

**May 24, 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, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**Present in Council Chambers:** Mayor Glenn Ewing; Administration: Solicitor Attorney Jim Barbier for Attorney Scott Sollmann, Village Administrator Greg Roberts, Clerk of Council Kelley Snider; Department Heads: Police chief Mike Couch, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee  
Additional Personnel: Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp and Sgt. Jason Mallott

**Guests present (\*resident):**

Riley Wolf, Village Resident; Kohle Herrin, Village Resident, Kurtis Boggs, Village Resident, Christina McAdams, Business Owner/Village Resident, Chris Capato, Village Resident; Michelle Johnson, Property Owner/Village Resident, Ryleigh Mitchell, Village Resident; Vickie Mitchell, Village Resident, Karen Cahall, Non-Village Resident, Bob Lees, Village Resident, Minta Herrin, Property Owner, Lance Sizemore, Property Owner/Business Resident, Loretta Feldkamp, Village Resident, Dave Stigler, Scott Wolf, Mark Wolf, Rich Feldkamp, Mykayla Feldkamp (Fire and EMS), Elizabeth Hill, Village resident, Matt Abercrombie

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Swearing in of Fire Chief Timothy Feldkamp

Mayor Ewing  
Vince Bee

Public Hearing: 7:11pm – 7:13pm

River View Bluffs Residential TIF District

Motion by Councilperson Allen to open the public hearing for public comment, Second by Councilperson Woodruff

There was no one who provided any public comment.

Public Hearing was closed.

Christina McAdams/NRBA President

Announced the winners of the UPDATE: Congratulations to the winners of the entrepreneurship challenge:

- 1st Ryleigh Mitchell - Collapsible Staircase
- 2nd Bailey Riley & Emily Knippenberg - Pepper Spray Attachment
- 3rd Kylee Vail - Destin Restaurant

Christina mentioned that this will be an ongoing event to include upperclassman and will include Job Shadowing from local business's.

Bob Lees

Sandy Crawfis / New Richmond Dog Park Update

- Sandy has raised \$67,000 with \$5,000 more to go

Military Museum Open House

The event is this Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. The VFW and American Legion has worked hard on this event.

Music In The Park

Will take place every Wednesday from 6pm-8pm in Hausermann Park every Wednesday (weather permitting). Will have a variety of bands.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Prues motioned to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2022 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Tharpe. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **Village Administrator Greg Roberts**

#### **Motions for Street Closure**

- Grand Opening “NR Military Museum” Saturday, May 28, Front Street from Quarry Street to Main Street, 10am-2pm, per map
- “NR Pride Parade, Saturday, June 11, Front Street, Plum Street to Western Ave. to 1pm per map
- “NR Pride Event” Friday, June 10, 10am to Sunday June 12, 11:55pm, Front Street to Main Street to Western Ave per map
- “Summer Concert Series” per schedule and map

#### **Adopt a Park Program**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Bob Lindhorst was on hand to answer any questions about this. We are requesting a motion from Council to proceed with the program as outlined by and endorsed by Planning Commission. There will be details to be ironed out moving forward. Councilperson Woodruff motioned to start the process of Adopt a Park, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Police Chief Mike Couch

Chief Couch presented his crime report.

Asked that Chris Beckman be taken off probation and change pay rate to \$18.00 per hours.

Councilperson Allen motioned for pay rate and take off probation as of 04/09/2022. Second by Councilperson Woodruff;

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

#### **Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee**

Tim: Thanked Vince for his service

#### **Mayor Glenn Ewing:**

**Solicitor Attorney Jim Barbier for Attorney Scott Sollmann:** Nothing to report

**Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:** Nothing to report

**LEGISLATION:** Read by Mayor Ewing

**First Reading:** ORD 2022-06, Riverview Bluffs, 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 tax incentive agreement and establishing a tax increment equivalent fund for Riverview Bluffs TIF District

**Second Reding:** RES 2022-07, Ohio Riverway

**Third Reading:** ORD 2022-05, Diane Schafer to live outside the village limits  
Motion by Councilperson Allen, Second by Councilperson Prues

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Larry Prues:** Nothing to report

**Dennis Dalton:** Excused Absentee

**Richard Feldkamp:** Discussed the tragedy in Texas, our thoughts are with the community. Had questions about the boat ramp between NR Auto Sales and Sunset Beach, per Greg Roberts, the tax map shows this is part of Quarry Street.

**Ryan Woodruff:** Received a call from Schack's Yaks in regard to the old boat ramp. Henderson Auto Sales has cars parked there and patrons from Sunset Beach Bar and Grill, who owns the ramp asked for No Parking Signage. Wanted to congratulate all the seniors who are graduating New Richmond Friday night. Received a call from Transportation Department, mentioned that although the tree up by Union Station has been trimmed, the flashing 20 MPH sign is already blocked by the trees (will put a work order in).

**Mary Allen-** Discussed the Ohio River Way. The Ohio River Way has changed name from the Ohio River Recreation Trail to the Ohio River Way. Their main purpose is to promote recreational and water activities along the Ohio River, that will improve tourism, education, and economic development. On June 3, 2022, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and a celebration of our association with the Ohio River Way. This will include a short program in Hausermann Park followed by dinner at Front Street Café. We will put a link to the Ohio River Way website that provides more information about the Ohio River Challenge. The paddlers should arrive in the village around 5:00pm and the program will begin roughly at 5:30.

Councilperson Allen presented the final proposed salaries for FD/EMS to be approved on Tuesday.

Chief Feldkamp will get the difference in salary after his 6 month probation. Chief Feldkamp chair fill is for filling seat on truck when Tim is out.

This has been vetted by Councilperson Allen, Chief Tim Feldkamp, Former Fire Chief Vince Bee, Village Fiscal Officer Diane Schafer and former Village Fiscal Officer Lynn Bair. This is a win for general fund since it does not spend all the funds from the vacated salary/position of the Assistant Chief Position. This would be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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Councilperson Allen made a motion to adopt the salary increase/salary plan for the Fire/EMS Department introduced by Councilperson Dennis Dalton. This change will be effective on the first day of pay period 05/24/2022. Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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

**Jon Tharpe** -Had questions about speed limits and noise ordinance, will discuss in next committee meeting.

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

**Lance Sizemore:** Submitted a bid to purchase the ball fields. Plans are to use it for campground with pool. Councilperson Allen would like to wait to hear from Scott Sollmann in regard to this. Councilperson Woodruff would like to have a discussion with council and gather more information. Councilperson Woodruff stated it was not good for village for land to sit idle. In 2005 a \$180k bid was turned down and in 2019 the property was appraised at \$770,000. Councilperson Feldkamp thanked Mr. Sizemore for the community help in the past. It was noted Tricia Hudson sent proposal to Mayor Ewing and Greg Roberts last Tuesday. This will be discussed at the June 13 committee meeting and Council Meeting June 14.

**Reverend Minta Herrin/Colvin:** Wants to file an Official Complaint to Mayor Ewing in regard to an incident that happened in the village. Police Chief Couch has email conversations with Ms. Herrin showing she never responded to his question, "what was the incident". She first wanted to talk about a committee her and her friends started where one of them inherited money and former Police Offer Meinking was first on board then backed out. Then wanted to discuss Lexipol and stated she has read the entire policy (400 pages) Council agreed to a meeting with Minta and Mayor Ewing (but not a one on one meeting).

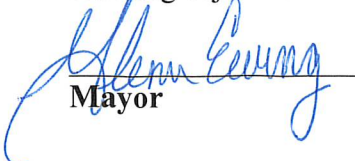
Village CIC: Dormant for 20 years. Being discussed.

**Curtis Boggs:** Sent an email this morning and before that on May 5, 2022 regarding the posts at Union Station and nothing being done. He will not release the poles to the Village. Councilperson Prues said this will be discussed in a Committee Meeting and asked if the village will commit and what the time frame would be, roughly 2 weeks and if Rob wanted to grab from Mr. Boggs garage, which he can unlock from his phone.

Councilmember Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm, seconded by Councilmember Tharpe. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u>	Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Not Present</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m..

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk of Council