**February 10, 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, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Reddy Brown, 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.

William Reddy Brown was sworn into office as councilman for his new term by Alison Boggs.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 01/27/2020. The minutes were approved unanimously with Reddy Brown abstaining.

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

Visitors: Council heard from Rod Goddard running for County Commissioner, Sal Petrovia running for County Recorder and Kim Zacharias running for County Commissioner.

Mayor’s report was presented to council. The agronomy team signs are fully funded.

There has been good feedback on the census. There will be more information to follow.

Middle school property for the Resilience Center update: The property is not insurable due to the language on the title and paperwork. States that the land must be used for education purposes only.

Opera House update: Asbestos survey was done for one thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($1,250.00). H&H tested thirty poles twice for a total of sixty tests and found a small quantity that needs to be removed in a two hundred and thirty (230) square foot area. The cost for removal is four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($4,250.00) Asbestos must be removed no matter which direction we take on the building. Von Beal made a motion and Reddy Brown seconded to have the asbestos removed in the Opera House. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor discussed a property owned by Evan Jamison that is available for purchase located on North Franklin Street that can be used for storage. Jamison has offered the property to the village first. Cost is sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00) and includes 0.75 acres near the park. Pat Morse made a request to allow the council to see the property. Mayor will get more information.

Video is on Facebook and was entered as an application for HGTV takeover for small town makeover. Mayor’s daughter Harley Jerew helped create the video and submit to HGTV before the deadline.

Trail Committee meeting tomorrow, Tuesday February 11 at the administration building.

Administration Report was presented to Council. Both new and old salt spreader quit working. Old spreader cannot be fixed. After the last water main break, the village ordered two trash pumps. Village workers excavated and leveled area at the park trail around the beach and removed small trees and brush. A load of cold patch was purchased for pot hole repairs.

Police report was presented to Council. Officer Nicholson is leaving and going to his hometown in Circleville, Ohio. Department is now in the process of hiring a new full time police officer. Working on firearms / Taser instructor, possibly Officer North. Sgt. Baldwin will attend traffic stop instructor training. A North Union third grade reading class came to read to the village employees and police officers on Wednesday February 5.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Biweekly payroll is completed. OPERS and OP&F is completed for January. State and local taxes are paid. The 2019 Annual Financial Report is done and available for public viewing. January bank reconciliation is completed and has been distributed. Working on the 2020 final budget. First report will be available at the next council meeting on February 24 for the first reading of three. Final budget is due to the county auditor by March 31.

Old Business: Reddy Brown asked Administrator Asher if he has heard anything from contractor Jason Wills on the Dudley Circle project. Asher stated that he left a message for Wills that his plans are needed.

There is no update at this time on the new light poles.

New Business: Reddy Brown stated that the Richwood Sports Event with the 5K including bikes will be June 20. It was requested the use of Franklin street. Ottawa Street was suggested as a better location for the event.

Alison Boggs stated that she will be attending training that will helpful with vacant properties and wording of ordinances. Boggs will be funding this herself, as it will help with all the villages she represents.

George Showalter moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer