

August 14, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:02 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Amanda Davidson, Melanie Slade, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire and EMS Chief and Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief

Also attending:

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Motz- 3966 Oneonta Rd. California KY 41007

Charlie Scott- 622 Willow Street

Teresa Daniels- 404 Susanna Way

Nancy Swats – Susanna Way

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way

Patrick Blair- Lights Pointe

Andrew Gephardt- Planning and Zoning Administrator

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Skeene, Allen, Slade, Feldkamp, Davidson and Vanderbosch.

Minutes of July 24th were presented for approval. Mary Allen motioned to approve, Seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Mr. Motz, Complaint about River Pines Light:

Mr. Motz from Campbell County, Kentucky addressed Council about a light at the boat launch at the River Pines RV Resort. His home is across the river on the hill facing New Richmond. He explained he can see the lights at Frisch's and IGA from his home. He went on to say that the LED light at the boat launch at River Pines that was installed last fall is especially bright and illuminates the interior of his house. He said that he has been on River Pines property and attempted to adjust the light himself and was later confronted by River Pines officials and met with expletives. A discussion ensued. Council member Allen suggested that the reception he received may have been the result of his unauthorized presence on private property and his attempt to adjust the light himself. Village Administrator Roberts offered to approach the River Pines board and look at the light in question to see if some adjustment could be made and report back to Mr. Motz and to Council.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Lower Bethel- New Richmond Paving:

Bids were opened on July 30th for paving the lower end of Bethel- New Richmond Road. There were three bidders with the following bids: J.K. Meurer - \$95,458, Rack & Ballauer Excavating - \$90,153.50 , Brown County Construction - \$70,365

Brandstetter Carroll recommends accepting the bid from Brown County Construction as the lowest most responsive bid. If the bid is accepted, BCC anticipates starting the work within the next three weeks. BCC paved Grays Lane for the Village last year. Roberts requested a motion to accept Resolution 2018-09 to award contract to Brown County Construction and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Feldkamp motioned to suspend the three reading rule, seconded by Mr. Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Ms. Allen motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-09 “A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT REPAIRS AND PAVING OF BETHEL-NEW RICHMOND ROAD TO BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” , seconded by Mr. Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Present:

Committee Members: Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch and Mary Allen.

Staff: Fire/EMS Chief; Vince Bee, Interim Police; Chief Mike Couch, Village

Administrator; Greg Roberts, and Fiscal Officer; Lynn Baird: Andrew Gephardt

Guests: Mayor Carr

Mr. Vanderbosch reported that the Ad Hoc Wage and Salary Committee recommends to Council that all employees be given a 3% cost of living increase effective with the pay period beginning August 17, 2018. Mr. Vanderbosch made a motion for such, seconded by Ms. Allen:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch then motioned to disband the Ad Hoc Wage and Salary Committee seconded by Ms. Allen:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- Lynn distributed the June 2018 financial report. A motion is needed to pay bills 471-2018 through 614-2018 and warrants 36178 through 36198 included in the July report. Bill and warrant numbers are not always consecutive. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion to pay the bills seconded by Ms. Allen:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

January	\$307,969	May	\$236,551	September	
February	\$208,696	June	\$198,743	October	
March	\$260,953	July	\$250,174	November	
April	\$242,802	August		December	
				Total	\$1,705,834

- Lynn indicated that several appropriation changes will be needed to reflect the cost of living increases and other items.
- Flood expenses submitted to FEMA may be reimbursed by Ohio EMA up to \$150,000 for expenses incurred due to the “high water event “ earlier this year.
- Lynn has requested estimated capital expenditure needs for 2019 budget from department heads. Chief Bee and Chief Couch submitted their requests at the meeting.
- We will be getting a health care quote from Humana and the Center for Local Government is expected to also provide a quote.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Greg indicated that the replacement gazebo for Rose Vesper Park should be installed before the snows come.
- He is aware of trees hanging over roadways and sidewalks in several areas of the village.
- Greg announced that the Clerk of Council will be leaving for other employment and another long-term employee has indicated their intention to retire in October.
- The Village’s project to upgrade the promenade with a curb and sidewalk has been recommended for funding by the County via a CDBG grant.
- Greg reported that the HPA Development Group is seeking a relief of permit fees as additional incentives with respect to the Regatta/Union Station developments. The Committee’s reaction was negative.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Chief Bee pointed out that when wages and salaries were adjusted two years ago, he elected not to include the Fire and EMS departments in that action. He now requests a 2% adjustment in addition to the 3% already recommended for all employees. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion , seconded by Ms. Allen:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Vince also requested that the salary for Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp be increased to match that of the police sergeant. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Slade. During discussion, Ms. Allen stated that although she was certain the increase was deserved she questioned the size of the increase at one time and suggested it might be split over two increases. Chief Bee mentioned that Assistant Chief Feldkamp asked not to grant the increase. Mr. Vanderbosch withdrew his motion. No vote was taken.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Mike asked that the hourly rate for Officer Saylor be increased from \$17 to \$18 per hour effective with the pay period beginning August 17, 2018.

Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion seconded by Mr. Skeene:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Barry Shields resigned from the Department in good standing effective August 1, 2018. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion seconded by Mrs. Slade:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Present:

Committee Members: Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch, and Richard Feldkamp
Staff: Assistant Fire/EMS Chief; Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief; Mike Couch, Fire/EMS Chief; Vince Bee and Village Administrator; Greg Roberts; Planning and Zoning Administrator, Andrew Gephardt
Mayor Carr
Guest: Mary Allen

Items discussed as follows:

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Discussed cars and other vehicles blocking sidewalks. The NRPD will follow up with citations.
- Discussion about Ohio Basic Code and with Chief Bee about the need to adopt the most recent Ohio State Fire Code. 2018 Ohio Basic Code was adopted earlier this year. Mr. Feldkamp made the motion to adopt the most recent edition of the State Fire code seconded by Mr. Skeene:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Roberts reported the ongoing problem with residents sitting brush out prematurely. Brush should only be sat out at the curb the week prior to the last full week of the month.

- Roberts discussed the mowing of the U.S. 52 right of way between Pond Run and Beckjord. The village has mowed this for years although more than half of this right of way is not in the Village and should be the responsibility of ODOT. It was finally mowed, presumably by ODOT, for the first time this season.
- Received a complaint from a resident of Kentucky about a LED light from River Pines. Details reported earlier in these minutes.
- Roberts requested that the NRPD night shifts report any street light outages so that he can report to Duke for repair.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Reported on donation to the Department from Queen City Firearms.
- Mike requested permission to order a new K-9 car that has been discussed before and is in the current police budget. Mr. Feldkamp made the motion to proceed with the purchase of the K-9 vehicle with a spend up to \$30,000, seconded by Mr. Skeene:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

- School supply donations were solicited and distributed by the Department
- Chief Couch encouraged all to check out the New Richmond Police, Fire and EMS Departments rendition of the Lip Sync Challenge on You Tube.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Chief Bee reported that all fire gear damaged during the ODOT building fire on Old 52 has been replaced and covered by insurance.

Public Works, Melanie Slade:

Present:

Greg Roberts, Melanie Slade, Andrew Gephardt, and Mary Allen.

absent: Amanda Davidson

Items discussed:

- Greg Roberts reported on the bids received for Bethel New Richmond Road Paving and the CDBG grant for the Promenade upgrade.

Economic Development, Mary Allen:

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Members Present: David Vornholt (NROBA), Melanie Slade (Councilwoman), Greg Roberts (Village Administrator), and Mary Allen (Committee Chair)

Members Absent: Ramona Carr, Mayor, Gary Skeene (Councilman), Misty Troutt, and Betsy Mitchell.

Visitors: Debbie Deters, Andrew Gephardt

Discussion:

- Most of the meeting was devoted to the Kick Off of and training for the Ambassadors Program. David Vornholt is directing the program and it is sponsored by the NROBA (New Richmond Ohio Business Association).

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Nothing to report

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Nothing to report

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing to report

Allen – Mentioned a wonderful library program sponsored by Historic New Richmond last night featuring Anthony Gibbs’ presentation on black soldiers in the Civil War.

Davidson- Nothing to report

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Nothing to report

Slade- Nothing to report

Visitors:

Patrick Blair- Lights Pointe Mentioned brush sitting at the curbs and weeds around the village look terrible.

Charlie Scott- 622 Willow Street Expressed concern over Village ownership of the K-9. Mayor Carr explained that the current and previous dogs were owned by their handlers. The next dog will be owned by the Village. Chief Couch explained the need for safeguards in a new car to protect the canine from excessive heat and the value of the K-9 unit in terms of arrests leading to monetary and property forfeitures.

Nancy Swats- Susanna Way Mentioned the large number of abandoned and vacant properties and specifically mentioned the junk on the private lot at the corner of Willow and Sycamore. Andrew Gephardt will issue a clean up notice to the owner.

David Vornholt – Susanna Way Complimented Mary Allen on her work and support for the Ambassador Program. Dave hosted a Mark Twain living historian at his B&B that had performed at the Chilo River Museum.

Amanda Davidson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37PM, seconded by Mary Allen

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council