**November 8, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew, November 8 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 George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 10/25/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 11/08/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

Legislation:

* Pat Morse moved and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution** **10012021** Village of Richwood temporary appropriations for 2022 budget (second reading). Motion passed unanimously.
* Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 10272021** to approve 5% increase in wages for all employees including administration, Mayor and council; increase zoning officer wages to $7500.00 per year and make part time officer full time officer with benefits effective January 1, 2022 (second reading). Motion passed unanimously.
* Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution 10282021** to increase the water rate in Richwood, Ohio (second reading). Motion passed unanimously.
* Reddy Brown moved and Von Beal seconded **Resolution 11012021** to allocate funds for the remediation or demolition of blighted properties in the Village of Richwood, Ohio. (first reading). Motion passed unanimously.
* Von Beal moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded **Resolution 11082021** to designate Village Solicitor, Julie A. Spain, ESQ., to receive Sunshine Law training on behalf of certain elected officials. (first reading). Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor’s report:

* Haunted Trail was a huge success. Count was around 500 people. The weather cooperated. There are more people that want to help next year. Profit was $2,020.00 for the Trail Blazer fund. Must get more pictures next year.
* Update on recycle bins. There will be new signage up. Will be for residential use only. They will have a bigger box for paper and cardboard and adding new steps and platform. Making it easier to drop containers and pick up old.
* Union County Land Bank acquired 17 Lynn Street. They would like to donate the land to the village to be used for green space. The village must agree that if the land is sold, half the profit will go back to the Union County Land Bank or to Union County. Trailblazers would like to make a parking lot for baseball for boys. The village will donate the money that was to be charged for the 25 loads of dirt.

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to accept 17 Lynn Street from Union County Land Bank. (Motion passed 5-0)

* Christmas parade is December 4th at 4 pm. The theme will be Home-town Heroes.
* December 11th will be Light the Trail. Generators will be needed to borrow, and volunteers needed to hang lights on December 4th.
* Grants and Capitol Budget items are due. Separating into two projects. The first one is a splash pad at the park. Second one will be work-out equipment around the trail, small shelter house for 17 Lynn Street, along with fence and tables.
* Meeting with Tracy Richardson on November 19th. Will include the Opera House as well.
* Congratulations to Von Beal, Pat Morse, George Showalter and Jackie Hamilton for being elected for council.

Street/ Utility report read by Administrator, Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

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. 4 pending cases. 5 active cases. 10 completed cases

Old Business:

* Cows in the village. Solicitor Julie Spain will research element of smell and regulations and the old ordinance that was removed
* Campground project is still ongoing. Mayor Jerew is researching the Union County rules and regulations along with the state of Ohio regulations. Currently looking at 15 campsites. They will not have electric and will need a dump station.
* Reddy Brown reported that he will be meeting the insurance company on December 1st to discuss occupancy in the Opera House.

New Business:

* Jackie Hamilton will be sworn in at the next meeting, November 22nd and fulfill Laurie Eliot-Shea’s seat through the end of the year.
* Pat Morse thanked Ally from the Journal Tribune and Richwood Gazette for the coverage of the village.

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 7:48 pm. Next meeting is Monday November 22nd .

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 Mayor Fiscal Officer