

08/23/2022

## 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, 08/23/2022, at 7:02 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 Yes                      Larry Prues Yes                      Dennis Dalton Yes  
Richard Feldkamp Yes                      Jon Tharpe Yes                      Ryan Woodruff Yes

**Present in Council Chambers:** Mayor Glenn Ewing; Administration: Solicitor, Scott Sollmann, Interim Village Administrator, Bob Lindhorst; Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider.

**Department Heads:** Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

**Guests present (\*resident):** Donna Prues, Resident, Bill Marsh, Resident, Steve Light, Business Owner, Kerry Stamper, Resident and Business Owner, Andrew and Stephanie Gephart, Residents, David Painter, Resident and Clermont County Commissioner

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Bill Marsh:** Asked about the culvert issue up around Country Place.

Councilperson Feldkamp stated he was up there with Bob Lindhorst and now understands what he is talking about. It is on agenda to take care of. Bob took a picture of pipe, and it does have a crack in it. Councilperson Dalton asked what needs to be done. Per Bob go up with a backhoe, dig up, put a new pipe in and fill it back up.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the 08/09/2022 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of 08/09/2022 Regular Council meeting with changes; seconded by Councilmember 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 Abstain

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

- New hire Jake Bauman is catching on quick; he is doing a great job.
- Tree Trimming around 20mph sign and well as Union Station.
- Issued a PO to clean a well #2, it is a 2-week job, it's down 30%, Well # 4 is on the riverbank. Asked Diane to plan for future budgets to do a well a year.
- Theresa Goodrich/ODNR \$25K grant for Liberty Landing, she has sent many emails stating grant expired Jun 30<sup>th</sup>. But she said we can re-up for another year, suppose to be used for strictly engineering. KZF is owed about \$4k.
- No parking on south side of Main from Front to Market (too narrow with parking on both side) and No parking on Market Street from Vine to Plum, Councilperson Prues asked if we have signs. There are a lot of cars parking down there that are customers of Ken's that could take up some of the residence parking. Councilperson Dalton talked about mitigated lot. Councilperson asked what it would take to clean up lot, Per Councilperson Dalton, elbow grease, mower bush hog, Will have Scott Sollmann stated to put an ordinance in place, email him a list of the properties. Will have conversation with Ken.

- 10/8/2022 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Taste of New Richmond and Cruise In: Kerry Stamper and Susan Lucas is working with Mustang Group. Trying to get the car people to stay for dinner and listen to live music. Kerry and her team will do clean up.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to close the roads 10/08/2022 from Washington, Western Susanna, Front Street to Main. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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

Scott Sollmann mentioned Greg Parlier/HPA, very impressed with interacting with Bob Lindhorst.

**Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott**

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Kendra Young at \$18 as full time officer, first day of the next pay period, with 1 year probation, second by Councilperson Dalton. Jason stated that she has 8-years' experience.

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

**Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp**

Nothing to report

**Mayor Glenn Ewing**

Reached out to Chris at Duke Energy with a list of trees that needs trimmed. We are scheduled for spring of 2023. Thanked Jason for the list of trees.

**Solicitor, Scott Sollmann**

**Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider**

Passed out flyers to everyone that Mary had created in 2020. Wanted to see if this is something we want to move forward with this. One idea was to put on the website as well as doing a mailing. Maybe put a box at the parks or restaurants.  
 Larry, since covid. We need to get back in to communicating.

**LEGISLATION** read by Mayor Ewing

**First Reading:**

RESOLUTION 2022-14 - ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFIED THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Councilperson Allen, motioned to waive 3-read rule, Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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

Councilperson Allen, motioned to pass as emergency, Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

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

**Second Reading:**

**Third Reading:**

ORDINANCE 2022-09 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 APPROPRIATIONS

Councilperson Allen motioned to approve, seconded by Councilperson Dalton second.

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

## CALL OF MEMBERS:

**Larry Prues** – Questions on the streetlamp/decorative lights on Front Street. We used Scott Green for another project, we have a parts list, we need to try to get those lights working. Councilperson Feldkamp checked on lights at Vesper Park, there are 13 fixtures and the globes do not fit base. Also need to be changed to LED. Poles are good. Bob Lindhorst and Councilperson Prues met with and Scott Green and scope of work 30K.

On Water Cooler to be bought right out and no lease agreement. Met a couple from Bethel, they love NR and want to move here. Offered mayor and Glen house as a joke.

**Dennis Dalton** –

Asked about appraisal – this is week 4.

**Richard Feldkamp** – Nothing to report

**Ryan Woodruff** –

- Resident complaint about basketball hoop on Caroline. Interim Police Chief Mallott sent someone over and sent duty officer and it was taken care of in a timely manner.
- Sent Copies of vacancy ordinances. Township and Village and Ohio does something similar. Type Ohio Vacancy Ord. removed blighted property and stimulated economic growth. Have a discussion later.
- Reached out Public Officials about ARP Funding, what they are doing. See what they are utilizing it for. Councilperson Dalton mentioned Diane brought his attention to this. Councilperson Prues stated we had \$280K altogether, 225K remaining left, mentioned putting in general fund.
- Working on getting a school resource officer with Interim Chief Mallott with our NRPD, this is final year of current contract. Mallott is looking at other contracts and we will be working on it. We can re-negotiate in 2 years.
- Additional parking VFW Mitigated property – Councilperson Prues wants to get a process. Is there a plan? Clear lot and gravel it and light it. Would fit maybe 40-50 cars. Mention of getting Solar Poles as they are inexpensive.
- What do we with the Lamps at Vesper Park? We purchased from Felicity. We can auction off, destroy, maybe put on Craigslist.
- Water and Plum Street questions: What is the concern to vacate property? Dobbins mows Plum St. Water Street is 40 feet out. With Liberty Landing, Water Street could be used as a walking area. If we vacate a street, we need to have an ordinance. Mike Dobbins was going to develop that, nothing has materialized. Councilperson Allen suggested we lease agreement for \$1 a year, can do whatever with it but not sell it. We could put a walking trail behind Landing/Sunset. What about river. Councilperson Woodruff asked what legally we would have to do connect Hausermann towards Water Street. Liberty Landing Engineers can work on it. Councilperson Prues stated it was no value to village and Mike Dobbins does not want to pay for it. Why vacate. Councilperson Feldkamp asked everyone to look at tax map of his property. Former Icehouse is to be tore down. What happens to village if it stays a green space...does it hurt or benefit? Councilperson Prues stated he makes commitments and does not follow thru. He is known to take advantage of taxpayers' money. Councilperson Woodruff is looking into trying to find a way to prevent people on his property. We have paper streets we do not take care of; we have real streets we cannot take care of. Councilperson Prues wants the map set up for everyone to see. Give Mike Dobbins a timeline. Councilperson Allen stated Alleys and Streets just sitting there. Councilperson Feldkamp stated the property was not appraised properly.
- Have we heard anything from Mr. Brumley? 10/25 is after 90 days. Need to have a plan. What are options if boat is still there. We need to start thinking about impounding the Majestic and what the cost will be. He is on the hook for all cost. He lives in Adams County. Councilperson Allen said we do not want to damage the boat as it is historic. Scott Sollmann is checking on a specialty service for this. How do we access property?

**Mary Allen –**

- Met with Interim Police Chief Mallott along with Councilperson Prues, following up on safety cameras, talked to Dorian - our rep that is no longer at Gatso, we are still under contract – we need submit a breach of contract as we have not been able to use it. Supreme Court ruling must be mobile cameras. Interim Police Chief Mallott is checking with Paul Kamphaus to see what the process is. Councilperson Dalton gave statistics on the speed cameras.
- Discussed the Proposed salary structure that everyone received. Scenario 2 seems to be something we could use. At some point will need Executive Session. Could go into effect Jan 1, 2023.

**Jon Tharpe:** Nothing to report

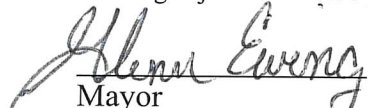
**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Commissioner David Painter: Make sure that we have access to money from Ohio One Agreement is about the Opiate Settlement. 15% Attorney General, 30% municipalities, 55% placed in Ohio Foundation fund. Ready for settlement, prerequisites that allows us to get paid. Stele agreement in place which we do. Have not submitted foundation agreement, passed out 2 resolutions. Scott Sollmann thanked him for bringing this to our attention.
- Happening week of Veterans Day: Operation Green Light, will request that all county buildings, residence, businesses “light up” with green light - this will highlight awareness and the services Veterans can receive.
- Sept 24, Clermont County. Republican Pancake Breakfast, if you would like to meet JD Vance.
- Councilperson Ryan asked if there was any news on Beckjord

Councilperson Woodruff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Allen. 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 8:36 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk of Council