**October 12, 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 12 at 7:00pm

Mayor called for attendance. Council members present: Reddy Brown, Donald Ridgeway, Pat Morse, and George Showalter. Zoning officer Marion Bump, Village Administrator Monte Asher, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers and Solicitor Alison Boggs. Von Beal was absent.

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/27/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 10/12/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: N/A

Legislation:

* Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Alison Boggs and Julie Spain for Solicitor position at 7:03 pm. Motion passed unanimously.
* George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously at 7:25 pm.
* Resolution 09132021 for the adoption of a Public Records Policy (Third and Final reading). Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor’s report:

* State of Ohio proclamation for 2020 Census, Richwood has a population of 2,222.
* Fish were placed in the lake Tuesday, all but 2 swam away and survived, they look good and healthy
* 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.
* Christmas parade is December 4 with more information to come later.
* Tire Recycling this Saturday at 9 am until full, at the fairgrounds.
* Union County Health Department has a levy on the ballot, read up on it

Street/ Utility report read by Administrator, Monte Asher.

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. 3 pending cases. 4 active cases. 18 completed cases and 1 permit.

* Bills are ready to send out for properties that have been cleaned up
* 120 cases year to date

Old Business:

* Pat Morse updated council on Dudley Circle. He spoke to a couple residents and they stated they are happy with the road. There is concern about standing water after rain on the north curb where a yard is higher than the curb as well as the south side which was expected. He also mentioned that Jason Wills has not been around since the road was constructed. Mayor stated that there is one home left to build in that phase.
* Reddy Brown updated council on the Opera House. Brown stated that the roof is shored up and is secure. The building is stable, will not damage itself. They placed a rain catching system where the roof is open and it is draining well, not causing further damage. The committee voted to not spend any more money this winter. The building is getting cleaned and a local marine recruiter might be sending recruits in to help clean the floors in the spring. It was mentioned to check with insurance before allowing the building to be used for public use.
* Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to release Alison Boggs as solicitor for the Village of Richwood immediately. Motion passed 4-0.
* Reddy Brown moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded the motion to hire Julie Spain as solicitor to be paid hourly with a 1-year contract. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:00 pm. Next meeting is Monday October 25th.

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 Mayor Fiscal Officer