

September 25, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp,, 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
Amanda Davidson was absent.

Also attending:

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way

Michael Findlan- Old U.S. 52

Theresa Daniel- Susanna Way

Patrick Blair- Light's Point Ct.

Charles Scott- Willow Street

Charles Buckingham- Regatta Dr.

Jennifer Bramlage- Front Street

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of September 11th were presented for approval. Mary Allen clarified that it was the New Richmond Business Association that needed help with the Christmas Walk. Gary Skeene motioned to approve as amended, Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

No comments.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Bethel-New Richmond Paving:

Milling and surface preparation was completed on the lower section of Bethel-New Richmond today. Paving is anticipated for Thursday due to predicted rain tomorrow.

Boat Launch and River Watch:

The boat launch is temporarily inaccessible due to excessive mud left behind by the rapid fall of the river. Subsequent wet weather has made the ramp too slippery and unsafe for the back hoe. The Ohio River is predicted to crest just short of 48 ft. late this Saturday.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

The Personnel and Finance meeting was held on September 24th at 4:30. Members present at the meeting were Mary Allen, Gary Skeene and Paul Vanderbosch. Staff Present: Mayor Carr, Lynn Baird, Greg Roberts, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Sgt. Jason Malott, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee.

Property taxes were discussed and how they were calculated and applied in Ohio. The process is complex and difficult to understand. Mary Allen suggested inviting a representative from the County to better explain the system to Council.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer

2018 Flood Expenses:

- \$57,000 has already been expensed
- The total claim has been reduced by Ohio EMA to roughly \$150,000
- The State will reimburse 75% of approved project expenditures directly to the Village. The County is no longer involved in this process
- Appropriation changes will be needed to pay for the reimbursable expenditures

Medical Insurance:

- The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) Medical Plan through Anthem has comparable plans with better coverage that are less expensive than our current plans. The Village would need to join a member of the SOCA in order to participate. Since the Clermont County Chamber is not a member it was recommended that the Village join the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Represents a savings of approximately \$950 per month for the Village
- Employee savings range from \$20 to \$50 per month depending on the individual plan
- Center for Local Government Plan was more expensive
- The SOCA Plan includes dental coverage.

Mr. Vanderbosch motioned to join Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce in order to participate in the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance Medical Plan.

Seconded by Ms. Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Appropriation Changes:

- Additional appropriation changes may be needed when funding is received from Ohio EMA
- Resolution 2018-13 accepting levies and tax rates needs approved and returned to the County Auditor's office by October 1st

The Village is using some of its carryover monies to fund appropriations and operations in 2018. When the Fiscal Officer reports that we "may be out of money" in late 2019, early 2020 she means that available resources – both carryover and current revenue- would not be able to fund all the appropriations.

Greg Roberts, Administrator

- Greg reported that the Village is expected to receive \$111,000 in Ohio EMA grant money to reimburse for flood related expenses. As reported by Lynn, the Village must first pay for the items.
- Roberts also reported that the Village of Moscow has offered its part-time Administrator position to our planning and zoning administrator Andrew Gephardt

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

- Bee reported that Tyler Cahill successfully completed his National Registry and State of Ohio certification as Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. Requests that Tyler Cahill be reclassified as a Firefighter/Paramedic with a pay adjustment retroactive to the pay period beginning July 20,2018 to his new pay rate of \$13.65 hourly.

Mr. Vanderbosch motioned to reclassify Tyler Cahill as a Firefighter/Paramedic with a pay adjustment retroactive to the pay period beginning July 20,2018 to his new pay rate of \$13.65 hourly. Seconded by Ms. Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Chief Bee and Assistant Chief Feldkamp successfully completed a 40 hour Fire Investigation course held at Scarlet Oaks Career Center.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Hughes successfully completed a 40 hour Fire Officer 1 course conducted through Bowling Green State University.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief

- David Dye has resigned in good standing as an auxiliary police officer effective September 26, 2018.
- Couch requested that Thomas Crawford be appointed as an auxiliary police officer also effective September 26, 2018.

Mr. Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of David Dye in good standing and appoint Thomas Crawford as an auxiliary police officer both effective September 26, 2018. Mr. Feldkamp seconded.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

At the request of Mayor Carr the Personnel & Finance Committee entered into Executive Session at 5:30pm pursuant to R.C. §121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a Village employee/position. The Committee returned to regular session at 6:10pm and adjourned at 6:15pm.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Couch thanked Council for passing the 3% cost of living increase saying he felt it had a positive effect on the morale of the Police Department.
- There are 3 ongoing felony drug investigations in progress and one felony arrest for crystal meth in September.
- There have been 415 calls for service in the month.
- One of the perpetrators behind the gun fire incident back in May has been sentenced to 10 years.

- Couch has received two quotes for upgrading surveillance cameras at Village Hall. Mobilcom bid \$7500. OP Home Security Systems bid \$5600 for equivalent equipment. Mayor Carr stated that the Administrator had the authority to approve the purchase.
- Sgt. Jason Malott will be testing two dogs for the new K-9 unit on October 6th.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Chief Bee echoed Couch’s statement of appreciation for the cost of living increase.

Ramona Carr, Mayor

- Mayor Carr reported that she and Fiscal Officer Baird and Administrator Roberts had interviewed two qualified candidates for Clerk of Council. Mayor Carr recommended the position be offered to Theresa Leigh at a rate of \$13.00 per hour for 24 hours per week beginning October 1st, 2018.

Mr. Vanderbosch motioned to hire Theresa Leigh at a rate of \$13.00 per hour for 24 hours per week beginning October 1st, 2018. Ms. Allen seconded.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Mayor Carr reported that the County had designated Wednesday October 31st, 2018 from 6 to 8pm as Trick or Treat night in the county and, as per tradition, the Village will follow this same designation.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

Second Reading:

RESOLUTION 2018-11: A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

RESOLUTION 2018-13: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Skeene motioned to suspend the three reading rule for Resolution 2018-13 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Skeene motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-13: A Resolution accepting the rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Third Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-16: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CLERMONT COUNTY WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS AS THE REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE

Ms. Allen motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-16: An ordinance adopting the Clermont County Water Management and Sediment Control regulations as the regulations of the Village. Seconded by Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

RESOLUTION 2018-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL OF CLERMONT COUNTY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

Ms. Allen motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-10: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Village of New Richmond to enter into a contract with the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County to continue working with the Chief Building Official of Clermont County for administration and enforcement of water management and sediment control regulations. Seconded by Mrs. Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing to report

Allen – Nothing to report

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Nothing to report

Slade- Nothing to report

Visitors:

Several residents mentioned concerns about weeds on both private and Village owned properties. The inoperable fire hydrant at Union and Center Streets was also mentioned.

Mary Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council