

September 27, 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 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, Village Resident, Lisa Tharpe, Village Resident, Sandy Crawfis, Non-Village Resident, Leo Hurst, Street Department Lead, Bob Lees, Village Resident, Kerry Stamper, Village Resident and Business Owner.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bob Lees: More discussion on the dog park. Its fully funded. Discussed the fencing. We have all the money, but not all in one account. The money needs to be appropriated. Village will pay, RNR will reimburse us. Sandy Crawfis noted that this project was completed just under a year.

Bob Lindhorst noted:

Land cleared, concrete pads for benches and fountains poured and backfilled, several trees trimmed including one added last week, benches, water fountains ordered, dog waste stations still need to be ordered. Fence to be installed mid-October, we have bush hogged the area and finish cut some of it. Looking to complete before the end of the year.

Councilperson Prues made a motion to appropriate \$38,000 to pay the invoice for the fence, the money will be reimbursed to the Village on completion of the fencing, but this is Ord 2022-10 to be passed as emergency.

Kerry Stamper with Front Street Café came forward to amend street closures for Taste of New Richmond to extend to Sophia Street. This will accommodate 120 cars. Councilperson Feldkamp asked if there is room for independent car owners. Councilperson Allen made motion to amend street closure from Main Street to Sophia Street. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 13, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2022, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Prues with correction on the promotion date for Rob Painter to 9/30/2022.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Interim Village Administrator Bob Linhorst

Ashburn Woods: They are doing the final grade on the streets and will be pouring curbs as early as tomorrow. After the curbs are in the first layer of blacktop will be put down for the street. It is my understanding that the first home may start as early as December. Other than a couple of complaints being received during the site preparation, that were addressed, the project has run smoothly.

Another Movie is being filmed just outside the village, The "Bike Riders" by Stoplight Pictures Inc., New Regency Pictures. They need 140 to 240 parking spots depending on what day they are shooting. They were hoping to use the Riverfront RV for parking but that fell through. They are in contact with the soccer field and IGA to acquire their parking needs. I suggested they could use the ballfields for any overflow parking if approved by council. They will be filming a total of (6) days from Mid-October through Mid-November. Will donate to soccer assoc. \$1500. Use soccer fields. There will be big name actors.

Reached out to Chris Clingman with Clermont County Parks regarding the grant for Vesper Parking lighting, can change the scope of that for a fewer number of lights and have an electrician coming down Wednesday to see what we can do with the granted amount, around \$12,000 - Councilperson Feldkamp thought there was \$20,000 (donated by Vespers) was appropriated but Councilperson Dalton confirmed it was \$12,000, maybe 2 funds for same project?

The survey for Liberty Landing was posted last Thursday on social media and will keep it posted for another 3 weeks. 63 surveys were completed.

Leo's last day is this Friday; Rob will take the lead Friday as well. We interviewed for Robs replacement and offer the job to Gary Spires a local who was raised here in New Richmond and resides up the road in Moscow. He is slated to start September 30th this Friday at an hourly rate of \$16.00 upon council's approval.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Gary Spires at \$16 effective 09/30/2022, with a 6-month probationary period. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott:

Touched on the movie and safety night.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Christopher Pairan as a part time officer Starting 9/30 at \$15, 1-year probation, all 18 weeks of training. Councilperson Dalton second. He just graduated academy and is from Pierce Township.

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>

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

Touched on Safety Night.

Rob Mercer resigned. Councilperson Allen made a motion to accept his resignation effective 9/26/2022 from Fire/EMS, Councilperson Dalton seconded it. He was on probation and did not have vacation time to be paid out, but Chief Feldkamp will check on that.

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>

Reclassify Cameron Pelzel from part time to full time at \$17.50 effective October 7, 2022, 6-month probation. Councilperson Allen made a motion to reclassify, Seconded by Councilperson Dalton.

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

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Fall Bash in October would like to amend the street closures to go up Main, Walnut and Union Streets up to Willow, in addition to Front Street to Western Avenue. Councilperson Dalton made that motion, Second by Councilperson Allen.

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

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann In regards to TIF, got official determinations from Ohio Department of Taxation approving TIF Districts of Regatta and Ashburn Woods.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider Nothing to report

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

➤ **ORD 2022-10 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 APPROPRIATIONS**

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3 read rule, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as an emergency, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

➤ **ORD 2022-11 ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF PLUM STREET AND WATER STREET AS DETAILED BELOW.**

➤ **RES 2022-16 RESOLUTION APPOINTING INITIAL REGION 14 REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD**

Councilperson Allen made a motion to waive the 3 read rule, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pass as an emergency, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

➤ **RES 2022-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN REGION 14 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNDER THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to waive the 3 read rule, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to pass as an emergency, seconded by Councilperson Allen.

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

➤ RES 2022-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF NEW RICHMOND TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

Second Reading: None.

Third Reading: None

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report

Dennis Dalton – Thanked Leo Hurst for his 30-year service. Leo would like someone to make a motion to pay him his sick time. Councilperson Dalton doesn't know if that could be done. Councilperson Woodruff does not feel comfortable setting this precedent. Councilperson Allen noted it was done before but that was part of the hiring agreement, it was a condition for hire and is not in the Village's policy manual. Leo mentioned it was 700 hours and it won't bankrupt village and he said he has saved village over time. Councilperson Allen said its around \$15,000. It was all agreed upon that Leo got things done during his time serving the Village.

Richard Feldkamp – Nothing to report

Ryan Woodruff – Rivertown review meeting went great due to all of Mary's hard work and keeping us involved.

Mary Allen – In regard to Ohio Riverway, just a reminder about the 2nd Annual Summit in Lawrenceburg on Nov 14th with a happy hour.

Jon Tharpe – Nothing to report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Allen made motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:55pm pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to discuss employment and compensation of a public employee, seconded by Councilmember Prues 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

Councilperson Allen made a motion to return to regular session, Seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

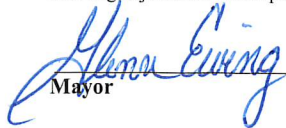
Councilperson Allen made motion to authorize Mayor Ewing to offer Joel Gilpin the Fiscal Officer position starting at \$50,000 Start TBD, seconded by Councilperson Prues.

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

Councilmember Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Prues. 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m..



Mayor



Clerk of Council