

12/13/2022

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 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 Councilmembers with the following members responding:

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

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Administration: Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst, Clerk of Council Kelley Snider

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

Additional personnel:

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann – due to prior work commitment

Guests present in Council Chambers (* Residents): Gary Skeene, Village Resident and ^vJim Serger, Village Resident

COMMUNICATIONS:

Gary Skeene: Would like to know the status of vacating Water Street/Plum Street. Bob Lindhorst mentioned that we are still waiting on the survey from Mike Dobbins. He is also concerned about hiring Jason Mallott as Police Chief. He thought that Greg Roberts our former Administrator was still getting paid. It was noted he is not still getting paid; it was vacation/sick pay that he received. He also receives insurance through March 2023.

Jim Serger: Wanted to introduce himself and bring up some items that need to be addressed. He is worried about the safety of the village - Fallen trees, limbs and high grass near Beckjord all the way through Adamson on US 52. Also brought to our attention the number of yard signs are placed throughout the village. Bob Lindhorst will make a list and start working on getting these taken care of. Mr. Serger also has concerns about the number of workers we have and what will happen with Liberty Landing and Roundabouts with getting work done and limited staff. He offered to help any way he can. We did get his business card. Councilperson Dalton noted we do have a plan in place and Bob said that we are having issues with time management, but we will start cross training departments.. He then brought up about having a concert at the ballfields by Rivertown IGA – this should be big band names and bring a crowd of at least 10K. He would not keep the money but donate it back to village. Councilperson Allen advised him to research this before he commits.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 23, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve Minutes of the 11/23/2022 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Finance Committee – Report by Fiscal Officer, Joel Gilpin

1. UAN vs. Paycor

Advised and the Committee agrees that we should switch from Paycor to UAN and process payroll in-house. It would save roughly \$500 per month (\$6,000 annually). UAN is the Ohio recommended accounting and finance software.

- Easier for him
- Easier to take care of any errors

He has received the approval from the state, and we'll start with UAN on December 16th. 2022 W-2's will come from Paycor and Paycor will do the 1st quarter taxes, which are for the 4th quarter of 2022. After that, we'll produce the quarterlies.

2. Star Ohio Investment Account – State Asset Reserve of Ohio

This account has been dormant for about 18 months. Joel has recommended and the Committee agrees that we should put some or all our unappropriated funds, especially our emergency reserve, into this system. Lynn hadn't been using it, because she felt there was more risk than she wanted to manage. But Bill Gilpin has been using it for Ohio Township and Bethel and recommends we do this.

We earned \$1,248 in the JAS quarter and he believes we could have earned \$4,100 in one month had the money been in the Star Ohio account vs. a savings account.

He gave Star Ohio updated information in anticipation of our approval. Their rate varies but he would transfer back and forth as needed to our advantage.

We'll need to decide how much we want to move over, and we'll want monthly updates.

3. We have a resolution to approve year-end expected Appropriation changes and amendments
Resolution to transfer money for a \$200 loan payment

4. Developer Engineering Fees – through discussion with Dave Kennedy, we should have received engineering fees from developers. It's a percentage of the value of the development. This hasn't been done since Dave left. We're not sure who was responsible for managing and collecting this. He anticipates we're due about \$13,000. It should have been paid with the zoning fee. He, Bob, and Lynn have discussed changing the zoning fee form to include this.

5. Sewer payment to the General Fund

Years ago, you had to repay within a year. The auditors have loosened the timing and now they just want you pay it back to the appropriate fund. So, we can pay whatever over whatever period we want.

6. Joel had a request and is recommending that we add Domestic partnership benefits to our medical insurance. The Committee agrees and asked Joel to work with Nest Benefits to get this established.

- (*) The Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of November 2022; we need a motion to pay these bills. *

Councilmember Allen motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Councilmember Dalton. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilmember Allen made a motion a motion to for a pay increase or Tommy Welch/Street Department, Second by Councilperson Dalton, \$14 to \$16, effective Dec 30, 2022

Gilpin

Mary Allen Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilperson Allen made a motion to accept Jason Spradlin's resignation as of December 9th, he leaves in good standing. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott would like to hire an officer, candidate to be named at a later date due to him still working, Councilmember Allen made a motion to hire the candidate, at \$20-hour, full time. Councilperson Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilperson Allen noted that Eric Williams accepted our Police Chief and will start March 6, 2023. Will need to discuss Eric Williams salary and will work with Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin on this.

Councilmember Allen made a motion for Interim Police Chief Mallott to carry/roll over 96 hour of vacation time in 2022 to 2023, although this is not village policy, due to the circumstances, it will be allowed. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilmember Allen made a Motion to remove Fire Chief Feldkamp off probation effective December 16, 2022, Second by councilperson Dalton (this will need to be revoked as it did not pass due to lack o majority.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Abstain

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

*Michael Findlan resigned as chairman of Planning Commission. Councilperson Allen will work on a lunch and a proclamation.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:

Moody's is nearing completion of cleaning well #2, we should be back online by mid next week, cost quoted at \$17,400

Met with Duke Energy on running natural gas to Ashburn Woods Development. Current gas line is close to the school. The new line will be direct burial from the school to the development, they will be starting soon. There will be traffic concerns since they will be excavating in the street from the school to Ashburn Woods. This will take weeks and should be happening soon. There will be traffic control. Will start daily at 9am but will work late and should be happening soon as they begin to start developing homes. We need to publicize. Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott will get with the schools.

Signed off on Plate Drawing for Riverview Bluffs Phase 4. Once county assigns parcels numbers and addresses, DA Horton will begin building. Note: They have already applied for 15 housing permits for Ashburn Woods, and broke ground yesterday for the 1st home.

Received the final inspection on 12/9/22 for the Regatta Subdivision Section 2A (Sunrise Lane). NR Development LLC by HPA Development Group is requesting the bond be released, amount \$43,487.76. Will need a motion to release bond.

Councilperson Feldkamp made a motion to release the bond, Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

Met with Joe Calas to discuss digital sign with Jon Tharpe. We do have opportunity for digital sign. We can sell spaces on it. Every 8 times it flips, we have one of those squares. We will probably need help selling the signs.

Two gentlemen came in with Andy Moran wanting to purchase the lots on Walnut/Short Hill. The applications were denied. He has sent them all letters and has not heard anything. Councilperson Allen stated there is an ordinance about billboards and noted that she is against them. We need to take in consideration the roundabouts. Will have a discussion with Caroline Duffy in January.

Will look at the issues on US 52 with the limbs and branches and tall grass per Joe Sergers discussion earlier in the meeting.

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott: Handed out

Gave numbers. 11 Felonies in November and issued 59 traffic citations.

There will be indictments coming soon, roughly 600 charges, with 30 indictments. This will be on the news.

On November 26th, 2022, 2 officers were at 718 Washington guy running through the apartment and hallways with an ak47. The Officers on duty called Interim Chief Jason Mallott. SWAT said to start negotiations. The officers followed the policy and procedures regarding this incident. Councilperson Feldkamp noted the apartments are occupied again. We need to have a safety meeting ASAP.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: Runs 50, YTD 593, thanked the Officers in regards the Washington Street incident. He was able to see this happen from house. Thanked everyone for the last 6 months. Public Relations events went well. Applied for state grant for a new fire truck. Councilperson Dalton noted when we get the truck, we will have big celebration. John Harrison is willing to come to New Richmond with all history of Fire Department, will make it available.

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Thanked the Police Fire and EMS, what they make is not enough for what they do.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Absent due to prior work commitment

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to report

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

RESOLUTION 2022-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER OPERATING FUND TO THE WATER WELL LOAN #4168 FUND.

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

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

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

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
Ryan Woodruff Absent

ORDINANCE 2022-16 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilperson Dalton motioned to waive 3-read rule, Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes

Larry Prues Absent
Jon Tharpe Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes
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