**July 26, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 07/12/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 07/26/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: Logan Johnston requested signature for final approval for his Eagle Scout project. Project was three campsites refurbished which included three wood boxes, 4 fire rings and mulch. Project was complete after staining of boxes and completed underbudget. Mayor Jerew signed off on project as complete.

Mayors Report: Franklin Street construction continues, stay off South Franklin unless you live in the construction zone. Requested correction for Gazette which stated you can use Tawa coming from the North.

Camping at the park: Reddy Brown moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded the motion to allow Mayor Jerew proceed with research for 12-14 campsites, public restrooms, dump station, permits needed, and electric in the area and all that entails. Passed 6-0.

Mayor told an individual that they can rent their paddle boats and kayaks from their property. They will not be able to use the Richwood lake or village in any advertising. We will have no affiliation or responsibility.

Reminder to place in Gazette, if you know of a property that needs attention, please call zoning officer, Marion Bump, not post on Facebook. We do not monitor social media.

New Samsung Richwood Solar project on Rt 37/4 is in the beginning stages. Keep reading and educating yourself, ask questions and go to meetings. There is a concern regarding Fulton Creek run off. They assured mayor that there will be less run off than from farmers.

Sarah Sellers gave administration report in Monte Asher’s absence.

Sarah Sellers gave Police Report in Monte Asher’s absence.

Sarah Sellers gave Fiscal Report: Reported we have received approval from American Relief Act and first payment of $129,891.32 will be received very soon.

Old Business:

Reddy Brown presented council with the updated Richwood Revitalization Steering Committee Brown also reported that the committee is meeting with Claiborne township to partner for grant funds as well as county commissioners for possible funding. Decision needs to be made of placing wood in the gap of the roof that can not be pushed then place the rubber roof on or no wood placed and just rubber roof. Brown will report back on findings.

New Business:

Discussion on geese control issue at the lake. Presented two options, shaking eggs or a round up. Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to do a round up, and decision passed 6-0. Mayor will pursue ODNR for next spring. They will come and educate and assist on the first round up, then we can do it ourselves by just calling them ahead and letting them know.

Discussion regarding junk cars (licensed and unlicensed), parking on sidewalks and in yards on properties. Possible zoning changes will be coming. Alison Boggs suggested going to the health department if properties are harboring rodents. Brown proposed having a topic and proposal for zoning commission and attend a meeting.

Laurie Eliot-Shea announced she will be stepping down from her position on council effective August 10 due to conflict with OPERS retirement and health insurance costs. She will continue to stay involved on committees and projects in the area.

Brown reported on food trucks at the beach. Need to work on tax status with Andrea Weaver because the property is tax exempt. Mayor will be meeting with her and perhaps split the parcel for the land.

Brown reported the Opera House grant is almost completed. He will meet with the mayor next week to finalize it.

George Showalter moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor, Scott Jerew adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

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