**September 14, 2020**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, William Scott Jerew, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 08/24/2020. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Visitor Cole Krawczyk presented council with a proposal and map for a 5K Night Run on Halloween. Covid Rules will be in place and there is no need for police help as all runners will be using sidewalks. Lights are be rented for the apple orchard. Reddy Brown moved and Pat Morse seconded the motion to approve the night run on Halloween. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08032020** changing the structure of the Richwood Village Police Department and to increase the pay scale for full-time police officers and command staff by two dollars ($2.00). The motion passed unanimously. (Third Reading)

Reddy Brown moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08042020** to amend section 907.04 of the Village of Richwood ordinance to change the approved distance for planting trees in the tree lawn from the curb. (Third Reading)

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 08242020** Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. (Second Reading)

George Showalter moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to suspend the three reading rule due to time restraints for application for funding the new water plant. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve **Resolution 09012020** to Authorize application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Funding for the Water Plant Replacement Project in the village. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

Still a mask mandate by Governor DeWine

Tracy Richardson gave news that the Capitol budget is on hold for 2020. There is no money coming for tables or toilets for the new shelter house. They will be placed on the budget for 2021.

Detour on Route 4 reminder. Stay behind stop lines and stay safe.

Press Release for TCI has been out. They purchased the property from the village as well as the vacant building on IRA Bean Parkway. There will be fifteen new jobs and they are investing two million for the project. There is a sign for no trespassing and no fishing for the pond. This is now private property. Their plan is in two years they will have a third building.

Mayor stated during this election year, we all must respect everyone’s private property. Everyone is entitled to his or her choice.

Halloween is Saturday, October 31 from 5 – 7 pm.

Opera House update: We received two quotes from Lapi Enterprises for two ways to shore up the building one came in at $108,255.00 to put a beam across the gym with a crane and use scaffolding in place. To rebuild the trusses will be $189,000.00. We are waiting for another estimate.

Census takers are out. Please be nice, they are doing their job. It is important to have everyone counted.

Union County Health Department is helping to get an ADA compliant swing for the park.

Monte Asher gave Administration Report

Chief Asher gave Police Report

Sarah Sellers gave Fiscal Report

Old Business:

Pat Morse asked about the old Marcy building. Mayor stated that TriHex Athletic Apparel from Marysville are leasing the building.

Pat Morse stated that Dudley Circle residents are happy so far with the work that is being done on Dudley Circle.

George Showalter talked about the most recent storm and stated that the water went away and everyone is pleased.

Reddy Brown stated that there will be difficult decisions to be made regarding the Opera House. Mayor stated that once the other estimated is received, an open meeting could be held outside to discuss options and make a decision.

New Business:

George Showalter moved and Von Beal seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Scott Jerew adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer