**May 24, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

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

Mayor, Scott Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: Laurie Eliot-Shea, Reddy Brown, Pat Morse, Von Beal, Donald Ridgeway, George Showalter, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers, Solicitor, Alison Boggs and Zoning Officer Marion Bump. Administrator Monte Asher, absent.

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 05/10/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 05/24/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

Gail DeGood-Guy invited all to go over and see the Veterans Memorial, the United Way project was a good success. Thank you for the mulch and water hook up. Reminded all that Monday is Memorial Day and the event will be smaller this year but everyone is welcome to attend. Will be held at 10:30pm at Claiborne and will also be on Facebook. No parade this year due to the construction on South Franklin Street.

Resident Amanda White from 262 West Bomford Street stated a concern for street lights at the end of West Bomford Street. Mayor stated he will send an email to Ohio Edison. Also, White is concerned about a huge tree that is in her neighbors’ yard that has torn up her fence and is about to fall down. Solicitor Boggs suggested she contact an attorney as well as her insurance agent.

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion for **Ordinance 04262021** Park Rules for 2021 third/final reading. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayors Report:

Construction still has the south end shut down. Having issues with semis on side streets.

Attended two webinars about the American Rescue Plan, funds will come in two payments and there are currently four things the funds can be spent on: COVID related, sewer, water and internet. Will share as we learn more.

Marge Gamble donated for the Opera House, lighthouse project and purchased a bench for the park.

Thank you to the village employees for boarding up the windows on the property at 17 Lynn Street. The land bank will reimburse for the cost.

Recycling bins were overflowing with cardboard. If they are full, please take back home and wait until there is room. Emailing Union County Recyclers to see about getting more bins. They may take them out completely if it continues.

Many reports about trash in the park. Everyone needs to do their part to keep it clean. Laurie Eliot suggesting more trash cans. We will have more trash cans around the park.

Working with health department about the beach bathing rules.

Sarah Sellers gave Administration Report in Asher’s absence: Laurie Eliot asked if we could possibly have a light pole in stock for accidents since it takes so long to receive them. Will check with Monte upon his return.

Police Report: Nothing new to report

Sarah Sellers gave Fiscal Report – Reports: Funds Status, appropriation status, and revenue status

Old Business:

Reddy Brown gave an update on the Opera House and presented a comparison to West Liberty Opera House with a presentation and outline of funding.

George Showalter gave an update on the bluegill fishing tournament. Has been changed to June 5, preregistration starts at 8:30. We currently have 15 good poles to use and will purchase 20-25 more poles. Received a donation of $120.00 for bait. The meal worms will cost between $175 - $200. Will give receipts to Sellers and Reddy Brown will receive all information for report for grant.

Solicitor Boggs stated that she received the letter to Mr. Goodwin unclaimed. This means it is a good address for him. Will be sending another letter regular mail with updated dates and time to reply. Will be up to council to decide to sue. It will be either the village responds or the Attorney General will.

Bogs is also drafting a letter to the Attorney General to address ethics for public defender work and will get that sent next week.

New Business:

Reddy Brown presented a quote from Park Enterprise to grind and blacktop Edgewood Drive in conjunction with the work being done on Dudley Circle by the contractor. This was tabled for later discussion.

Von Beal made a moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded the motion to take over Mr. Wills project on Dudley Circle if curbs and blacktop was not completed by June 1st. Vote was 3-3 with the Mayor breaking the tie with a vote of Yes, Motion passed 4-3.

Special meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 7 pm to discuss Dudley Circle construction only.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew, adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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