

September 12, 2022
RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew September 12, 2022 at 7:00pm

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

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from 08/22/2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 09/12/2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

- Laurie Elliot addressed council regarding the semis in the vacant lot behind her house. The issue has been addressed for 2 ½ years and asked for update. Julie Spain, solicitor stated that once she receives and a piece of information from the zoning officer, the zoning violation will be filed legally with the Marysville court.
- AJ Davis and Julie Cardone from the NU Softball for Girls asked for permission to upgrade the bleachers using grant funds and donated concrete and also fixing the concession building. Council agreed to upgrades presented.
- Chuck and Royce Shipp from 322 N Franklin addressed council on the homeless issue and the tents that are just beyond their property. They will be installing a privacy fence. Shipp was instructed to call the police if they see any littering or have any nuisance odors.

Legislation:

- Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 09012022** accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. First reading. Motion passed unanimously.
- Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded the motion to approve **Resolution 09022022** authorizing the Mayor of The Village of Richwood to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (RPIG), as administered by the Community Development Program of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and to execute contracts as required. (first and only reading). Motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution 09032022 tabled for further information**
- **Resolution 09042022 tabled for further information**
- Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 09122022** to establish an enterprise Magnetic Springs Sewer Fund and to transfer \$20,000.00 from the general fund to the Magnetic Springs Fund in the Village of Richwood Ohio. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's report:

- The fair was a success. Very proud of our town residents and local businesses, 65 total that helped to raise funds for Zane Copas whose dream was to make the grand stands at the fair handicap accessible. Not only did they raise the funds they also purchased his 3 rabbits for \$14,000.00.

Street/ Utility report read by Village Administrator, Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

Police report read by Chief of Police, Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

Finance report read by Fiscal Officer, Sarah Sellers. Bold items reported.

Zoning report. Read by Zoning Officer, Marion Bump.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded the purchase of a laptop for zoning officer, Marion Bump from Edge Technology. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business:

- Pat Morse addressed the Mayor regarding the grant funds lost for South Franklin Street. The Mayor will follow up after he hears back from the Commissioners on who's decision it was for the funds to be awarded. Access Engineering might be able to get other funds from CBDG. Will update as information becomes available. Grant funds and not guaranteed funds on any project.
- Reddy Brown reported the antenna has been removed from the Opera House and is on the side of the building. Marion will call the EMA to see if they still want to take it. Also, the clock tower leaks have been repaired and is water-proofed. Architect is working on design to get Sara Barr's pamphlet started and meet her requirements and get the feasibility study in process.

New Business:

- Von Beal would like an update from Julie Spain on foreclosures
- Jackie Hamilton reported that she was told from Bahan Excavating that the project at the apartments has been put on hold. The property owners have plans for the property.

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 8:35 pm. Next meeting is Monday September 26, 2022 at 7pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer

Village Services

- 1) Regular maintenance – alleys, pot holes, lift stations, mowing, collecting lawn bags and chipping (seasonal), OUPS, clean catch basins, read meters monthly, spray weeds, banners; trimmed trees as needed.
- 2) **Mosquito sprayed twice**
- 3) Street sweeper is not being sold to company that it was sent to for repair. They do not want it. Plans will have to be made to return sweeper to village. We could go for an attachment with the new skid steer that was purchased for around \$10,000.00 as an option. This will be researched more. **Ag-Pro has attachment for new skid steer to use as street sweeper for \$11,000 with a water tank.**
- 4) Estimate for large tree removal at park for splash pad from Gray's tree Removal LLC (in paperwork) is \$4,950.00 **Tree has been removed in park for \$2300.00**
- 5) **Baptist Church wants to close alley for trick or treat for trunk or treat for safety and place barricades.**
- 6) **Tire collection October 1st at Union County fairgrounds. Flyer is in paperwork.**
- 7) **RABA customer appreciation day this Saturday 9-12**
- 8) **Due to county not being able to grader patch our roads. We are marking some bad areas and patching them ourselves.**
- 9) **Cleaned up around the water plant in preparation for the new plant. Removing concrete and metal.**
- 10) **Assisted Fair-board to get ready for the fair.**
- 11) **Worked with fire expression company at the Richwood Greene**
- 12) **Cleaned up trees at the waste water plant in the ditch**
- 13) **Ordered 2 seat bottoms for the park swings**
- 14) **Working with EMA on future mitigation plans**
- 15) **Meet with Access Engineering and Ohio Edison on the electric for power at the new water plant and old plant.**
- 16) **Safe Route for Food – Rt 47 sidewalk project = We need a consultant for this project!!!! Reaching out to Brain Davidson from ODOT to possibly get the consultant from the Safe Route to School Project.**

Police

1. **Nothing to report**

Finance Report:

- 1) Payroll (biweekly 09/02; **biweekly 09/16**; biweekly/monthly 09/30)
- 2) All withholdings, Taxes - Federal, School and State. Retirement - OPERS and OP&F are paid and current
- 3) **August bank reconciliation completed and in paperwork.**
- 4) **Update on 2018-2019 audit questions: LGS cannot assist us because we are balanced with our bank reconciliations. They do not audit individual funds to be sure things were paid out correctly. Therefore, I will be doing the audit myself. This has been approved by Charles Harris CPA as they will be doing our next audit as well.**
- 5) **Software is installed and ready with Magnetic accounts inputted. Many details need to be addressed with their village. I will be attending their council meeting on Thursday evening.**