**March 9, 2020**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Jerew, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Laurie Eliot-Shea, Pat Morse, Donald Ridgeway and Von Beal. Village Administrator / Police Chief Monte Asher, Solicitor Alison Boggs, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers, Zoning Officer Marion Bump and other residents were present.

Laurie Eliot-Shea moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 02/24/2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: Jason Wills was present and passed around a picture of his plan to propose not connecting the two streets together. Monte Asher will check the radius of the cul-de-sac to be sure that it meets for emergency vehicles and the fire department. Mayor Jerew will get back with Mr. Wills with the council decision on his plans.

Council heard from Sara Barr regarding the fundraising feasibility study for the Opera House. Barr explained that the first step council needs to take is to decide the purpose and make an identity for the historic structure to apply for grants and ask for donations. Then there will be one on one interviews. Von Beal moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded a motion to move forward with the fundraising feasibility study through Raising the Barr for $12,500.00 pending the contract approval by Solicitor Boggs. The motion passed unanimously.

Gail DeGood Guy was present and stated that our Mayor, Scott Jerew will be the guest speaker at the Claiborne Memorial Day Ceremony in May.

Mayor’s report was presented to council.

Mayor reminded everyone of the 2020 Census and to continue to talk to everyone about the importance of everyone being counted.

Fashion Factory trash can will be replaced. Meeting Friday regarding the Corona Virus, wash your hands, if you are sick, stay home, same thing for H1N1and Ebola virus five years ago. At 3:43 pm, we had three cases in Cuyahoga County.

Shout out to two Elementary VEX teams, girls and boys varsity basketball programs and middle school basketball programs, district and state wrestlers, and others. Possible proclamation for the schools.

Administration Report was presented to Council. Had jetting work done on West Bomford St, pot holes and alleys are being worked on, installed the four FFA signs at the corporate limits, water leak was repaired today on North Franklin Street, completed the risk control visit with PEP, trash can that was involved in an accident will be repaired and paid for by insurance of the individual, and a call was made regarding striping the roads.

Police report was presented to Council. Attending webinar for School Violence Prevention for informational purposes. March 11th there is weather spotter training. Anyone can attend and everyone is encouraged to attend. COVID19 guidelines are in place for our police department.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Final budget was distributed for second reading. Any question or changes needs to be addressed before March 23. Final budget is due to the county auditor by March 31. All withholdings, taxes and retirement is paid and current. February bank reconciliation is completed and distributed.

Old Business: Mayor stated that appraisal for the Jamison building has not been done as of yet.

Mayor appointed Laurie Eliot-Shea, Reddy Brown and Donald Ridgeway as the three individuals on the Tree Commission.

New Business: Pat Morse reported in Reddy Brown’s absence that the Boy Scouts troop from Darby Creek would like to have their retreat at the Richwood Lake. This would include 70-100 kids camping and fishing. Mayor Jerew stated that he would have to obtain / secure a temporary campground permit from the Union County Health Department before that can be approved.

Trail Blazer group will meet at the administration building Tuesday the 10th at 6:00 pm.

The new shelter house concrete will be poured once the weather breaks.

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer