**March 14, 2022**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew March 14, 2022 at 7:00pm

Mayor Jerew called for attendance. Council members present: Donald Ridgeway, Pat Morse, Von Beal and Jackie Hamilton, George Showalter, Reddy Brown, Zoning officer Marion Bump, Village Administrator Monte Asher and Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers. Solicitor Julie Spain (virtual)

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 02/28/2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 03/14/2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors:** Gail DeGood-Guy stated that the Opera House received a donation of $4,000.00 from Dustin Lowe from book proceeds and will be sending him a letter of thanks. She announced that the Mayor will be the speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery. Not sure about having a parade and will keep posted. Clean up day at the memorial is April 30th. No rain date as of yet.

Kelly Jerew spoke on behalf of the Farmers Market to announce there is a new manager. Her name is Shawna Chapman. She currently works at the schools and is very excited about her new position.

Jody Oberdier and Erin Popovich spoke on behalf of supporting 4-H projects for town kids. She asked council to consider the fair project for the kids in town when making the decision and wording for the animal ordinance.

Dirk Detillion gave council and example from Cridersville Ohio for the verbiage to consider for new animal ordinance that would limit farm animals to residence with 2 acres or more.

**Legislation:**

Von Beal made a motion and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution 02282022** for 2022 final budget second reading. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s report:**

* Continuing to work on the grants. Following up and sending everything in. All is looking good and deadlines are met.
* Meet with Congressman, Jim Jordan today, he gave us some time and had a great visit as he was passing through. Has been about 2 years since his last visit.

**Street/ Utility report** read by Administrator, Monte Asher. Bold items reported. Tabled quote for enclosure and carpet for admin building.

**Police report** read by Chief Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

**Finance report** read by Sarah Sellers. Bold items reported.

**Zoning report**. Read by Marion Bump. 15 actives, 1 pending, 1 permit, 7 letters, 2 cleanups, 1 vehicle removed.

**Old Business:**

Pat Morse spoke for the Street Committee. He presented information to council on how much a 1 mill levy and 3 mill levies will generate in revenue and how much it will cost residents each year based on a $100,000.00 house value. The committee purposes a 3-mill levy for around $96,036.00 per year for street repair. Mayor will speak to Andrea Weaver and make sure that the levy can be used for street repairs only. Ball-park figures were given for chip and deal for approximately 10,500 ft that would cost around $36,700.00. Mayor will get true measurements and quotes for this as well.

Jackie Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Tree Committee. The mayor will be asked to sign a proclamation to honor Arbor Day along with the 5th grade class participating in planting trees at the park. They are also searching for other green areas in preparation to become a Tree City. Sarah Sellers will check and see if the fund and line item can be activated for the Tree Committee for financial reporting or if anything else is needed. The committee is also looking for an arborist to check out dead trees before asking property owners to remove from their property. This will take a letter that will be approved by Julie Spain. There will also be a list of items for zoning officer Marion Bump to look for including trees blocking site lines for traffic purposes. Bump will also be designated as the individual to mail the approved letter to the property owners.

Reddy Brown reported that File 13 had the lowest quote of 3 received at $0.22 a pound when we are ready to remove the old documents brought from the Opera House for retention.

**New Business:**

Reddy Brown reported the annual fishing event; Hooked on Fishing at the Richwood Lake will be June 4th from 9 am – 12 pm. A gift will be received for all who fish. This event is sponsored and funded by a grant from ODNR to encourage new young anglers. George Showalter will mentor the event and help the Trailblazers Committee.

Reddy Brown reported the VEX Teams at the North Union Schools are sending 12 teams to Dallas and are holding a pancake breakfast to help with the cost. Event is this Saturday from 7 am – 12 pm at the high school cafeteria.

George Showalter moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:09 pm. Next meeting is Monday March 28th at 7:00 pm.

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 Mayor Fiscal Officer