

**January 27, 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, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Donald Ridgeway was sworn into office as councilman for his new term by Alison Boggs. William Scott Jerew was sworn into office as Mayor for his new term by Alison Boggs.

Pat Morse moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 01/13/2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Gerry Moore asked if the street will be widened on the South Franklin Street project. Monte Asher stated the street will not be widened and the parking will stay the same. Asher also stated that the bids for Phase 2 Franklin Street project will be January 2021. There will be four meetings held before the next four council meetings starting February 10 at 6:30 pm. Moore questioned Mayor Jerew about the one trash service project, Mayor stated that the search is over. The bids came in too high once again and it was not a benefit to the community.

Mayor's report was presented to council. The agronomy team signs will be under the village signs. There will be a total of 4 signs. The signs will include the years and have room for more. Cody Johnston from the Richwood Bank will take care of the cost involved with the signs.

Mayor has not hear back on the Opera House grant. They will not fund anything that isn't a complete project, but will look at other ways. Until then, all plans will be on hold.

Census is coming up in 2020. There is a census every 10 years. A census decides how much money we get from federal funds. The study shows that we potentially loose one thousand two hundred and six dollars (\$1,206.00) for everyone that is not counted in a census.

Middle school property for the Resilience Center update: The title company will not do anything with the deed dated 1876. The school is going to see if they can do anything. The project is scheduled to start 2021.

Thirteen memorial benches were sold and fifteen were ordered. They are six feet long with three braces. The benches have a twenty year guarantee and are made completely of recycled plastic. The amount spent on the benches from the Trail Blazer fund is five thousand five hundred ninety one dollars and fifty five cents (\$5,591.55). The plates for the benches will also be ordered. Mr. Jolliff, from North Union High School has kids to put the benches together. The benches will be delivered to Kale's and then taken to the high school. Fireworks will be back this year for the 10 annual Scioto River Valley Pullers Association. Parade on July 3. Concert, food trucks and fireworks at the fairgrounds. Tractor pulls on July 4 starting at 10 am. More information will be given before the event.

Administration Report was presented to Council. Rourke Acquisition Inc. will do our project for four thousand fifty dollars (\$4,050.00) for the SRTS grant.

There will be a change order to take down old poles and lights. No word when the new poles will be installed. Water line break in alley off Pearl Street was fixed. We are looking for a new trash pump to help with big water line breaks.

Police report was presented to Council. The police officers read to children at the library. Lt. Hill is going to Guernsey County to check out the new Soma software for reporting system. There will be firearms training in April. New officer, Tanner Hinkle was hired.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Payroll, OPERS, OP&F, state and local taxes are all paid. The temporary budget was submitted to the Union County Auditor's Office. The December bank reconciliations are done and attached to the council packet. Blanket certificate purchase orders are done for the year and need signatures.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Von Beal discussed the open forum for the town Opera House meeting. Check and see what cost will be to tear down the building. Mayor will check on this. The clock can be saved with no problem. The street light controls are still in that building. If the building gets torn down, the controls need to either be moved to another location or a small structure be built for them at the same location. There will also be an issue with storage. There is a location for possible storage that Mr. Jamison owns. Monte will check on records retention. Records can also be filed electronically. UCo Industries and Iron Mountain are two businesses mentioned. Mayor Jerew stated that he will wait to make another date for the next town meeting after he talks to Senator Burke.

Donald Ridgway asked about the couches on the streets. Zoning officer, Marion Bump stated that he will send letters and check on the car on property at Franklin Street.

Laurie Eliot-Shea presented a revised ordinance to re-establish the tree commission for the village. This ordinance will change the five members to three and stagger the start of each appointee so one member is appointed for one year, two years and three years. Each will need to be re-appointed every three years. George Showalter moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded Ordinance 01032020 to Amend Section 907.01 of the Village of Richwood Ordinances, Tree Commission Established; Members. Motion approved unanimously.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer