

March 13,2018

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 13,2018 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; Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief; Michael Couch, Interim Police Chief; Scott Sollmann, Village Solicitor and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way
Charlie Scott-Willow Street
Bob Lees- New Richmond Business Association
Nathan Alley-Bike Trail Committee
Pam Schreiner-212 Susanna Way
Larry Pries- 1059 Bethel New Richmond Rd.

Minutes of February 13th 2018 Regular Council meeting and the minutes from the February 22nd 2018 Special Council Meeting were presented for approval. Mary Allen motioned to approve, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Visitors:

Bob Lees, NROBA: Mr. Lees thanked the Village and workers for all of their hard work during the high-water event. Mr. Lees will be requesting street closures for an event scheduled on April 14th. The Spring Classic Car Tour VI will include 25 clubs, Riverfest will provide the insurance documentation, at least 150 cars will participate in the event, and streets will be closed from 1:30-6pm.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

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

The undergraduate class has presented their vision for New Richmond. Greg would like the final presentation to be done at Village Hall. The graduate class presentation is on energy solutions and energy savings. Final presentation coming soon.

High Water Event:

Greg stated that he was proud of his fellow employees and residents during the high-water event. The village received excellent support from the county.

Treatment Plant:

The debris at the Treatment Plant is temporary until the ground dries up at the dump. Some suggestions were made regarding the building next to the Treatment Plant.

- Painting it
- Could be used as scrap
- Cleaning the concrete
- Concerns for inside operations effected by cleaning chemicals used on the outside.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Present:

Committee Members: Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch. Mary Allen was absent
 Staff: Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee, Interim Police Chief Mike Couch, Greg Roberts, Lynn Baird and Andrew Gephardt (zoning).

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

- Distributed the February financial report.. A motion is needed to pay bills 26-2018 through 175-2018 and warrants 36062 through 36088 included in the report. Bill and warrant numbers are not always consecutive.

January	\$307,969	May		September	
February	\$208,696	June		October	
March		July		November	
April		August		December	
				Total	\$516,665

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 26-2018 through 175-2018 and warrants 36062 through 36088, included in the February financial report, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

- An appropriation change may be needed to account for the \$30,000 open purchase order for the new police cruiser.
- Dental care benefits are scheduled to renew in March. The healthcare plan renews in July.
- Preliminary flood cost estimates amount to \$48,116. As more damages are discovered, the cost will increase. The amounts may be reimbursed by FEMA through the County

Andrew Gephardt: Zoning Officer:

- Andrew has been conducting post-flood inspections of properties in the Village directly affected by flood waters.
- Two properties sustained damages greater than 50% of their replacement costs. A decision must be taken about the eventual disposition of each property.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

- Request the hiring of Robert Mercer as a part-time fire-fighter/paramedic at \$13.00 per hour, effective March 14,2018

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to hire Robert Mercer as a part-time fire-fighter/paramedic at \$13.00 per hour, effective March 14,2018., Seconded by Mary Allen.

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

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

- As a result of the department's response to the fire at the ODOT depot on Old 52, the following equipment was destroyed: 7 complete firefighter outfits (bunker gear), 5 air packs, 8 sections of 2 ½ inch hose, 6 sections of 1 ¾ inch hose, two electrical cord reels and the electrical cords. It was a very difficult fire to control and the cause is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshall.
- Vince complimented all personnel involved in the flood event for the great jobs each performed. Special thanks to Howard Kuehnell our former Zoning Inspector for volunteering his help.

Mike Couch, Interim Police Chief:

- Mike announced that Officer John Karl has accepted a position with the villa Hills Kentucky Police Department and will be leaving on or about April 7th.
- The four candidates for the open sergeant's position will be interviewed on Friday, March 23rd.
- Mike requests that Casey Gilpin be appointed as an auxiliary officer, effective March 14, 2018

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to appoint Casey Gilpin auxiliary officer, effective March 14, 2018., Seconded by Gary Skeene

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- BCI drug kit tests are taking five months to be returned, holding up felony warrants.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

- Greg and the Mayor met with representatives of the company to whom Duke's Beckjord property is being transferred. This firm will be managing and directing the cleanup and decommissioning of the Beckjord plant.
- Greg requests that Andrew Gephardt be increased to a full-time position. Although the Committee is in favor of this move, we need to be given a position description and funds need to be available in the budget.
- Greg distributed a job description.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Items discussed:

- Short Hill has been cleaned up

Richard Feldkamp motioned to re-open Short Hill, Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch

Discussion:

- *Hillsides on Short Hill and Long Hill need to be evaluated by engineers*
- *Slippage on Long Hill*
- *Culvert on Short Hill*

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Guard rails have been replaced along 132 near Boyle's curve and at High Street and Sycamore
- River Pines owner allowed 9 campers to remain through the high- water event
- Street paving study
- Restoring flood gauge

Richard Feldkamp motioned to restore the flood gauge back to 80 feet, Seconded by Mary Allen

Discussion:

- *Cost should be minimal*
- *H&M has all of the designer's work*
- *Historical value*
- *Placing a plaque in the park explaining the gauge*

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

- Mike Couch requested buying a new cruiser. Committee asked him to wait until further research is done.
- Six people took the test for available positions. Fitness test is next Saturday.
- Four people interviewed for the sergeant's position
- Andrew Gephardt discussed inspections

Public Works, Amanda Davidson:

No meeting.

Economic Development, Mary Allen:

Meeting notes from the Special Meeting of the Economic Development Committee to discuss the excellent response the Village has received to the Flood Clean Up efforts. The entire meeting was devoted to discussing the topic.

Attendees:

Committee Members: David Vornholt, Bob Lees, Betsy Price-Mitchell, Michael Findlan, Melanie Slade, Gary Skeene, and Mary Allen, Committee Chairwoman

Guests: Bob Baker, David Trout and Craig Zins (docents Cincinnati Museum Center – Floods), Jenny and Craig Bramlage (Craig has experience attracting businesses and writing grants), Larry Stultz (part of US Coast Guard efforts – wants to draw kayakers to NR)

Committee Members absent: Misty Troutt, Greg Roberts, Village Administrator and Ramona Caar, Mayor

Discussion/Comments:

- We need to have an event to recognize our Fire/EMS, Police, other Village Employees, and organizations who helped the residents in their personal recovery and the Village, as a whole.
- In addition to recognize those who helped with the flood recovery, we should put a positive spin on the recent flooding. Communities have tornadoes and they rebuild. We have floods occasionally and we clean up.
- Flooding is our brand, whether we like it or not.
- The River is beautiful, and we want people to think of New Richmond as a good, small town community, not as a community that has devastating floods (although flooding is always a reality)
- Showcase the river, NR businesses, and our history
- We want to have the event (day or week-end) as soon as possible in the upcoming weeks while it's still current business – leverage all the media attention to the recent flooding
- River Stage is having a Craft Show on March 31, 2017 at the Market Street School
- We should put a bill board in Hauserman Park or somewhere else on Front Street announcing events
- We could create an “extra-large” Thank You card that is posted in a public place like Rivertown IGA, Park National or the NR Library. All residents could stop by and sign their name to the card.
- We can move the card to the Market Street School prior to the event
- We need a budget. We need to seek possible funding.

Decisions

Theme for the event: Our River, Our Home

Date: March 31, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Market Street School

Ideas for the Event

12:00 – 12:20	NR Mayor (Ramona Caar)	Official Kick Off
12:20 – 6:00	Everyone	<p>There will be concurrent events occurring within the Market Street School:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sample refreshments 2. River Stage Craft Show 3. River Stage “15 minute sampler” (potentially from The Swiss Family Robinson) 4. NR’s Steam boat past (D. Vornholt) 5. NR’s Abolitionist and UGRR Past (M. Allen) 6. Possible tour bus rides – NR walking trail <p>All businesses (those willing to participate) are open and have light refreshments (candy – example)</p> <p>The Museum should be open Ross Gowdy House and Cardboard Boat Museum</p>

Mary needs:

- Council’s support
- Riverfest or Historic New Richmond to sponsor
- \$1,500 for supplies
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Mary Allen motioned to allocate \$1,500 to the Our River Our Town event to be held on March 31st 2018, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch:

- Mike thanked everyone involved in the high-water event
- Presented incident/arrest report
- Officer John Karl is leaving in April
- The new dog could possible arrive mid-April

Mayor Carr stated that the person who donated funds for the new dog would like to be involved in the picking the dog up.

- Pam Shcreiner thanked New Richmond P.D. for the work they did during the high-water event
- Charlie Scott stated he has no electricity. He was told to contact Clermont County Permit Central.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-04: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS: WALNUT STREET AND OLD US 52 DEBT FUND, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2018-05: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE WATER WELL DEBT FUND, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2018-06: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET OPERATING FUND, THE CEMETERY FUND THE POLICE FUND AND EMS FUND, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2018-07: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS:

BETHEL NR SEWER LINE FUND 5721,
BETHEL NR SEWER LINE FUND 5723,
SEWER CONSOLIDATION LOAN FUND 5725,
SEWER LINE EXTENTION FUND 5702
REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2018-08: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION 2018-03: A Resolution Supporting the Development of State and U.S. Bicycle Routes

Mary Allen motioned to waive the Three Reading Rule for RESOLUTION 2018-03: A Resolution Supporting the Development of State and U.S. Bicycle Routes, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Gary Skeene motioned to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-03: A Resolution Supporting the Development of State and U.S. Bicycle Routes, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Discussion:

- Cost the village nothing
- Nathan Alley stated that the route is a line on paper. It could help acquire grant money for a bike trail
- Safety concerns along 52
- Possible Short-term solutions (paint stripes and change shoulder) ODOT would make changes
- Possible long-term solutions (separate from 52)

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-03:AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE
– ARTICLE 19: RESIDENTIAL, “PUD” PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Third Reading:

ORDINANCE 2018-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

Gary Skeene motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2018-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS, Seconded by Mary Allen.

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 – Thanked council for their support on the event

Davidson- Thanked Chief Bee and the Mayor for their response on Facebook during the high-water event

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Proud of the response to the high-water event.

Slade- Proud of the response to the high-water event

Executive Session:

Mary Allen motioned that the council go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and discuss negotiations with other political subdivision respecting requests for economic development assistance and also go into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (3) to discuss pending litigation, at 8:19pm ,seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Roll Call was taken and a unanimous vote to enter into executive session occurred

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to return from Executive Session at 8:55pm, seconded by Richard Feldkamp

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

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

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:59PM, seconded by Amanda Davidson

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council