**October 25, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew, October 25 at 7:00pm

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

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 10/12/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 10/25/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

* Craig Mescher from Access Engineering presented council with information on increasing water rates to cover upcoming costs for the new water plant. He gave a detailed spreadsheet from 1%, 1.25% 1.5%, 1.75% and 2% annual percentage increases that shows how it would affect the revenue income in comparison to expenses of the system. The increase will help the village to obtain the loan needed from OWDA to complete the project. After some discussion Pat Morse moved and Reddy Brown seconded the motion to increase the water rate 2% annually until the year 2053 beginning on January 1, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously. This will be the **first reading for resolution 10262021** increasing water rates 2% annually until the year 2053.
* Gail DeGood-Guy was present and gave an update on the events going on around the village for Veterans Day celebration. This includes: November 7th from 5-6:30 pm a free dinner at Somersville Friends Church, this is for vets and first responders. On the 11th from 10-12 am there is a brunch at the VFW. And at 1:15 the school is holding a reverse parade weather depending.

Legislation:

* Pat Morse moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Administration and Employee compensation/wages at 7:48 pm. Motion passed unanimously.
* Donald Ridgeway moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously at 8:24 pm.
* Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded **Ordinance 10252021** Approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Richwood, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.
* Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded Resolution **10012021** Village of Richwood temporary appropriations for 2022 budget (first reading). Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor’s report:

* Haunted Trail date has been changed due to the North Union football schedule, new date is Friday Oct 29, 8pm – 11pm. Cost is $5 per person or $20 per family. Event will take place no matter the weather.
* Congrats to the North Union football program. They have a home playoff game this Saturday.

Street/ Utility report read by Administrator, Monte Asher.

* Von Beal moved and Pat Morse approved the purchase of the John Deere Skid Steer from AgPro for $49,500.00. Motion passed 5-0.

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. 7 pending cases. 8 active cases. 10 completed cases

* 4 bills send for properties that have been cleaned up
* 133 cases year to date
* 5 Kirby properties are on hold. They are working on cleaning up the properties.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded the motion to amend the ordinance for pay wages to be at a 5% increase for all employees, including council and mayor, and increase the salary for zoning officer to $7,500.00 per year and change the part time officer to full time to be effective January 1, 2022

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:44 pm. Next meeting is Monday November 8th.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer