

09-12-2023

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 12th, 2023 at 7pm.

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>Yes</u>	Dennis Dalton <u>Absent</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 Eric Williams

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann / Absent / Prior Work Commitment

Guests present in Council Chambers

Resident : Lisa Tharpe

Non-Village Resident: Jim Serger

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jim Serger:

- Commented on how great the summer was here in the village.
- The New Richmond Ohio Vertical Sign on the riverbank is still cracked and would like to know how he can help get that up. Councilperson Tharpe works for a sign company and is working on pricing and materials.
- Asked if we could remove Ruben Willis Ballpark from our Park list.
- What is status of getting a part time person that we discussed at the beginning of summer.
- There are 3 metal rods close to McDonald's and would like to know if we can the rods be removed.
- Price Hill has gravel speed bumps; it will slow people down and easy to plow in the winter.
- Bob Lindhorst and Gary Spires have done unbelievable job. Bob wears many hats. He thanked them.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilperson Prues made motion to approve Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Allen, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(Provided below is a synopsis for each report; to obtain a full copy please visit the administrative office.):*

Personnel & Finance Committee Report from the meeting held Monday.

Discussion Topics:

There were discussions in the normal four broad areas: Finance, Village Administration, Police Department, and the Fire & EMS Department. We also discussed our ongoing Levy Planning next steps.

Finance – Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio for August was \$5,264.72.
2. Levies have been approved by the Board of Elections. We're just waiting on the sample ballot for approval.
3. We're currently in the middle of the 2021-2022 State Audit.
4. We have a resolution that needs to be passed, to accept the amounts and rates determined by the budget commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
5. Rita has sent out approximately 750 administrative subpoenas to residents that didn't file RITA tax returns.
6. We've received estimates for street lights from Duke, but we need more clarity about what they're charging us.

***The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month August 2023.**

Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

Councilperson Allen made motion to pay the bills, second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Village Administration – Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst
Bob has been interviewing and found a candidate for the Street
Department Lead Position. He'd like to hire Nicholas Hadley effective
September 13, 2023, as the Full-time Street Department Lead, at \$20.00
per hour and after 90 days, with satisfactory employment, his rate will be
\$20.50 per hour. He'll serve a 1-year probation.

Councilperson Allen made Motion to hire Nicholas Hadley as the full-time
Street Department Lead at the rate of \$20.00 per hour effective September
13, 2023. His rate of pay will increase with satisfactory employment to
**\$20.50 per hour after 90 days. He'll serve a 1-year probation. Second by
Councilperson Prues.**

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

Police Department – Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams didn't have anything.

Fire/EMS Department – Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp didn't have anything.

Levy Discussion:

Councilman Prues reviewed our next steps for the Levy and each of us
provided updates on our tasks. Chief Williams shared the video he had
created for the web site and we all provided some thoughts on the wording
to enhance the video.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:

Planning/Zoning

August was a slow month only 7 permits were issued, none were for new housing.

Received an email from Desmond Maaytah from the (Clermont County Land Reutilization Office) stating there is \$150M available for demolition and site revitalization which we part of last year and the information is due by September 25th. They have supplied a Demo Site Submission Spread Sheet and Access Demolition Agreement for the property owner. Possible sites for demo.

208 Susanna Way

512 Center Street

324 Quarry

217 Washington Street

218 Congress Street

515 Front Street

153 Sophia Street

2403 State Rt 132

Resolution later tonight regarding improvements to High Street via a grant with OPWC, the original project was applied through CDBG and was not approved. Cost \$220K

We have been down to one employee for the street department since the 12th and we still managed to take care of brush collection the last 2 months, trim trees on Front, Willow, Union, Main and Market Streets, removed a tree on Susanna way, still more to do, clean, weed eat and trim cutters/curbs on Front, Quarry and Main streets, maintain grass cutting schedules, boom mower BNR Road before school started and excavation for 5 water leaks, and other odds and ends.

We are going to start on replacing street sighs this week and will dedicate (2) days a week till completion. Will advise on time schedule ounce I have a feel for installation times.

Update on Playground sets; identified replacement parts needed and received quote from Penchura, for \$5740, in the process of cutting a PO. Will advise on delivery date. The water fountain at Union Square Park was not activated this spring and seems too late in the season to activate. The fountain in Plum Street Park has not been operational for 10+ years and no one seems to know why., do we need to get operational and if so, we should probably wait till spring.

Had a suggestion from Wayne Catron, who adopted Plum Street Park, about changing the skateboard part around moving the bad pieces out and putting the good pieces down the drive (Plum St) and turning the open area into a Pickle Ball Court. He also stated it wouldn't bother him if the water fountain was removed.

Police Chief Eric Williams:

- 20 Citations for speed, 6 other, 26 total for 2 weeks.
- Working on a grant for body armor. Will be roughly \$1000 per officer.
- New speed lasers are in.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: Handed out run totals. 53 runs, YTD 417

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Asked Council to consider a \$1 pay increase for Kelley Snider.

Councilperson Allen made motion to increase Kelley Snider payrate by \$1, effective next pay period, September 22nd. Second by Councilperson Feldkamp.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Absent

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

Resolution 2023-22 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES / **Pass as emergency.**

Councilperson Allen made motion to waive the 3-read rule for **Resolution 2023-22** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Councilperson Allen made motion to pass as an emergency for **Resolution 2023-22** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES, Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Absent

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

RESOLUTION 2023-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED / **Pass as emergency.**

Councilperson Prues made motion to waive the 3-read rule for RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED Second by Councilperson Allen.

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

Councilperson Prues made motion to pass as emergency for **Resolution 2023-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, Second by Councilperson Allen.

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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – Nothing to report.

Ryan Woodruff – Absent.

Richard Feldkamp –

- Heard that election will take place at library and that's not big enough. Trying to get it moved back to the church.
- What are thoughts on if the levy does not pass. Councilperson Allen thinks its too early and that we also need to be straight forward with residents.

Jon Tharpe – Nothing to report.

Mary Allen –

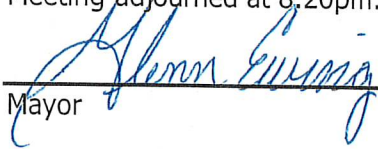
- Author Christine Greene who wrote Mary Lumpkins Devils Half Acre will host an event at the New Richmond Library and a lunch will be held at Front Street Café, September 28th at 11am.
- OWR Annual Summit Oct 25th and 26th in Madison, IN.
- Adult Outdoor Recreation Center has been in contact about an Adult Exercise and grants that are offered that might benefit the village.

Dennis Dalton – Absent

Councilperson Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Councilperson Allen. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.



Mayor



Council Clerk