles to view and activities including a demonstration by Sgt. Jason Mallott and his partner Patriot.

Mayor Glenn Ewing – Nothing to report.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

- He reiterated the value of the Police cameras.
- Regatta and Ashburn Woods District TIFS – are up for the final read tonight and will be voted on by council. If passed Clerk of Council Fuchs will email the ordinances to him and he will timely prepare paperwork and notices for the county and state.

Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs – Nothing to report.



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LEGISLATION

First Reading: Nothing to read.

Second Reading: Nothing to read.

Third Reading:

(\*M4) 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

**M4 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve 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; 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

(\*M5) 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

**M5 Councilwoman Allen motioned to approve 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; 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

(\*M6) RESOLUTION 2021-16 AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

**M6 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2021-16 AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS; 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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(\*M7) 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

**M7 Councilman Prues motioned to approve 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; seconded by Councilwoman Slade. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

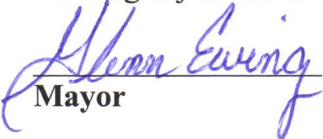
Larry Prues – Nothing to report.  
Mary Allen – Nothing to report.  
Becky Ploucha – Nothing to report.  
Gary Skeene – Nothing to report.  
Melanie Slade – Nothing to report.  
Richard Feldkamp – Nothing to report.

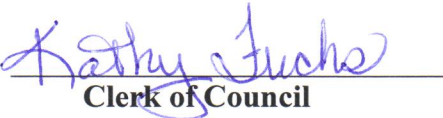
**Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:**  
No additional comments from the audience.

**M8 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk of Council