

November 27, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Council Members: Richard Feldkamp, Melanie Slade, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch. Administration: Ramona Carr, Mayor; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief; Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief; Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council. Absent: Gary Skeene (family matter). Scott Sollmann, Solicitor, arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Also attending:

Nick Way 814 Front St.

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

November 13th, 2018 Council Minutes were presented for approval. Mary Allen motioned to approve; Seconded by Melanie Slade.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: abstain

Mr. Skeene: absent

Mrs. Davidson: abstain

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Nick Way, Resident: In March/April of this year, the Village added gravel to repair a section of road located near Mr. Way's 814 Front St. residence. The gravel has settled and formed a grooved lip; Mr. Way would like the Village to fix this issue.

Comments:

Greg Roberts will look into what needs to be done to address the issue.

Village Administrators Report

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Working to establish village email addresses for Council Members by first of the year.
- The annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance program will be held 2 p.m. Sunday December 2nd at the New Richmond Elementary. Please come say hello to Joe Witt, our neighbor and Pearl Harbor survivor.
- The River Village Christmas sponsored by the NROBA will take place Saturday December 8th on Front St.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance Committee:

Paul Vanderbosch, (Committee Chairperson): The Committee met November 27, 2018 at 4:40 p.m. Committee members present: Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch. Gary Skeene was absent. Also present: Ramona Carr, Mayor; Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer; Greg Roberts, Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief; Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief; Jason Mallott, NRPD Sergeant.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- The Village received a \$500. Public Entities Pool (PEP) grant to purchase crowd control barricades.
- Temporary appropriations are scheduled for the Second Reading at the November 27th Council Meeting.
- Additional appropriation changes are needed for year-end closing.
- R.I.T.A. revenue: 2018 \$554,738; 2017 \$525,858; 2016 \$526,706.
- "Legal" collections for 2016, -17 and -18 were \$11,044 with expenses of \$9,293

Greg Roberts, Administrator:

- Jeff Knoechel retired from the Maintenance Department effective October 31, 2018.

Motion to accept Jeff Knoechel's retirement. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion; Seconded by Mrs. Richardson.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Reported on Police activity during November to date. Majority of arrests were non-residents.
- Will present recommended fees for golf cart inspections as part of Ordinance 2009-14.
- The third reading authorizing the elimination of the Corporal position in the NRPD is scheduled for Council on November 27, 2018.
- Thomas Crawford resigned as auxiliary Police officer effective November 18, 2018.

Motion to accept the resignation of Thomas Crawford. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion; Seconded by Ms. Allen.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Requested the reclassification of Matt Abercrombie from Paid per Call FF/EMT to part time FF/EMT/Maintenance Assistant effective November 28, 2018 at \$15.00 per hour. He will serve a six (6) month probation per Village policy and procedures.
- Requested the acceptance of the following resignations, all leaving in good standing.
 - Rachel Smith - Paid per Call
 - Andrea Stone - Paid per Call
 - Travis Stone - Paid per Call
 - Daniel Young - Part Time
 - Robert Mercer — Part Time
 - April Travis - Part Time
- Requested the removal from probation for FF/Paramedic Joshua Hughes after successful completion of his one-year (1) employment. Request the

promotion of Joshua Hughes to the position of Lieutenant. He is to serve a six (6) month probation per Village policy and procedures.

Motion to accept (1) the reclassification of Matt Abercrombie from Paid per Call FF/EMT to part time FF/EMT/Maintenance Assistant effective November 28, 2018 at \$15.00 per hour (2) the following resignations: Rachel Smith, Andrea Stone, Travis Stone, Daniel Young and April Travis. (3) the removal from probation for FF/Paramedic Joshua Hughes after successful completion of his one-year (1 year) employment and (4) the promotion of Joshua Hughes to the position of Lieutenant. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion; Seconded by Ms. Allen.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor Ramona Carr and Fire Chief Vince Bee performed the signing-in ceremony for Josh Hughes to Lieutenant. Congratulations Lieutenant Hughes!

The Personnel & Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee

Richard Feldkamp (Committee Chairperson):

- The Safety, Laws & Rules Committee meeting was held 11/26/2018; meeting began at 3:45 p.m. Present: Committee Members: Paul Vanderbosch, Richard Feldkamp, Andrew Gephardt. Administration: Greg Roberts, Chief Mike Couch, Chief Vince Bee, Sgt. Jason Malott and guest Mary Allen.

Greg Roberts, Administrator:

- We are looking at the vacant property problem and steps to improve the current situation.
- We are looking at ways to make the speed and red light cameras more visible. He is meeting with Capital Electric about connections for the cameras.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- The NRPD began checking properties of businesses and schools to ensure doors are properly locked and there's no suspicious activity on the properties.
- The NRPD announced on Facebook they will be passing food out to needy families (as identified by the local school district.)

Vince Bee, Fire Chief:

- We are planning on removing the siren from the hose tower for repair.

The Safety, Laws & Rules Committee meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Public Works Committee

Amanda Davidson (Committee Chairperson):

- There will be no meeting in December. Beginning January 2019, the Public Works Committee will begin meeting just once a month instead of twice a month.

Economic Development Committee

Mary Allen (Committee Chairperson): The Committee met November 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present: Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade. Absent: Gary Skeene. Also present: David Vornholt, NROBA; Misty Troutt, NROBA; Betsy Mitchell, resident; Michael Findlan, Planning Commission Chair; Andrew Gephardt, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator Absent: Ramona Carr, Mayor; Bob Lees, NROBA

- Greg Roberts, Andrew Gephardt, and Mary Allen will continue encouraging growth by connecting perspective new business with owners of available commercial properties.
- Greg gave an update on the new houses to be built at Union Station and Regatta subdivisions. The Committee is working on a 'Welcome to New Richmond' document intended for new residents of the Regatta and Union Station neighborhoods.
- Mary Allen will continue networking with Clermont County leadership to encourage positive interaction between the Village and the County.

Meeting changes:

- The Economic Development Committee Meeting scheduled for Dec. 25th will be cancelled.
- The Economic Development Committee will meet just once a month during the months of January - March 2019. It will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. It's expected that the twice a month meeting schedule will resume in April 2019.

The Economic Development Committee meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor, Ramona Carr:

Motion to table the 11/13/2018 Council Minutes approval vote until the December 11, 2018 Council meeting (*not enough Council members who attended the 11/13/2018 Council meeting are present to attain a majority vote).

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 will be held as an emergency meeting on a different day; re-scheduled date TBD.

Motion to approve re-scheduling the December 25th, 2018 Council meeting to an emergency date yet to be determined. Ms. Allen made the motion; Seconded by Mrs. Slade.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh: Nothing to report

LEGISLATION

First Reading:

- **RESOLUTION 2018-18:** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS _ WATER WELL LOAN DEBT PAYMENT

Second Reading:

- **RESOLUTION 2018-16:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2019 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
- **RESOLUTION 2018-17:** A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS _ SEWER LINE EXPANSION

Third Reading:

RESOLUTION 2018-15: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF 2017 FIRST AND SECOND HALF TAXES TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion to approve the SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF 2017 FIRST AND SECOND HALF TAXES TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR. Mr. Vanderbosch made the motion; Seconded by Mrs. Richardson.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

ORDINANCE 2018-18: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ELIMINATION OF CORPORAL POSITION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to request Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council, read Ordinance 2018-18 aloud in its entirety. Mrs. Richardson made the motion; Seconded by Ms. Allen.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Comments: Mr. Vanderbosch feels it's not been demonstrated there will be any savings from the elimination of this position, so he intends to vote "no".

Motion to approve the ELIMINATION OF CORPORAL POSITION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT Mrs. Richardson made the motion; Seconded by Mr. Feldkamp.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Mr. Vanderbosch would like to see an effective way to track tenants renting in the Village. Once we are able to do that, we can enforce current legislation designed to ensure the safety of the rental buildings. (Chief Vince Bee noted the Ohio Basic Code provides both rental property owner(s) and renter(s) legal guidelines.)

Allen – Ms. Allen is very pleased with the job NRPD, NRFD & EMS have done.

Skeene – Absent

Feldkamp – Mr. Feldkamp would like to thank Floyd Henderson for the job he has done as Corporal.

Slade – Nothing to report

Davidson – Do we post the grants we receive on social media? (Mayor Ramona Carr would like the awarded grants added to the Village’s Facebook page.) Do we still have a service request form on the Village of New Richmond’s website? (Answer: yes)

Visitors: Mr. Vornholt told a story how the Neville brothers, who founded the Village of Neville, were officers under Generals Washington and Lafayette during the Revolution. Thanks David for sharing such interesting information regarding the history of our area!

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Amanda Davidson motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Mary Allen.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council