

**December 21, 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 December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pat Morse moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/23/2020. The motion passed with George Showalter abstaining.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 12/21/2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

Retiring County Commissioner Charles Hall performed the swearing-in ceremony for our new Union County Commissioner, Dave Burke.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution 11012020** for 2021 Temporary Budget (third and final reading). Motion passed unanimously.

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 10022020** FINAL Participatory Legislation UNI Richwood STRT Sidewalks. Motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded **Resolution 12012020** Pay increase of \$1.00 an hour for Village Service employees and 2% increase for water/sewer operator. (Second reading) Motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal proposed changes for employee insurance. Switching from Medical Mutual to Anthem, increasing life insurance from 20k to 50k, dental and vision insurance for employee only (added family at employee cost), and short term and long term disability insurance. Changing primary insurance will have a savings large enough to cover all new insurance and still have an annual savings. This is based on 40 percent usage of HSA funds per Burnham and Flowers. Reddy Brown moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded the motion for the benefits changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

Gov Dewine still has mask mandate.

Playground and mulch has been ordered. Estimated to be delivery and set up is March.

New gutters are done on the shelter house.

Capital Budget has approved funds for \$50k for Opera House and \$76,739.00 for Park. This will be for 2 composting toilets, ADA kayak launch, and 20 ADA picnic tables. Special thanks for Doug Matthews for getting the grants done for us.

Next year council meeting schedule proposed.

Reddy Brown moved and Von Beal seconded the motion to approve the schedule for 2021 council meeting dates. Motion passed unanimously.

Monte Asher gave Administration Report

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded motion to approve lighting change to LED for sewer plant and administration building to save funds on electricity. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Asher gave Police Report

Sarah Sellers gave Fiscal Report: November bank reconciliation distributed. Temporary Budget will be sent to county on Tuesday 12/22/20.

Old Business:

Von Beal asked about the port a johns at the park. Administrator Monte Asher stated that Discount Septic will give the village two port a johns at no cost and service them weekly if he can dump at the sewer plant once a week. Asher checked with Sewer Operator, Eric Kincaid and he stated that as long as he is there when the dumping takes place and his conditions would have to be met.

Mayor suggested having Monte and Eric make a contract, review it with Alison Boggs.

New Business:

Von Beal asked if we could look into concrete aprons around the two older shelter houses. Mayor stated we could get an estimate for the concrete. Brief discussion on what will be done with the old grill.

Pat Morse moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew, adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer