**May 26, 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, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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

George Showalter moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 05/11/2020. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No visitors present.

Mayor’s Report: Still time for Census 2020. Richwood is below average and the county is ahead of schedule. They will begin door to door in August; this was pushed back due to COVID-19.

Trail Committee reports the plaques for the benches will be coming soon.

Doris Woodson, zoning board member has moved out of the village. Mayor will be appointing a new member.

Eric Phillips from the Chamber reported that Union County is number one in Ohio Housing Development and thirteen in the nation.

New Business: Von Beal asked if we are looking at budget to cut cost due to COVID-19. Mayor stated there is state money to go to villages and cities, if not used by October. Sarah Sellers stated that Administrator Monte Asher is aware doing what he can to hold off on spending where he can.

Old Business: Pat Morse asked if any of the businesses have put in for the money available to them from Richwood. Mayor replied that Richwood has zero applications.

Reddy Brown asked if we have paid money for the Opera House to Sara Barr. Mayor stated that we have not and he will get in touch with her and see where we are with the process.

Mayor stated that the paperwork has been sent to TCI from CIC and we will hopefully hear back from them within two weeks.

Mayor stated that there are about thirteen to fourteen water/sewer accounts that are of concern for the past due status. We will have to make a plan of action for payment arrangements and shut offs once the order is lifted. We will work with Solicitor Boggs for that.

Reddy Brown asked about Jason Wills and where the process is for the Dudley Circle project. Mayor stated that the last time Mr. Wills was at the meeting, he discussed his plans to either a cul-de-sac or through street and needs a decision made by council to move forward with his plans. Wills is able to finish phase1 before the street is in and phase two is started. Donald Ridgeway moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to have a drive through street for Dudley Circle. The motion passed unanimously.

Village will have Eric Kincaid, water/sewer operator will have lake water tested.

Mayor called contractor and be put on schedule to have the shelter house roof completed.

George Showalter asked what the easement limit is for the sewer lines. Zoning Officer Marion Bump will check on it.

New Business: Von Beal asked to have a notice put in the paper for no feeding the geese at the park.

Von Beal asked about foreclosures in the village for empty properties. Alison Boggs is going to start the process again. She will also ask the individual she took a class with to come to a council meeting to get us more information on how he can help.

Reddy Brown stated that Pearl Street residents asked him about a tile that runs from Herbert Street west across Franklin Street. Brown asked if this is something we could tie into the South Franklin Street project. The mayor stated that we have no record of this tile. This is a private issue per Administrator Monte Asher. There is no easement on record with the county recorder.

Mayor stated that we would be working to help correct some issues with South Franklin during construction where we have right a ways to work.

There was a long discussion regarding helping areas of water issues for Pearl, East Bomford and West Bomford. Mayor stated that no houses or businesses were flooding on Pearl Street like the one on Edgewood and Blagrove Street and sump pump issues are homeowner problems.

Village will be spraying for mosquitos as soon as weather is ready.

Marion Bump asked how many people it takes for a quorum for BZA. He was told fifty percent.

Mayor stated he received an email from Dustin Lowe regarding a non-profit community garden near Graham Lane. Alison Boggs will check on liability and lease terms.

Mayor also received an email regarding a portable cone, kayak and paddleboat rental at the part. We will check and see what insurance issues we could have before responding to email.

Von Beal asked about where we are with getting property taxes back on exempt properties. Sellers stated that the applications we sent in, she heard from the examiner from Ohio of Taxation and was told the recommendations were that they will be exempt and the county should notify us in July.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer