

July 22, 2019
RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Jerew, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Donald Ridgeway, Laurie Eliot-Shea, Pat Morse, Von Beal and Reddy Brown. Solicitor Alison Boggs, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers, and other residents were present.

Vistors Tracey Richardson Ohio State Representative, Dorothy Pelanda Ohio Department of Agriculture, Steve Stolte Commissioner, Charles Hall Commissioner, Jeff Stauch County Engineer, Jeremy Burrey Ohio Union Soil and Water Conservation, Craig Mescher Access Engineer Solutions were present.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 07/08/2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Laurie Eliot-Shea moved and Von Beal seconded a motion to approve the warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Tom Myers of Mid Ohio Antique Farm Machinery Show asked for the Village to approve parade on Friday July 28, 2019. George Showalter moved and Von Beal seconded a motion to approve parade. The motion passed unanimously.

Tracey Richardson stated she was here to listen to the flooding issues we have.

Dorothy Pelanda presented Mayor Jerew with a list of grants and loan options; 2 federal and 2 state, to help with the flooding problems. Dorothy stated that she is willing to help with the applications if needed. Craig Mescher stated we have an application in for help with funding projects for one of the grants she suggested.

Jeff Stauch, County Commissioner spoke on Ottawa ditch. He stated it is county maintained. First suggestion is looking at their maps and also to do a log jam removal project. Jeremy Burrey, Ohio Union Soil and Water Conservation checked the catch basins in town. Two (2) titles flowing at fifty (50) percent capacity, should be at full. Need to find problem and where title lines go. Most clay title has reach life capacity. All information from neighbors was good. Need to camera titles and look for stagnant water.

Jeremy Burrey also stated that log removal by home owners is allowed from Fulton Creek. Mayor Jerew confirmed that Mr Burrey previously stated it was not allowed. Burrey then stated again, that if they do not touch the banks, rip down trees, disturb sediment or dirt, then removing blockage of logs with a tractor or excavator is permitted.

Steve Stolte, Commissioner and Jerry Burry from Union County Soil and Water discussed the Fulton Creek issue. Stotle talked on the history of Fulton Creek and a past petition project that was started and turned down by the land owners to dig out the creek and even widen it as a permanent solution. The process of the petition was discussed. Mayor suggested and council agreed and asked Stotle to gather all the information from the past petition. Must have fifty one percent (51%) of property owners agree to project. Stotle suggested that a smaller group get together and discuss and move forward and meet on a regular basis. Pelanda stated that the cost would be accessed to property taxes over 7 years of each homeowner.

Burrey stated there is funding for ditches. He reports to commissioners, requests funds for maintenance, it gets reviewed, then it goes to auditors and it's under special assessments on tax bills. We have a maintenance fee for life of ditch; Five (\$5) dollars per year per ½ (half) acre.

Charles Hall explained that four fields of his own farms around the village did not get planed this year because of rain fall and it's not only a village problem. Extreme amount of rain fall over the previous years.

Brad Plotner was present and asked about the size of pipe that will be placed going from Ottawa to Blagrove and suggested two (2) twenty (20) inch pipes. Mescher explained a twenty four inch (24") will carry more water away.

George Showalter shared his personal story and issues on his property due to the flooding over the years and shared pictures.

Parking concerns during Franklin Street construction was discussed and Mescher helped explain further the situation and reason for the parking on the street as well as seeding once it is time for landscaping.

There is still a concern for a willow tree on a property on Dudley Circle. It is unknown at this time if the tree can be removed. Reddy Brown stated that he couldn't find anything on a city against having a certain tree. Land owner has not been approached yet about tree. It was suggested to make contact with owner.

South Franklin planting of new trees was discussed. A committee of Brown and 2 – 3 other people will continue to talk to an arborist. There is concern of tree roots still getting into utilities. Showalter asked if an ordinance will be placed to not plant trees; Brown suggested to change ordinance of tree lawn. Alison Boggs will find out if village can ban certain trees from being planted.

Mescher mentioned that ODOT does not give updates to him regarding light poles. New width of North Franklin is thirty (30) feet curb to curb; widening two (2) to two and a half (2.5) feet. Sidewalks are now five (5 ft) wide ODOT standard for handicap.

Tracey Richardson spoke on House Bill 6 political issue on the Ohio Nuclear Plants. Voting is July 23rd.

George Showalter moved and Laurie Eliot-Shea seconded a motion to approve Ohio Public Works Commission Funding for Franklin Street Reconstruction Project Phase II. The motion passed unanimously.

The Administration Report was presented to Council.

Von Beal moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer