

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## 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, April, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Vice Mayor Prues asked for Roll Call of all Council with the following members responding:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

**Present in Council Chambers:** Vice Mayor Larry Prues; Administration: Solicitor Scott Sollmann, Village Administrator Greg Roberts, Clerk of Council Kathy Fuchs and Kelley Snider; Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee  
Additional personnel: Sgt. Jason Mallott

**Guests present (\*resident):** Becca Vaske (Owner of the Green Kayak), Christina McAdams (President of New Richmond Business Association) \*Donna Prues, Kurtis Boggs, James Kimbrell, Cortney Sharp

## COMMUNICATIONS

Becca Vaske – Concerns about DORA during Freedom Fest and River Days

1. Confusing for patrons.

- Business's have been promoting DORA but its confusing for the liquor/beer issues.
- Would like a flyer that says DORA will be closed for these (2) Legacy events
- Vast majority of businesses do not have “no alcohol at this point”.
- Per Greg Roberts, “F Permit Holder” – Can get a DORA designation permit.
- Freedom Fest and River Days do not want a DORA designation because beer sales make the bulk of the profit for the festival to pay for the entertainment and festivals.
- Christina McAdams – Concerns about DORA.
- Sunset, Green Kayak, Front Street, Bucks and Skippers financially support the festival - only Becca.
- Discussion on DORA – should it be shut down or not during these event

- Dick Feldkamp asked Larry Prues if he ever volunteered for River Days - only 5 people have.
- If a patron can get their drinks and leave because the patron would not be locked into staying at that establishment, and would help the flow.
- Ryan Woodruff suggested discussion at the next council meeting (yes) . F Permit needs to be applied.
- Becca Vaske – the businesses are asking for the event holders to pay for the signs and personnel to watch for boundary violators and to move some of the food and beer vendors be set up at other end of the street.
- Richard Feldkamp stated 2021 has less food vendors and crafts and no carnival, he feels it was a failure.

Christine McAdams – Grants Celebration 200<sup>th</sup>

- Police presence turned out well, no problems, and a great community presence

## **MINUTES**

(\*20220426-01) Minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

**20220426-01 Councilman Woodruff motioned to approve the Minutes of April 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Council meeting as written; seconded by Councilman Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Village Administrator Greg Roberts

1. Greg has over 30 years’ experience with River Days. During those 30 years, DORA did not exist. There is no accurate data yet for how DORA would affect this event. (DORA closed down during last years River Days).
  2. Grant Bicentennial: Businesses in the Village reported record sales over the past weekend related to the Grant 200 Block Party and the wonderful weather.
- Tomorrow (4/27/2022) is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grant’s birth in Point Pleasant.

3. Liberty Landing/Haussermann: Electrical service to the corner of Haussermann Park is completed. Duke is scheduling connection and meter installation
4. State Funds to Remove Blighted/Nuisance Buildings: The County Economic Development office has a May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting applications for funding to demolish blighted properties. Legislation is required for condemned property owners; property owner approval is required otherwise. Bob Lindhorst is compiling a list and contact information for property owners. Property owners will need to approve to demolish homes. If the property owner says no, Council will have to pass Resolution for each demolish. If that happens without the grand money the cost can be on their taxes.

Police Chief Mike Couch

**Presented statistics**

141 Total Calls from 4/12/2022 to 04/26/2022

49 of the call were over this weekend (04-22 to 04-25)

- 34 percent of the 2-week calls were within 3 days
- 1 OVI
- 1 Person with a gun suicide attempt, Officer did a great job.
- 3-5 people fighting on Market
- 1 DOA investigation
- 1 Ticket for 114 in 55 multiple charges
- 1 Assisted S/O on shots fired at Officers
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**DORA**

- 1 Hold Up alarm Officer arrived in less than 1 minute
- 1 Traffic stop for rapid acceleration
- 1 Unruly patron refused entry G/K
- Bethel New Richmond Road speeding 15 and over (12) were residents who live in the area
- Candidates for Police Chief
- Jason FS&S 4/12 – 4/27/2022

Fire Chief Vince Bee

There will be a Mock Crash at the high school for Prom, Tue 05/03/2022 at 12:50pm

Vice President Larry Prues

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

He will be requesting an executive session at the end of the meeting.

ARPA explained Resolution 2022-05 / Resolution 2022-06 need a resolution passed once a year.

Pass a Resolution for each item the money is spend on  
Needs a PORTAL Set up Lynn Baird has done

**20220322-03** Councilwoman Allen motioned to accept the resignation of Clerk of Council Kathy Fuchs effective 4/14/2022; seconded by Councilman Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**LEGISLATION** read by Vice Mayor Larry Prues

**First Reading:** Nothing to read

**Second Reading:** Nothing to read

**Third Reading:** Nothing to read

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Larry Prues

**Dennis Dalton**

Village is going thru “growing pains”, which are good. Complimented the police department and fire department

**Richard Feldkamp** – Nothing to report.

**Ryan Woodruff**

Thanked Fire and Police Department for their work during the Grant Birthday Celebration and thanked the Chief for his attention to the issue at school with the traffic

**Mary Allen**

Ohio Riverway Challenge; 5/31/2022 to 06/9/2022, people will be kayaking and will be stopping by (06/03/2022) Sunset Beach as New Richmond was selected as a stop.  
(council mayor and commissioner)

**Jon Tharpe** – Nothing to report.

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

No comments from the audience wishing to address Council.

**XOXOXOX**

**20220426-02 Councilwomen motioned to hire Diane Schafer for Fiscal Officer effective 04/21/2022; seconded by Councilman Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-XX Councilwoman Mary Allen motioned to hire Kelley Snider for Council Clerk, effective 04/21/2022; seconded by Councilwoman Ryan Woodruff. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-XX Councilwomen Mary Allen motioned to change status of Lynn Baird/Fiscal Officer to Part Time, effective 05/22/2022 and change it from salary to hourly; seconded by Councilman Dennis Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-XX Councilwomen Mary Allen motioned to change termination date for Kathy Fuchs to 06/10/2022; seconded by Councilman Dennis Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-XX Councilman Dennis Dalton motioned to terminate Theresa Leigh from the Trade Tree Commission; seconded by Councilman Ryan Woodruff. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-05 Councilman Ryan Woodruff motioned to suspend (3) Read Rule; seconded by Councilman Dennis Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**20220426-05 Councilman Dennis Dalton motioned to Adopt Standard Allowance for Expenditures from American Rescue Plan Act Funds; seconded by Councilwoman Mary Allen. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**20220426-06 Councilwoman Mary Allen motioned to Suspend (3) Read Rule; seconded by Councilman Dick Feldkamp. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**20220426-06 Councilwoman Mary Allen motioned to Authorize Additional Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act Funds; seconded by Councilman Dennis Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**20220426-XX XOXOX motioned to Support the Ohio Riverway and Its Mission. Funds; seconded by XXX. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(\*20220426) Solicitor Sollmann requested a motion be made for Village Council go into executive session in accordance with ORC 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,

**20220426-11: Councilwoman Allen motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose as set forth by Solicitor Sollmann; seconded by Councilman Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

**20220426-12 Councilwoman Allen motioned to return Regular Session at 8:46pm p.m.; seconded by Councilman Dalton Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

- No business to report.

**20220426-13 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Tharpe Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m..

Vice Mayor Larry Prues: The next Council meeting is Tuesday, 05/09/2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Vice Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**