

**December 9, 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, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Donald Ridgeway, Pat Morse, and Reddy Brown. Police Chief / Village Administrator Monte Asher, Solicitor Alison Boggs, Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers, Zoning Officer Marion Bump and other residents were present.

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/25/2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to go to executive session to discuss employee compensation at 7:02 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to come back to regular session at 7:14. Motion approved unanimously.

Visitor Dean Gilliam stated that he now has a deed for his property on West Bomford Street if the village is still interested in purchasing it. Back taxes are still due on property. Mayor Jerew stated that the village is definitely interested in the property. Jerew also said that a FEMA grant has been applied for by the village engineer and he will get back with him in the middle of the year 2020 and let him know if the village can purchase the property.

Visitor Betty McNickle; resident of Edgewood stated that there was no water issues on her property due to the rain today and was very thankful for the work that was done.

Mayor's report was presented to council. Mayor Jerew was asked by Gail DeGood-Guy to invite everyone to the Wreaths Across America on December 14 at 2 p.m. at the Vets Memorial. The rain date will be December 21 at 2 p.m. Jerew also reported that TCI would like to purchase the property beside their current location to build another factory. A new appraisal will be done on the property. They are employing forty (40) people and looking to increase that to sixty (60) in their current building.

Evan Jamison approached the mayor about the property that he owns on North Franklin Street. Jamison is looking to buy another property and going to be selling property he currently owns and refinished and wanted to know if the village is interested in it for storage or possibly for parking use.

Mayor Jerew will be attending the school board meeting on the December 16 and Reddy Brown will run the Council meeting in his absence.

Administration Report was presented to Council. Updates were given for Edgewood storm line project. Curbs asphalt and catch basins are all in. There is a lot of clean up still to do including fencing. Lighting update: They should be coming in any day now. They will be staging before install. Village workers repaired an exhaust vent pipe on heater at the water plant. Chief reported that qualifying went very well, all officers qualified. Asher also stated that Chief golden is allowing the use of their range for firearms training in April 2020 for no charge.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Sellers stated that the November bank reconciliations are done and have been distributed. The outstanding payments from 2010 – 2018 have been cleaned up. We are now working on the current year. The temporary budget has also been distributed. If there are no issues and questions, this will be submitted to the Union County Auditor before January 1. Sellers stated that Walter Drane could not send us a quote for an updated Ordinance book until we provide them with a list of passed legislation since 2010. There has been a cost included in the budget of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00). Sarah will be working on a list.

Monte Asher stated that he sent the list of streetlights that were out to Ohio Edison and they have fixed a few already.

Josie Wills asked for any extra Christmas decorations for use for her Christmas pageant. Monte Asher will get with Josie and get her what the Village can donate.

Union County Foundation sent a letter of thanks and asking for a donation if anyone is willing and able.

Mayor took another tour of the Opera House with Mr. Wills; He is able to do a 3D image with his equipment. This will pick up everything for measurements for the Gym, bay and basement. The cost to rent is eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) a day and will take a week. Estimated cost is four thousand two hundred and fifty dollar (\$4,250.00)

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to increase employee pay by two percent (2%) for an annual increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to increase the zoning officer pay to three thousand six hundred dollars a year (\$3,600.00) Motion passed unanimously.

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer