**April 26, 2021**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor, Scott Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: Laurie Eliot-Shea (virtual), Reddy Brown, Pat Morse, Von Beal, Donald Ridgeway, Administrator Monte Asher, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers, Solicitor, Alison Boggs and Zoning Officer Marion Bump. George Showalter, absent.

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 04/12/2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Morse moved and Von Beal seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 04/26/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

Wendy Veach spoke on behalf of the North Union Softball stating that there was a change in signers and responsibilities as well as missing funds and also requested to sign the contract. Mayor Jerew stated that it will be discussed tonight in his mayor’s report.

Jerry Blanton resident from Dudley Circle questioned Jason Wills engineering with drains. Donnie Ridgeway and Reddy Brown stated that they spoke with Wills and saw the surveyors, the elevation was good. Asher said he will call Wills again about the progress. Last time he spoke to him, he said it would be done by the end of May.

Mayors Report:

Please continue to wear masks. Vaccines are available at the fire department and the pharmacy.

Construction on south end of town is shut down. Only available for South Franklin Street residents.

Playground boarders at the beach have been fixed.

Water cut off went good today. Tomorrow will be off as well. Boil alert for 72 hours after.

Mulch for the playground area is needed. There are people that would like to donate. Monte will have a place for trailer load. Clarks will be available in two weeks.

Thanks to Village employees for hanging senior banners so quickly.

Blue Gill Tournament is set for May 29th. There is also a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Eagles Scout project the same day.

Bathing and Beach regulations from the Health Department will be coming.

Motion made by Reddy Brown and seconded by Pat Morse to accept the Park Rules 2021 **Ordinance 04262021** proposed by the park committee with changes to number 2, catch and release except carp. And adding a 9th rule, Do no feed water fowl. Approved 5-0.

Animals within the village limits was discussed. After a brief discussion, Mayor Jerew stated he will write it up for council to evaluate.

Softball fields contract was discussed with issues on line number 5 of contract a concern. NUSG shall not make any structural changes to the building, diamonds, fence or any portion of the designated area without first seeking approval of the Village council. They pored concrete and made a batting cage without approval. Also, questions on rates and who receives funds if the fields are rented to someone other than NUSG. After a long discussion and questions asked from visitors and council, it was agreed to leave the contract as is.

Sun Run is June 19 at 8 am.

Tractor Pulls are July 3rd with fireworks to follow.

Monte Asher gave Administration Report

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Sarah Sellers gave Fiscal Report – Requested permission to upgrade Ohio Software program interfacing with PayStar to allow paperless statements and change the model of our credit and debit card payments from the village paying $2.00 per transaction to 2.25% to help cover the cost. Motion was made by Von Beal for both the upgrade and change of the charge model seconded by Reddy Brown. Passed 5-0.

Old Business:

Reddy Brown gave an update on the Opera House. Sara Barr will be the feasibility study agent. May 3rd Meyer will complete the roof. The committee visited West Liberty government building located in their Opera House restored by fundraising with only 20% of the funds coming from grants. This was a good opportunity to compare and visualize. Encouraged council to look at West Liberty online to see pictures.

Reddy Brown requested permission to receive trees from Marysville hospital that ends up have an abundance donated. They will be giving away around 20 swamp white oaks. Permission granted and will be planted on Arbor Day.

New Business:

Pat Morse moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew, adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

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