**November 22, 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 22 at 7:00pm

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

Julie Spain swore in Jackie Hamilton to be appointed and full-fil the remaining term for Laurie Eliot-Shea who resigned on August 9, 2021. Her elected term will start on January 1, 2022.

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/08/2021. The motion passed unanimously. Jackie Hamilton abstained.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 11/22/2021. The motion passed unanimously. Jackie Hamilton abstained.

Visitors:

Steve Davis and Carissa Davis addressed council with several issues.

1. Farm animals in the village, they are against it. Julie Spain, Solicitor is working on getting more information to present to council the next meeting so a discussion and possible solution can be made.
2. Businesses not permitted to place boxes in recycle bins. Mayor suggested they contact Union County Recyclers.
3. Uptown snow removal. Not happy with how the village removed the snow downtown last year and would like it to be addressed and better this year.
4. Against putting apartments in the rear of the businesses downtown.

Legislation:

* Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution** **10012021** Village of Richwood temporary appropriations for 2022 budget (third reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Donald Ridgeway moved and Reddy Brown 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 (third reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 10282021** to increase the water rate in Richwood, Ohio (third reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 11012021** to allocate funds for the remediation or demolition of blighted properties in the Village of Richwood, Ohio. (second reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Pat Morse 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. (second reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.

Mayor’s report:

* Christmas parade is December 4th at 4 pm. The theme will be Everyday Heroes.
* December 11th will be Light the Trail. Generators will be needed to borrow, and volunteers needed to hang lights on December 4th.
* Meeting coming up for Capitol Projects on Opera House and Park.

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. 2 pending cases. 6 active cases. 7 completed cases

Old Business:

* Von Beal mentioned repaving the streets. Mayor stated that he would like to have a Street Committee started the first of the year. He is getting quotes and rates for chip and seal, paving, and grinding.
* Reddy Brown reported that he will be meeting the insurance company on December 1st to discuss occupancy in the Opera House. Another clean up date is December 5. Lights will also be hung on the Opera House as well.

New Business:

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:05 pm. Next meeting is Monday December 13th.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer