

January 9,2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, January 9,2018 at 7:00 pm. Present: Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Amanda Davidson, Richard Feldkamp and Gary Skeene - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief; Michael Couch, Interim Police Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way
Minta and Gene Colvin- P.O. Box 36

Minutes of December 12th ,2017 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Gary Skeene motioned to approve, Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

Mrs. Slade: abstain (new council member)

Mrs. Davidson: abstain (absent
12/12/17)

Mr. Feldkamp: abstain (absent 12/12/17)

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

Minta Colvin -P.O. Box 36: Deferred to speak until the end of the meeting.

Committees Appointments:

Mayor Carr recommended that committees remain the same with Melanie Slade joining Public Works. Council concurred.

Mayor Carr appointed Gary Skeene to the Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor:

Mayor Carr recommended Mary Allen to serve as Vice Mayor.

Gary Skeene motioned Mary Allen to serve as Vice Mayor, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Rules of Council:

Mayor Carr distributed a copy of Rules of Council to each council member to review and discuss at the next council meeting.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Riverview Bluffs Sidewalk Bonds:

Holiday homes dba Freedom Homes was the developer of several sections of Riverview Bluffs subdivision. Two sidewalk bonds previously had been reduced to cover several sidewalk sections that had not yet been installed. The specific sidewalks relative to those bonds have now been installed.

They are Bond #8863887 to cover Phase 2B- which had been reduced to \$2,722

Bond #0294529 to cover Phase III, Block A- which had been reduced to \$3,800

Request a motion to release these bonds.

Gary Skeene motioned to release bond #8863887 to cover Phase 2B- for \$2,722 and bond #0294529 to cover Phase III, Block A-for \$3,800 for Sidewalk in Riverview Bluffs, seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

U.C. D.A.A.P. Studio Project:

The semester has started and approximately 20 students from University of Cincinnati's Planning School will be visiting New Richmond within the next couple of weeks. The students will meet with people, come up with problem statements, work on group projects and return to make recommendations.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Present:

Committee Members: Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch. Mary Allen was absent
Staff: Ramona Carr, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Greg Roberts, Lynn Baird. No guests.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- Lynn reviewed the December 2017 year-end financial report.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 884-2017 through 998-2017 and warrants 1000 through 36052, \$346,251 included in the December financial report, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

- All 2017 appropriation changes will have been made after the January 9th meeting.
- Lynn is working on the 2018 budget.
- Departmental capital requests amount to \$423,200 with an additional \$139,400 for emergency services not included in that amount.

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- Greg reviewed the \$900,000 State Capital Budget Proposal. It is not a grant but is a request for amounts to be included in the bi-annual State Capital Budget. The Village needs to secure private grants and funding for about 25% of the project, about \$225,000.
- Greg recommends the hiring of Andrew Gephardt as Zoning Inspector at \$17.00 per hour effective January 10,2018 with a one-year probation and a limit of 30 hours per week.
- Greg also reported that the Mayor will recommend someone to fill the Village Solicitor position at the January 9th council meeting.

Solicitor and Prosecutor recommendations:

Mayor Carr recommended Darrell Hawkins as prosecutor and Scott Sollmann and the Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri, and Powers (S.M.B.P.) legal firm as solicitor.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Andrew Gephardt at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective 1/10/2018 as Zoning Inspector with a limit of 30 hours per week and a one-year probation period, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Discussion: Dani Spiegel will help Andrew with any issues that may arise. Andrew is an Anderson Twp. Resident, son-in-law of Doctor Lee Vesper and Rose Vesper and a graduate of the DAAP Program.

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

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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Darrell Hawkins as prosecutor at a pay rate of \$125 per hour and Scott Sollmann and the Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbiere, and Powers (S.M.B.P.) legal firm as solicitor at a pay rate of \$150 per hour (if a paralegal is used the price will be less) , and authorizing the Village Administrator and Mayor to enter into a contract with the formerly mentioned, terms and conditions to be determined , effective 1/9/2018, Seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

Interim Police Chief Mike Couch:

- Chief Couch discussed the recent positive policing activity going on in the Village. Drug test kits are coming back from the state with positive test results which then allow warrants to be served. There have been several arrests with more to come.
- Elko, our canine officer, has done a very good job with identifying drug situations and appears to be much smarter than some of the drug users in the Village.
- The new patrol car is ready to be decaled.
- Mike has asked for a motion to post the open sergeant's position.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to allow Interim Police Chief Mike Couch to post the open sergeant position, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Discussion: process will include oral interviews and a series of test questions.

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

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

EMS/Fire Assistant Chief, Tim Feldkamp:

- Chief Bee reported that with the increased enforcement on heroin usage and the concerns users have about heroin being laced with Fentanyl, meth usage is beginning to increase.
- He also reported that the assistance from the State Fire Marshall, the State Health Department and the Clermont County Health Department with respect to zoning law enforcement has not been as effective as hoped. He proposes that the Police, Fire/EMS and Zoning Departments coordinate a plan to identify unsafe and unsightly conditions in the Village, using ordinance already on the books.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Present: Greg Roberts, Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Paul Vanderbosch, Chief Bee, Chief Couch and Mayor Carr.

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts:

- Greg reported that the Street Department went out at 2:00 a.m. Monday morning. The Street Department said they were having some problems with re-freezing in the sub-divisions due to lack of traffic.
- The Planning Commission met to explore some other land for possible residential development.

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

Nothing to report.

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- Chief Couch advised the committee that he was having some problems with an auxiliary member but feels confident that it will be corrected.
- There are ongoing problems with tenants of the apartments on the hill coming down Short Hill. The entrance has been cabled off however the tenants are removing the cable.
- There was a break-in at the BP station. Cigarettes were stolen but a recovery was made in a short time.
- Arrest made.
 - On Old 52 at Jacob Light Court.
 - A felon was caught carrying a gun and arrested.
 - Drug bust on 52 was made when the drug dog found drugs as well as drug paraphernalia thrown from the car.
- The departments continuing education has been completed.

Public Works, Amanda Davidson:

There was no Public Works meeting.

Economic Development, Mary Allen:

There was no Economic Development meeting.

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- New cruiser is in, will begin getting it equipped next week.
- Firearms are in, they should be ready by mid-March.
- Chief Couch gave a brief update on arrests/incident reports.
- Chief Couch praised the officers for all of the hard work they are doing and being proactive.
- The new patrol car and firearms are a moral boost.
- The motion made at the 12/12/2017 Council meeting for the purchase of equipment for the new police cruiser needs to be revised. The amount in the original motion for the equipment for the new cruiser was \$7,000 and should have been \$7,328.52.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to revise the amount for equipment for the new police cruiser from \$7,000 as originally motioned to \$7,328.52 for equipment for the new police cruiser, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

- The motion made at the 12/12/2017 Council meeting to hire Tim Young needs to be changed to the name Daniel Young.
- Chief Bee presented the resignations of Matt Gilliam, Seth Cook, and Roy Short, in good standing.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignations of Matt Gilliam, Seth Cook and Roy Short, in good standing effective 1/9/2018, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Gary Skeene motioned to revise the motion made at the 12/12/2017 meeting to hire Tim Young to the name Daniel Young, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Legislation:

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2018-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D).

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2018 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF New Richmond, Ohio AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-23: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE USE OF FORCE POLICY FOR THE NEW RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Third Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUND: FUND 5702 SEWER LINE EXPANSION, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

That the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer up to and NO MORE THAN: Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$47,510.13) from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Line Extension Debt Fund #5702 for the loan payment due January 2, 2018

Gary Skeene motioned to waive the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance 2018-01: An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic code, 2018 Edition, As the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of New Richmond, Ohio and declaring an emergency, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Gary Skeene motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-01: An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic code, 2018 Edition, As the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of New Richmond, Ohio and declaring an emergency, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2017-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUND: FUND 5702 SEWER LINE EXPANSION, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Nothing to report

Allen – Nothing to report

Davidson- Mrs. Davison congratulated Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee on his 5th anniversary as Chief.

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp stated that he felt this month's Safety Committee meeting was very productive. It was very informative on the accomplishments being made and he would like to see more publicity about it.

Slade- Nothing to report

Comments from audience:

Minta Colvin- P.O. Box 36:

Minta Colvin stated the following concerns:

- Handicap lift at Village Hall always being upstairs and no keys in the unit to operate it.
- Sewer smell on Short Hill and Columbia Street.
- She has requested the following items beginning in May of 2017 and has yet to receive them.
 - Document explaining the complaint process.
 - Project list
 - Canine contract

Greg will get the items that are available and already exist to Minta within a week.

David Vornholt- 310 Susanna Way:

Mr. Vornholt spoke about the reason the roads of 8 Mile, 5 Mile, 10 Mile etc. are named as they are. The miles reflect the distance from the Little Miami River.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM, seconded by Richard Feldkamp

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council