

March 8, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 8th 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, Richard Hilt and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt 310 Susanna Way
Bill Marsh 2423 Country Place
Pam Rada Washington Street
Jack Helvey 1930 West Hall Rd.
Keith Vogelsang Ohio Twp. Trustee
Charles Polster Ohio Twp. Trustee
Patrick Blair Lights Pointe

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk with Feldkamp, Skeene, Davidson, Allen, Hilt, and Vanderbosch answering present. .

Minutes of February 23rd were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: - yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Jack Helvey, New Richmond Knothole Association:

Mr. Helvey came to Council to request permission to hold an Opening Day Parade on April 8 from 6-7 p.m. The parade will begin at Dee's Dairy Bar and end at the Knothole fields. Greg Roberts informed Mr. Helvey that New Richmond Knothole will need to fill out an event application and provide proof of insurance.

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to allow New Richmond Knothole Association to hold an Opening Day Parade on April 8 from 6-7 p.m. The parade will begin at Dee's Dairy Bar and end at the Knothole fields. Upon approval of Village Administrator Greg Roberts, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: - yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Cemetery:

I would like to thank Bill Marsh for his help with organizing cemetery records and researching issues and inquiries concerning the village cemeteries. Bill recently located several pertinent documents in the old records that resolved a claim from a descendant for a cemetery lot that was purchased by an ancestor in 1905.

450 Susanna Way:

A new modular home has been placed on its elevated foundation at the corner of Susanna Way and Hotel Street. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham, are looking forward to becoming residents of New Richmond. Their home features a 12" thick steel reinforce poured foundation with FEMA compliant vent openings. The living quarter features well-insulated 2x6 joists. This house is well-engineered to withstand the forces of both flood and wind.

Zoning Ordinance Revisions:

Requesting final reading of Ordinance 2016-03 be postponed until next council meeting. We are working on details where change language is specifically inserted.

Personnel and Finance:

Culvert at Robin Hill:

Village Administrator Greg Roberts informed the committee that it cost \$12,000 to replace the culvert at Robin Hill.

Traffic Signal pads at US 52 and Bethel-New Richmond Rd.

Greg is looking into more reliable alternatives to replace the traffic signal pads at US 52 and Bethel-New Richmond Rd. As it stands now it will cost between \$3,000 to \$4,000 to replace the pads.

Hiring of Jacob Lee Vonder Meulen:

Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee has asked Council to approve the hiring of Jacob Lee Vonder Meulen for the position of Paid per Call. He will serve a (1) year probation in accordance with Village Policy and Procedure.

Richard Hilt motioned to hire Jacob Lee Vonder Meulen for the position of Paid per Call effective 3/8/216. He will serve a (1) year probation in accordance with Village Policy and Procedure, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Health Insurance Options:

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird prepared a summary of health insurance options detailing what costs and savings may be attained depending on what the village can provide to employees.

Possible Levy:

Lynn also stated that if council approves a levy to be placed on the ballot this year it will have to be submitted complete by July 31st. However, there is much preliminary work to be done before that, including two resolutions that would have to be passed.

Possible Alternative to 1/2% Earnings Tax Plan:

Gary Skeene presented an alternative 1/2% earnings tax plan that would bring in \$247,000 to \$288,000 depending on tax credits. This earnings tax would have to be approved by the voters with similar deadlines and requirements as a property tax levy.

He also mentioned that we could get about \$58,000 more revenue if we removed the existing tax credit for people paying taxes in other municipalities.

Special Finance Committee Appropriations Meeting:

Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee: Fire Chief Bee stated that Fire/EMS would not require a transfer from the General Fund this year.

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird: Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird reiterated that the county has revised their estimate for the village's 2016 property tax revenue upward, which results in a revenue loss to the village somewhat less than the original. Lynn recently checked with the county again and there was no change in revenue.

Ballot Initiatives for Property Tax Levies: The committee also discussed ballot initiatives for property tax levies, an additional earnings tax, and removal of the earnings tax credit as possible measures to take as early as this year. Chief Bee mentioned that Miami Township passed an Emergency Services initiative which covered both Fire/EMS and the Police Department.

Motion was made by Richard Hilt to Pay warrants 35507 through 35539 and electronic payments 28-2016 through 133-2016, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mary Allen, Public Works:

Sewer Expansion (Indian Ridge, Country Place, and Grays Lane/Robin Hill):

Greg said the OWDA loan application has been submitted and we should get an approval update by the end of March.

Mary has asked Bobbie (Utilities Department) for a list of water only customers who live inside of the Village limits. She will use data from the Clermont County Board of Health site to capture key information on the status and other particulars of the septic systems of those customers. Some examples are how many of the septic systems are old and almost failing and how many are newly replaced.

Cemetery:

Bill Marsh asked Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird for a check book type register for information on cemetery revenues and expenditures so he can prepare required financial reports. Mary Allen suggested that it may be time to try to establish a "Friends of the Cemetery" financial donor organization to help with desired improvements vs. only fixing things only as an emergency.

Lighting at Rose Vesper Park:

The sign was discussed for Rose Vesper Park. We need to put in an ODNR order.

Boat Ramp Repair:

We are ready to put this project out for competitive bids.

Bike Trail:

The bike trail is under discussion as part of the Comprehensive Plan, under the river bank improvements.

Rose Garden:

It has been decided that the triangular area near the village sign on US 52 may not be an ideal spot for the rose garden since we will not close on the property that is being given to the village until the end of June.

Public Works Meeting Time:

Effective May-August 2016, the Public Works Committee will meet 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the Monday before the second Tues. (same day as the current rotation and other committee meetings) to accommodate a special request from committee member, Amanda Davidson.

Mary Allen, Economic Development:

Mission Statement:

The expanded group has come up with a mission statement.

Action Plan:

We will be working on an action plan. The group will share the plans when they are finished at the next meeting.

Next meeting March 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee:

Zoning Ordinances and changes:

Greg talked about zoning ordinances and changes.

Roof Leak at Firehouse:

Chief Bee reported that the roof is leaking at the firehouse. He has an estimate of \$2,000 for the repairs. Due to the forecasted rain he was advised that this is an emergency and needs immediate repair. Work will start on the roof on Wed. March 9th.

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince Bee:

Chief Bee presented a letter he composed about being an emergency services worker.

Greenmound Driveway:

Bill Marsh reported that the driveway going up the hill at Greenmound Cemetery is falling apart.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS.

Richard Hilt motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-02 an ordinance approving the 2016 appropriations, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Mr. Vanderbosch handed out information concerning a Community Call to Action. Fighting Heroin. Presented by Brave Choices. The event will be held on March 24th from 7-9 p.m. at Grant Career Center 718 West Plane Street Bethel, Oh. 45106.

Allen - Ms. Allen complimented the changes made to the village newsletter.

Davidson - Nothing to report.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Mr. Feldkamp acknowledged Mr. Vanderbosch's feelings concerning the budget.

Hilt-Mr. Hilt mentioned that the second council meeting of the month will be mostly about the budget concerns.

David Vornholt:-310 Susanna Way

Mr. Vornholt acknowledged the way council has handled several situations that have arisen.

Mr. Vornholt gave a brief history about the destruction of the boat harbor in 1964 by ice. The harbor was owned by Don and Lela Vornholt at the time. Charlie Snider of New Richmond Bank loaned them the money to rebuild.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council