

Richwood Village Council Regular Meeting – Agenda 7/22/2024

1. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 pm

2. Call to order and Roll Call

Reddy Brown P Pat Morse P Von Beal P Donald Ridgeway P Jackie Hamilton P Brad Plotner P

3. Meeting Minutes from regular meeting 07/08/024

Motion to approve Minutes;

Motion PM Second BP Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y

4. Warrants

Motion to approve Warrants

Motion VB Second RB Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y

6 5. Introduction of Visitors

5 6. Enter into executive session to discuss legal issue.

Motion RB Second PM Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y Time: 7:02

7. Return to regular session

Motion PM Second RB Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y Time: 7:18

8. Legislation

- **Ordinance 06252024** amending Ordinance 10282021 and amending the provisions of said ordinance pertaining to water rates charged by the Village of Richwood. Third / final reading

Motion RB Second PM Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y

- **Resolution 07222024** to authorize application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for the WWTP/ Lift station upgrade project in the village.

Motion VB Second DR Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y BP Y

9. Mayor's Report:

10. Administration Report

- Street/Utility
- Police
- Finance
- Zoning

11. Old Business:

12. New Business:

13. Adjourn

Motion VB Second RB

Vote: RB _____ PM _____ VB _____ DR _____ JH _____ Time: 8:48

Next Council meeting Monday August 12th @ 7:00 PM

July 8, 2024
RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Jerew on July 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance. Council members present were, Donald Ridgeway, Von Beal, Pat Morse and, Brad Plotner, Jackie Hamilton, and Reddy Brown. Village Administrator Monte Asher, Police Chief Jim Hill, Zoning Officer Marion Bump, and Sarah Sellers Fiscal Officer. Julie Spain, Solicitor was absent.

Pat Morse moved and Brad Plotner seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from 6/24/24. Motion passed with Reddy Brown and Jackie Hamilton abstaining.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 7/8/24. The motion passed 5-0 with Brad Plotner abstaining.

Visitors:

- Tom Myers – Mid Ohio Antique Farm Machinery Show requested to have the annual parade on Friday evening July 26th at 6pm. Council agreed.
- Lynn Hall – Union County Historical Society stated she has been keeping up with the Opera House news and gave results of the social media feedback.
- Tina McMahan gave council history from her Uncle Robert Levingston and the importance of keeping the village tag line.
- Gerry Moore stated he is willing to buy the lot from the Village if the Opera House is torn down.
- Mike Chapman address council about the importance of keeping the history of Richwood. Chapman stated the music and arts is a good tool for keeping Richwood great.
- Dean Gray stated that there is a guy interested in making the downstairs of the Opera House a restaurant and the venue upstairs can be used for many fine arts. That would include and be limited to music, poetry, painting, movies, dancing, yoga, and also network with the churches and library. His statement was Faith, belief and hope. Be on the same page and do it. Do the work.
- Kelly Jerew stated she has waited 4 years to see anything and doesn't want to have to wait 20 more years to see a vision. No hope or faith in one gentleman to invest. She also questions spending the \$150,000.00 to then sell the Opera House and then hurt us when we ask for more capital funding.
- Rachel Schadel said we need to focus on getting more business in town to fully restore the venue and upkeep.
- Charles Barry address council with his passion to keep the Opera House. He stated all the other buildings in Richwood have been torn down because of bank growth and the schools, the Opera House is the only one left. The funds that was spent on the Village moving to different buildings could have been spent on the Opera House.
- Sandy Blanton from Dudley Circle asked if there will be a permit issued to the builder Jason Wills on Dudley for another house to be built. Mayor replied with No, until he gets phase 2 done, he can't build anymore. That includes curbs and sidewalks. She also requested a new caution sign be put up for kids at play with more small children in the area.
- Gail DeGood Guy – was on committee for 3 years, she stated that if other opportunities come up for the Opera House for the council to not have blinders on, this might attract others to come in.

Von Beal made a motion for a new quote for beam to be placed at Opera House and if the amount is feasible at the amount of the grant (\$150,000.00) and the amount that the Opera House fund can add (\$20,000) for a total of \$170,000.00, for the work to be completed. Reddy Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Legislation:

- Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded the motion for Ordinance 06252024 amending Ordinance 10282021 and amending the provisions of said ordinance pertaining to water rates charged by the Village of Richwood. Motion passed unanimously. Second Reading

Mayor's report:

- Insurance company said we can paddleboard on lake; there are a list of rules and regulations that must be posted in extension to kayak and canoeing. Signs will be made.
- Counter offer on North Franklin lot was given of \$32,500 and waive tap fees. Lot appraised for \$42,000.00 Von Beal moved and all agreed to counter offer again with \$32,000.00 and they pay all tap fees. Motion passed 6-0.
- Soil and water have their annual fish sale. Would like to spend \$530.00 and get similar amount and type of fish as last year. Council approved purchase.
- Geese are back as the park. Council approved Mayor to contact Tim Malone. He will file for another permit.
- 11 tires were dumped at the new beach restroom / shelter house. Council approved for Mayor to get quotes for cameras at the park.

Street / Utility report: Administrator, Monte Asher – no report

Police report: Police Chief, Jim Hill - no report

Finance report: Fiscal Officer, Sarah Sellers. Report attached

Zoning report: Zoning Officer, Marion Bump. Report attached.

Old Business:

- Reddy Brown requested that the Opera House committee create an Urban Renewal District and to interview people for interest and not look at just the highest bidder; committee to do all the paperwork. Von Beal moved, Reddy Brown seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- Scott Jerew stated the village will help get the clock tower running again. Need a new quote on the electronic board, possibly from another company.
- Scaffolding used at the Opera House will be resold at a later date.
- Pat Morse address the flower boxes at each end of town. Mayor stated they are being worked on by volunteers.
- Reddy Brown stated the School Superintendent would like a time line on moving the wells for the girls wrestling room to go in.

New Business:

Next meeting is Monday July 22nd, 2024 at 7pm.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer

Village Services

- 1) Regular maintenance – change trash, repair alleys, fix pot holes, lift stations, mowing, collecting lawn bags and chipping (seasonal), OUPS, clean catch basins, read meters monthly, spray weeds, banners/flags, trimmed trees as needed replacing water meters as needed.
- 2) Main Sewer line on E Ottawa Street has a hole in the line. all parts order.
- 3) **James Waddall has been hired for the seasonal park position.**
- 4) **3 Handicap signs is up at park park.**
- 5) **I am working with Eric on service line inventories for EPA mailers will go out soon**
- 6) **Water Plant is getting started.**
- 7) **Park was vandalized again. Made Police report**
- 8) **Installed 3 25 MPH signs on Grove Street**
- 9) **Unloaded new shelter on Lynn Street.**
- 10) **11 Tires was dumped in Park by the new Bathrooms**
- 11) **Tore down old bathroom building.**
- 12) **South bay garage doo broke down was repaired.**
- 13) **All in one construction started on shelter will be completed this week,**
- 14) **See updated project report attached**

Village of Richwood

Planned Projects for 2024

Date July 22nd 2024

- 1) New Water Plant Construction Starts) 7/24
- 2) SRTF 47 sidewalk has been back up.
- 3) New Well waiting on EPA for test drills
- 4) Sewer Plant Up Grade Bidding 2025
- 5) Franklin Street Phase 3 37 at Bomford to Gill St. closed
- 6) Electric to be ran to shelter house # 3 Eubanks Electric
Completed
- 7) Shelter house Lynn St parking All In One is installing.
- 8) Uptown parking lot. Access is working with union county for
grant our cost will be \$22,733
- 9) North Franklin Street Phase #4 Starts in 2025

Richwood Police Department/Council Report 07/22/2024

- **All full time officers have now completed the online State Auditor Fraud training and certificates have been forwarded to Sarah.**
- **Lt. Baldwin attended stakeholder RMS training for two days. Mobile training is upcoming in August, with user end training in October.**
- **The PD is now carrying Lifevac devices in the cruisers for incidents of choking.**
- **Officers are still performing stationary patrols on Pearl St. There has been a significant decrease in speeding on Pearl St. and the PD will continue these efforts. There have been a few reports of semis driving on Pearl St. Nick has placed additional barriers and the amount of semi's have decreased since the beginning of the Franklin St. project.**

Village of Richwood
Finance Report: 07/22/2024

- Payroll: biweekly 7/5; biweekly and monthly 7/19)
- All withholdings, Taxes - Federal, School and State. Retirement - OPERS and OP&F are paid and current
- Working on 2018 and 2019 audit (on-going)
- State audit for 2022 and 2023 (requested extension; now due 9/24)
- **AOS Fraud training for everyone; print certificates or email to me**
- **Researching online interactive calendar software for camping and shelter house rentals. Demos scheduled for 3 different software options**
- **Attended Magnetic Springs town meeting Saturday July 13th**
- **June Bank reconciliation done; copies attached to paperwork**

Star Ohio: June interest: \$8,314.22 YTD interest: \$48,053.29 Rate: 5.43%

Bulk Water: June \$1,459 YTD revenue: \$4,823.00

CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Village of Richwood
153 N. Franklin Street
Richwood, OH 43344
740-943-3315



Date from: JUN 24 2024 To: JUL 22 2024

1)	Certified letters sent	<u>4</u>
2)	Pending cases	<u>6</u>
3)	Active cases	<u>8</u>
4)	Cases on hold	<u>1</u>
5)	Zoning permits	<u>5</u>
6)	Demolition permits	<u>1</u>
7)	Inspections	<u>11</u>
8)	Zoning complaints	<u>2</u>
9)	<u>Completed Cases</u>	<u>7</u>
10)	_____	<u> </u>

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Zoning Enforcement Officer