

November 23, 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, November 22, 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 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): Kurtis Boggs, Village Resident, Donna Prues, Village Resident, Joe Cala, Non-Village Resident

COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Calla from Summit Locations to answer any questions on sign at 1034 Front Street.

- Councilperson Tharpe: Can sign in future be turned a digital screen? Per Joe, no, state regulations would not allow this due to specific parameters, 3 faces are not allowed. They do not do digital.
- Councilperson Prues: Why not digital? Per Joe, the company looks for traffic count, 20,000 cars have to travel and be consistent before it will be considered and its extremely expensive. Councilperson Allen noted we do have this many cars during rush hour and stated the advertisers should/need to be local.
- Councilperson Tharpe: Confirmed village will have one panel. Asked if we can change the signs ourselves – or can a local sign company do it. Mr. Callas stated he would check on this but for insurance reasons it would need to be another sign company. It will only cost the village \$200 per change. We can purchase vinyl elsewhere.
- Councilperson Prues: Had a citizen call about the old Frisch’s sign. It was thought that it was grandfathered in due to 52 being a Scenic Highway and that when Frisch’s left, it should have left. Per Scott Sollmann, not sure of the specific facts.
- Councilperson Allen: Suggested we have a lease agreement (which there is a lease agreement) and have signage ready to go. “Welcome to NR, Thanks for Coming, River Days, Freedom Fest or 4 Seasonal signs, just to name a few. How do we know what is going up on billboard? Each sign is 12 x24 and \$600. No nudity alcohol or tobacco advertising.
- Councilperson Woodruff would like to know if we can have a topper like the one you see at 275/28 past Milford. Mr. Cala will check on this.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 08, 2022 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of November 08, 2022 Regular Council meeting; 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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator Interim Bob Lindhorst – Report Attached.

Jake Bauman completed his 90-day probation period.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to increase his wage from \$17 to \$17.50 Nov 25, 2022. Second by Councilperson Prues.

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

Contacted Mike Dobbins to see where we stand with vacating Plum and Water Street. HM Survey, working with county go get parcel numbers. Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to remove ORD 2022-11 from Agenda until further notice. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp, hopefully wrapped up by end of year.

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

KZF would like to have a Public Meeting on Liberty Landing. Per Councilperson Dalton, would this be a good time to bring back Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee, getting it started as ASAP. The KZF meeting will take place the 9th before December Council Meeting along with the Zoom link.

Received verbal from Desmond since the last council meeting Community Development Administrator to change approved Augusta Street project to Hamilton Project (sidewalk and curbing) - Projected cost \$113,000.

Koehler Day was in town repairing streets that were tore up for water repair, they also repaired a bad spot-on US 52 west of Admonson.

Moody's will start cleaning Well 2 on Tuesday, the 29th.

Councilperson Prues asked about the Grant writing – Bob noted Caroline put her RFQ into the state as did KZF and Choice One, to be a planner, not sure about Danielle. What about the portion of the 250K? Per Councilperson Dalton that is being coordinated thru the county, but it was told to Councilperson Allen that, but someone spoke to an Ohio Township Trustee, the county started working on this in May and there is a pretty solid list and the last meeting she was in with the ORW, there were people there from all over the map. This is not as clean as we thought this project would be and we need to have something shovel ready by their standards the county probably won't be able to help us with this. Would like to suggest having 1 Village Representative to attend both sets of meetings. Per Councilperson Dalton, this is where the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee will come into place.

Councilperson Allen agreed that we should restart the ad hoc Economic Development Committee. She agreed to draft the organization structure. This will be a hands-on working committee. She said that although Councilperson Prues and Councilperson Dalton would be working on the Appalachian Grant Funding with ORW that they didn't necessarily have to be the chair of the Economic Development Committee because there would be many pieces of work discussed in this committee.

Councilperson Allen has been participating in the ORW Appalachian Funding Grant Program for the Village during the last few months and wants to hand it off to another Councilmember for their involvement in the program. She will be leading and working on other ORW Committees that will help the Village.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to restart the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Woodruff asked about updates on the Clarks property on Front Street. Letters have been sent out to all the campgrounds about water shut off, did have some resistance with all of them. We only have one Ordinance for River Pines Campground. We need to make it broader, to include all campgrounds. August 23rd letters did go out to all the campgrounds, with Clarks replying they will have it out in 2023 and originally going to be seasonal only and he did not pull a permit for electric, tying into water and it does not fall under mobile home via county, he claimed it was a "tiny home". Scott Sollman will work on this.

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

Nothing to report

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Will be hanging the Christmas decorations over the weekend

Mayor Glenn Ewing

In regard to the call Christine McAdams received about the reduced and free lunches, that call was supposed to go to Brad Wenstrup and Adam Bird.

Councilperson Feldkamp made a motion to return the check written by Steve Light for Police Training. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Yes
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Yes

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

We need to hold a Record Retention Meeting the 2nd meeting in Jan at 630pm, Will reach out to someone on the Historic Society to see if they will replace him.

Clerk of Council, Kellev Snider

Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

Second Reading:

RESOLUTION 2022-20 AUTHORIZATION THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES PAID IN 2022 TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR

Third Reading:

ORDINANCE 2022-14 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INCREASED SPEEDING FINES FOR PORTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND. Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to move Third Reading to the December 13th Council Meeting (corrected from the draft) Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues

- Nothing to report.

Dennis Dalton

- There were 58 disconnects and each month this goes up. 25% are Riverview Bluff residents, a few from Ryan Homes, 12% were rentals, mostly homeowners. Disconnects are becoming a 2-day process with roughly \$120 is the unseen cost during these 2 days. Road Department may have to help. Right now, customers need to be past their 2nd pay cycle, (60 days) and it was noted the average bill is at least \$60/average. \$100 would cut 25%/ to 30%. Change the minimum to \$100 and access this in a month.

Councilperson Prues made a motion to raise shut off minimum to \$100, Second by Councilperson Woodruff.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

- Councilperson Dalton wanted to thank Bobbi Phillips and Bob Lindhorst and Councilperson Prues for already working on this.
- Ohio Riverway – It was impressive event. Councilperson Allen did a great job representing. She was a panel chair. This is her 3rd term, and her passion really shows.
- Councilperson Dalton will not be here for December meeting. He made a list will go over in January... we have done a lot of work over the past year.
- The quote is in for striping on Bethel New Richmond.
- Remember we are not just 1 vote. Our vote carries power. Second guess ourselves when we say that.

Richard Feldkamp

- Noted that there are underground storage tanks and was concerned about the Clarks hitting the tanks. Noted that nobody ever talks about this and can't believe they didn't hit them. They have never been removed.

Ryan Woodruff

- Nothing to report.

Mary Allen

- Re-iterated that we need to modify legislation for Campgrounds. Councilperson Feldkamp agreed. Per Scott Sollmann will look into this, if it would be a Public Notice or if we can just change the current ordinance and make it a 3-Read Ordinance. Bob Lindhorst said the campground owners main concern was the number of days they can stay (180 days) since we can have good weather in Nov/Dec. Will keep this the same.
- Looking into and changing wording on vacation policies, will have more questions and will get with Interim Police Chief Mallott. Fire and EMS will not change.
- Received plaque from Ohio Riverway, will display in the office.

Jon Tharpe

- Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

Councilperson Woodruff motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee/official, second by Councilperson 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

Councilperson Woodruff motioned to come back from Executive Session, seconded by Councilperson 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

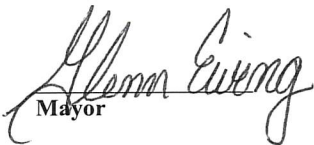
Councilperson Woodruff motioned to extend offer to Eric Williams for Police Chief, to start March 6, 2023, at \$72,000 per year with benefits with a 1-year probationary period, second by Councilperson Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

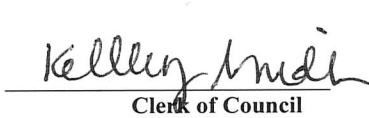
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Richard Feldkamp No Jon Tharpe Yes Ryan Woodruff Yes

Councilperson Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:26 p.m., seconded by Councilperson 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

Meeting adjourned at 08:26 p.m.


Mayor


Clerk of Council