**December 13, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew, December 13 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, and Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers. Solicitor Julie Spain, absent.

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/13/2021 with the changes of the work church to village in the visitor’s comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 12/13/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

* Gail DeGood-Guy announced to council that Wreaths Across America will be Saturday, December 18 at 2pm at the Veterans Memorial. This is open to the public and all Veterans, Boys Scouts, and Girls Scouts are welcome. There is no rain date for this event. Gail will also be replacing the flags as well. Gail also asked about snow removal on W Blagrove after heavy snow fall. The snow emergency ordinance will be reviewed and new signs will be put in place for snow emergency situations. Cars will not be able to park along the streets in the business district. This ordinance will be enforced correctly.
* Amanda White asked council if the grant that was obtained can be used for storm repairs and asked for an update on the street light on West Bomford. The grant can only be used for drinking water and Administrator Asher will contact Josh Cross from Ohio Edison regarding the light pole.
* Craig Ruhl address council about the subject on farm animals in the village. He stated that his children are in 4-H and have rabbits. He expressed his concerns and desire to continue to allow small farm animals in the village for 4-H. Ruhl also requested the alley behind South Franklin Street to be raked. During the construction, the alley was used continuously and needs some repairs.

Legislation:

* 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. (third and final reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Reddy Brown 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. (third and final reading). Motion passed 5-0 with Jackie Hamilton abstaining.
* Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution 12012021** to Approve the Continuance of Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Agreements with Various Companies and to report such findings to the Ohio Development Service Agency. (second reading)

Mayor’s report:

* Still working on Capitol Budget Projects. Eric Philips requested an entry from Richwood for the Columbus Region with a 3 day turn around. The request for the splash pad at the park was submitted to him on Monday. All projects are still being sent to representative Richardson. The Opera House, Splash pad, and parking lot / shelter house for baseball field.
* Received an approval letter from ODOT to apply for a in grant opportunity from TAP. Had to submit a letter of intent for permission to apply for the grant.
* Christmas parade went great. Park looks wonderful. Thank you to the village employees and Justin North for job well done.
* Santa will make is last appearance on Saturday, December 18th from 11am – 1pm.

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. 7 pending cases. 2 active cases. 11 completed cases, 1 permit

Old Business:

* Reddy Brown met with insurance representative Dave Tiller and received a plan for the Opera House to be open safely for tours. The plan includes exit signs and fire extinguishers and little work to be done. This information will be discussed at the committee meeting.

New Business:

* Kelly Jerew addressed council about replacing the manager for the Richwood Farmers Market. An ad has been placed in the paper. There was discussion regarding the managers job description as well as the cost and concerns of the farmers market to be successful.
* Food truck concerns for local business was discussed. Concerns will need to be taken to RABA meetings.
* Reddy Brown and Gail DeGood-Guy reported that 28 Marine recruits and Poolees cleaned the Opera House and did a very good job.
* Reddy Brown stated that Jackie Hamilton will be replacing Laurie Eliot-Shea on the Tree Committee by default.

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:17 pm. Next meeting is Monday December 20th.

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 Mayor Fiscal Officer