

January 13, 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, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Donald Ridgeway, Laurie Eliot-Shea, Pat Morse, Von Beal, and Reddy Brown. Officer Sarah Sellers, Zoning Officer Marion Bump and other residents were present.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/16/2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Visitor Josh Cross from Ohio Edison was present and presented council with information regarding the removal of the old streetlights. The cost will be twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Cross stated that there are a few options to consider cutting the cost such as a payment plan. Mayor Jerew asked if the Village could take the poles down themselves to cut costs. Cross will look into this and let us know. Mayor asked Cross to make a note from Administrator Asher to keep road signs up for now. Cross stated uptown will not replace concrete, the holes will be filled with gravel and yards will be re-seeded. Craig Mescher, Access Engineering stated that there is still funding left with ODOT and changes could possibly be made to help absorb some costs. Craig will work with Monte Asher on this.

Visitor Tom Baldwin stated that he worked on a title search of the old school buildings and athletic facility and there were some issues raised on the original school buildings with the wording that is used. He will submit his finding to the village with his notes to use so that the properties are insurable.

Visitor Craig Mescher from Access Engineering was present to talk to council about the Franklin Street project Phase 2. There is seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) available in grant funds to use for the second phase. He stated that it is necessary to have four public meetings separate from council. Mescher suggested that the meetings start thirty minutes before the council meetings and begin in February. The first meeting will be on February 10 at 6:30 pm. Council agreed.

Mayor's report was presented to council. Clock tower decision needs to be made as soon as possible. Mayor requested to have a town meeting to get and give the residences' thoughts. Meeting is set for Tuesday evening, January 21 at 7 pm.

Capital budget update, the park projects request made it past the first round. Trail committee meets at 6 pm on Tuesday.

Mayor asked council to review in their packet the Franklin St Phase 1 Option A and Option B payment plan. Pat Morse moved and Reddy Brown seconded the motion to use Option B plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Administration Report was presented to Council. Sellers read administration Report in absence of Administrator. Water main break on Cherry St was repaired. Regular maintenance and clean up done around town and park. Lift stations and pumps repaired. Village is starting to remove Christmas lights. Police annual report and statistics were included in packets.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Payroll, OPERS, OP&F, state and local taxes are all paid. The temporary budget was submitted to the Union County Auditor's Office. The December bank reconciliations are done and attached to the council packet. Blanket certificate purchase orders are done for the year and need signatures.

Old Business: Laurie Eliot-Shea proposes the Village re-establish the tree commission with an adjustment to 907.01 and one of the members may live outside of the village. Also to reduce the group to three members. It will take three readings to change to three members. Reddy Brown will ask Alison Boggs to revise 907.01.

New Business: Pat Morse distributed a printout for a cul-de-sac from Marysville. Regarding a possible ordinance for safety for the new Dudley Circle cul-de-sac as a guide. Mayor stated Will's plans would have to meet our requirements.

Mayor stated the appraisal for the property TCI is interested in is done. They stated they definitely want to build.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 8:14 pm.

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded the motion to return to regular session at 8:25 pm.

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer