

Richwood Village Council Regular Meeting – Agenda 3/11/2024

1. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 pm

2. Call to order and Roll Call

Reddy Brown ✓ Pat Morse ✓ Von Beal ✓ Donald Ridgeway ✓ Jackie Hamilton ✓ George Showalter X

3. Meeting Minutes from regular meeting 02/26/024

Motion to approve Minutes:  
Motion Pm Second VB Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y GS X

4. Warrants

Motion to approve Warrants  
Motion VB Second RB Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y GS X

5. Introduction of Visitors

6. Legislation

- Resolution 02262024 to approve the 2024 final budget (second reading)  
Motion RB Second DR Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y GS X

7. Mayor's Report:

8. Administration Report
- Street/Utility
  - Police
  - Finance
  - Zoning

9. Old Business:

10. New Business:

11. Adjourn Motion Pm Second RB  
Vote: RB Y PM Y VB Y DR Y JH Y GS X Time: 8:00 pm

Next Council meeting Monday, March 25th @ 7:00 PM

**February 26, 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 February 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from 2/12/24. Motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Reddy Brown seconded a motion to approve the warrants with correction to check number 27230 Payable to Union County Sheriff, holding until further notice, dated 2/26/24. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

- Becky from the Hope Center updated council on future plans for the building that they own downtown Richwood. They plan to use the building for MidOhio Foodbank market area, emergency assistance, legal representation, budget expertise, financial help (one time), finding jobs and transportation to the jobs and also an upstairs kids' area. Partnering with local churches and libraries, as well as other resources in the area that already exist in the county. They currently have over 700 volunteers. Council gave many ideas for resources to expand connections such as township meetings, certified contractors that might donate time and materials, work with the local paper and talk with commissioners.
- Shauna Chapman from Richwood Farmers market updated council on future plans for the market. With the roadwork upcoming this spring and fall, the market is being moved to the park. Market will still be on Thursdays, from June 13<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm – 7pm in shelter house number 1. The shelter house will help with inclement weather and the heat that has been an issue in the past. Funding update was also given. Market applied for a tourism grant for \$1000.00 and will know by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Richwood Marketing is helping to develop the website.
- Tamisha from Union County Health Department updated council on the active transportation for Northern Union County. There will be another meeting in April and there has been many connections made. She is continually searching for grants and needs to know any Wishlist items to see what grants can be used. Mayor stated that the last 4/5 projects have been possible with her help.
- Jerry Moore from S Franklin asked if there was any covid money to finish South Franklin Street project. He also requested an update on the Opera House. Reddy Brown replied that no firm decision has been made as of yet. Moore stated that if the building is torn down, he would be interested in purchasing the lot.
- Tom McCarty, former County Commissioner is running again. He has no opponent at this time running against him. He introduced himself, and stated that he would like to work with Richwood to make things happen and communication is important. He stated the project with Magnetic Springs is the best thing that has happened in our lifetime. Pat Morse addressed the Fulton Creek flooding issue with

the water not having any place to go. Mayor suggested McCarty talk to Mr. Stolte regarding the issue, as it was addressed 25 years ago and many times since then. It was stated that it is a race to the river. Solar issues were also a topic in discussion and McCarty stated with all the questions everyone has come up with, we must see the affects it has on everything before answers are given and any more action is taken.

Legislation:

- Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to approve Resolution 02262024, first reading of the 2024 final budget.
- Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to approve Resolution 02272024 to change 2023 advance to transfer for the Capital Project Park Splash Pad fund. Motion passed unanimously.
- Donald Ridgeway moved and Jackie Hamilton seconded the motion to approve Resolution 02282024 authorizing to apply for, accept, and enter into an Ohio Water Development Authority and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's report:

- Issues with North Franklin Street lot that was sold have come up, reverts back to school board, lien on property, and a sewer bond from 1990 all recovered from the title search. Sale is put on hold until issues are corrected.

**Street / Utility report:** Village Administrator Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

**Police report:** Police Chief, Jim Hill Report attached.

**Finance report:** Fiscal Officer, Sarah Sellers. Report attached

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

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Fishing Derby is June 1<sup>st</sup> and the \$500 grant has been applied for. There is carry over money from last year so the funding is covered. Reddy Brown and Donald Ridgeway will be leaders for the event.
- Still Water Mums have partnered with the school for flowers to be placed uptown. The flowers will be sponsored by business and the students will volunteer to water the flowers if the village can provide the water, approximately 120 gallons a week. The flowers will be switched to mums in the fall. Monte Asher stated they can use the water resource in the garage area. All agreed unanimously.
- Will be planting trees at the park on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am if anyone wanted to join.
- Ridgeway will get with Hill regarding truck uptown with flat tire for a week.
- Zoning paperwork as been prepared and started for apartments north of town.

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 7pm.

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Mayor

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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) Working with EMA on Richwood Community Operation Plan 2024
- 3) **Windows installed**
- 4) **Emergency water shut off 200 block of West Bomford street**
- 5) **Dawson To school for spraying.**
- 6) **Plow truck to Tommy for lights**
- 7) **Put new Touch buttons on the 3 drinking fountains**
- 8) see updated project report attached

**Village of Richwood**

**Planned Projects for 2023**

**Date 11th of March 2024**

- 1) New Water Plant                      Waiting for preconstruction meeting
- 2) SRTF 47 sidewalk                      out to bid. 5-08 bid opening 05-20
- 3) New Well                                      waiting on EPA for test drills
- 4) Sewer Plant Up Grade                      Bidding 2025
- 5) Franklin Street Phase 3                      Bid came in

## **Richwood Police Department/Council Report 03/11/2024**

- Off Joe North's last day with RPD will be Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We wish Sgt. North well with his new agency, and we thank him for his nearly 8 years of service to the RPD and village in whole.

Village of Richwood  
Finance Report: 2/26/2024

- Payroll (biweekly 03/01; **03/15**; biweekly/monthly 03/29)
- All withholdings, Taxes - Federal, School and State. Retirement - OPERS and OP&F are paid and current
- Working on 2018 and 2019 audit (on-going)
- Working on final budget – due end of March
- **2 day conference in Columbus March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**



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## Village of Richwood

Village Administrator Monte R. Asher  
Mayor WM Scott Jerew

153 North Franklin St.  
Richwood, Ohio 43344

# Case Activity Report

Date from: FEB 26 2024 To: MAR 11 2024

1)	Pending Cases	<u>3</u>
2)	Active Cases	<u>2</u>
3)	Completed Cases	<u>3</u>
4)	Cases on Hold	<u>1</u>
5)	Zoning Applications	<u>0</u>
6)	Zoning Permits	<u>0</u>
6)	Demolition Application	<u>0</u>
7)	Demolition Permits	<u>2</u>
8)	Tree Permit Application	<u>0</u>
9)	Tree Permit	<u>6</u>
10)	Zoning Complaints	<u>  </u>
11)	Record of Complaint	<u>3</u>
12)	Cases Referred to Solicitor	<u>0</u>
13)	Inspections	<u>7</u>
14)	Letters Sent	<u>0</u>
15)	Certified Letters Sent	<u>3</u>
16)	Clean up Due	<u>0</u>
17)	Clean up Completed	<u>0</u>
18)	Clean up Billed	<u>0</u>
19)	Unlicensed Vehicles Removed	<u>34</u>

Marion Bump Zoning Enforcement Officer