

10/25/2022

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday October 25, 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>Yes</u>
Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Glenn Ewing; Administration: Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; Interim Administrator: Bob Lindhorst, Department Heads: Interim Police Chief, Jason Mallott Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Guests present (*resident):

Sophie Woodruff, Donna Prues, Lisa Tharpe, Riley Wolf, Kohle Herrin, Mike Dobbins, Steve Light, Village Resident
Tina Tolin, Eric Williams, Non-Village Resident

COMMUNICATIONS:

MINUTES

Minutes of the **October 11, 2022**, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Prues motioned to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2022, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Personal and Finance / Chairperson Mary Allen / Report Attached

Councilperson Allen made a motion to add Joel Gilpin, new Fiscal Officer as an authorized signer to our bank account, Lynn Baird will stay on the account. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>

Councilperson Allen made a motion to hire Lynn Baird as a part-time Fiscal Officer consultant at the rate of \$19.29 per hour effective November 1, 2022. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>

Councilperson Allen made motion to pay the bills. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>

Councilperson Allen made motion to accept the resignation of Officer Christopher Warner effective October 23. He leaves in good standing. Second 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 acknowledge Fiscal Officer, Joel Gilpin, was hired effective October 17, 2022, at a salary of \$50,000 per year. When he works as a pay per call firefighter, outside of his normal working hours, he will be paid the pay per call rate. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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

- Police Department is down to (2) full time officers.
- Discussed making changes to the Policy and Procedures Policy & Procedures Manual with a change to our paid vacation approach. Suggested multiple ideas and will meet with Chief Feldkamp and Interim Chief Mallott for their input. Will draft the changes and send to Council and the Mayor for their input before a motion to approve the immediate changes are 3 weeks of paid vacation for Department Heads; defined as Police Chief, Fire/EMS Chief, Fiscal Officer, and Village Administrator. Interim Department Heads will get the normal allocated vacation. It is believed this is a better approach to approving various vacation amounts when we hire for key roles. It is recommended that the approved changes would become effective October 1, 2022, to include the newly hired Fiscal Officer, Joel Gilpin, who has worked for the Village as a pay per call Firefighter for the last 20 years.
- There was excellent and lengthy conversation about appropriately budgeting for necessary and unplanned expenditures. Councilperson Dalton has agreed to work with Department Heads to use the assessment tool we have in-house. Councilperson Prues has already been working with Interim Village Administrator, Bob Lindhorst on his requirements. Councilperson Allen even suggested we think ahead to marketing and other expenses that we should consider promoting the Village
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Interim Village Administrator/Bob Lindhorst / Report Attached

- Scott Gafvert-Clermont Co / Would like to have a meeting here at the village to discuss the Hike-Bike-Paddle Initiative. He will be discussing their vision, goals, concerns, and the general sentiment of hike, bike, and paddle infrastructure This will help their department begin to construct a narrative that will form the overall theme of an application for H.B. 377's Appalachian Community Grant Program planning phase. Email will go out with the dates and Councilmembers will make themselves available to meet during normal business hours.
- Mike Dobbins / Received from H&M Surveying the legal descriptions to vacate a portion of Plum St and Water St that border Mr. Dobbins' property, additionally received the Plat of Survey. Once signed and mailed to the county parcels #s will be assigned. At this point there is no easement shown on the drawing, I need to find out next steps to insure there is an easement in place for the storm sewer.
- Grant Vocational / About 30 students from the school arrived yesterday around 9.30am and left at 1.30pm. Activities they performed, sealing picnic tables, cleaning and painting curbs, weed eating and cleaning the riverbank, painted fire hydrants, and trimmed brushes and cleaned flower beds at the Godey House

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott/Attached Speed Chart

Cancelled train with TDI, which is active shooter training, due to only having 2 full time officers.

Steve Light donated the money for the training and would like to know the plan as its concerning. He doesn't want his money back. Per Mayor Ewing, due the training and if not, we will give the money back. Councilperson Woodruff asked about getting help from the Part Time Officers, Pierce Township or Sheriff Department. Councilperson Prues asked the status of hiring someone, and Chief Mallott stated he has one person has applied that is qualified. Councilperson Prues then asked Chief Mallott if the salary proposal submitted and if we move forward would that give us a better chance recruiting and retaining officers, per Chief Mallott, yes. Will resend the proposal in an email to Councilmembers. Guest in audience asked what the age limit – it is 21 and up.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Nothing to report

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Nothing to report

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

- Circulated the ordinance to vacate Plum and Water Street.
- Councilperson Dalton asked about the stats of the Speed Cameras so we can share with public. Waiting on the 52 Speed study.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

Nothing to report

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INCREASED SPEEDING FINES FOR PORTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND

Councilperson Feldkamp asked Interim Police Chief Mallott when the speed camera will be back from Texas. Councilperson Woodruff asked Councilperson Dalton to explain the cameras. 1. Village did a speed study which is why we created the ordinance why the fines will be doubled as speeding continues to be an issue. We have (3) target areas.... Front Street, US 52 and Bethel New Richmond which is the last study. Councilperson Woodruff invited audience to check out the ordinance/resolutions as a member from audience is concerned about lawsuits.

Second Reading:

Third Reading: (being moved to the next meeting 11/08)

ORD 2022-11 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF PLUM STREET AND WATER STREET AS DETAILED.

Councilperson Woodruff made motion to move the Third Reading to 11/08/2022. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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>

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues:

Regarding the Appalachian Grant, the deadline coming, can meet as a committee more often to assure grants in place? Public Works and Personal and Finance meetings? Councilperson Allen noted Ohio Riverway is working with this as well. More Councilmembers will attend the Planning Commission meetings. Councilperson Dalton may be out of town. Would have to put the meeting out to public.

Duke Energy has a plan to replace streetlight and decorative light on Front Street, initiative for decrease on demand electrical system. We will see our energy usage to down 40% to LED. The top of decorative lamps is obsolete. Councilperson Prues will share info with Joel. Councilperson Allen confirmed that it will be for all light fixtured and that we only pay for electricity we use. Councilperson asked a maintenance plan for streetlights. Councilperson Prues thought we have a grandfathered fee. Councilperson Allen noted we need clarification.

Dennis Dalton

Looking forward to working with Dept Heads. Small window on App Grant, need get data collected. 1 month window. Nov/Dec 2022, Nov/Dec 2023, will start with Dept Head meeting. MA /OWR, will get with Bob to discuss Liberty Landing.

Richard Feldkamp

Called David Painter about US 52, confirmed it is a federal highway vs 132 is a state highway, asked how we could help with federal highways. Commissioner Painter will look into it further. US 52 is an AP Highway, may need to wait for round about project.

Ryan Woodruff

Talked with Bob Lindhorst about culvert, we have subcontracted a lot of this work, price is high. Talked about getting employees better training for the Street Department so that these repairs can be done in house.

Mary Allen

Appalachian Grant can be considered for the US 52 projects because of hiking and biking connecting to Liberty Landing and will chat with Bob Lindhorst about this. Councilperson Dalton noted that part of 2.9 from Brad Wenstrup’s for culverts, bike trails. Councilperson Woodruff noted that we are doing culvert assessment. Would we have enough funds to move forward? Per Councilperson Dalton. we do not know how much as we do not know the conditions of culvert or how many roundabouts. We do not know how much we need to match. What paperwork was provided? 52 Project could tie in other grants. Per Councilperson Dalton and Bob Lindhorst, we have sufficient funds. We need to be creative and aggressive and fast. On another note, Councilperson Dalton commented that the Speed Ordinance came down from Interim Police Chief Mallott – he did all the work.

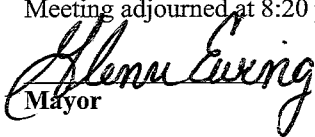
Jon Tharpe

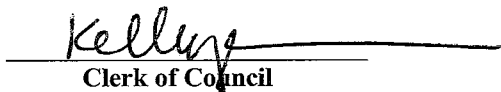
Noted Interim Bob Lindhorst is doing a great job.

Councilmember Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Tharpe. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u>	Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u>	Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..


Mayor


Clerk of Council