**February 24, 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, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerew called for attendance, Council members present: George Showalter, Reddy Brown, Laurie Eliot-Shea, Pat Morse, Donald Ridgeway and Von Beal. Village Administrator / Police Chief 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 02/10/2020. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Visitors: Council heard from Karen Riffle running for County Recorder.

Mayor’s report was presented to council.

Mayor stated there are 2020 Census informational cards and posters to take. Talk about the census to everyone you can. The village potentially loose $1,200.00 per person that is not counted.

Opera House update: Mayor spoke with Representative Richardson about the Opera House being a capitol budget project and it does not look good. The Opera House does not meet the proper requirements to qualify. Per the requested of councilman Beal, mayor received an estimate from Bob Fisher to take down the building. Estimate is thirty two thousand eight hundred thirty dollars, $32,830.00 during the rainy season. This will include saving the clock tower. The asbestos removal will be done this week. One issue that will still need to be addressed is the street light controls and where to relocate them, if the building is taken down.

The new park benches were delivered today, February 24. Mr. Jolliff at NUHS will have FFA / AG students put the benches together for their state testing projects.

Mayor discussed a property owned by Evan Jamison that is available for purchase located on North Franklin Street that can be used for storage. Per Pat Morse’s request, access to the building was made for anyone interested. The building may not be able to be used for document storage due to climate control issues but the mayor stated it would work well for equipment storage. Laurie Eliot-Shea voiced her concerns on the price and asked if other options could be explored. Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded to have an appraisal done on the property. Motion passed unanimously.

Administration Report was presented to Council.

Eric Kincaid attended AWWA spring conference for water compliance overview.

Village workers repaired the small dump truck bed, repaired leak on the roof at the water plant and removed large snow piles form uptown. They also are in the process of setting up the water break truck with supplies. Vacant house on 23 Lynn Street had a water lateral break and the water was shut off. Village is also in the process of looking for a large used dump truck to replace the old one.

Laurie Eliot-Shea asked Administrator Asher to check on water fountain at the park for a possible leak.

Police report was presented to Council.

Part time Officer Woodrow Greer is going through the process to become a full time officer.

Chief attended the Advisory board meeting.

New police cruiser was picked up today, February 25.

Von Beal asked Chief Asher is the police are looking into another K-9 dog. Chief Asher stated that a handler was needed first. Weinfield Poker-Run and charities can help with funds for a dog when we are interested.

Finance Report was presented to Council. Final budget was distributed for first reading. Any question or changes needs to be addressed before March 23. Final budget is due to the county auditor by March 31. Allison Hamilton will complete training with Fiscal Officer at the end of March after 2020 budget is completed. Letter was received from State Auditor, Charles E Harris & Associates, Inc has been assigned to the village for the 2018-2019 audit.

Old Business: Reddy Brown stated that the Richwood Sports Event will be held at the high school on June 20.

Alison Boggs distributed information from the meeting she attended regarding vacant properties and the benefits of a vacant property registration ordinance as well as help from an outside source to enforce the ordinance. Mayor requested that Boggs invite the individual that spoke at the meeting to a council meeting for more information.

Pat Morse requested information from Asher regarding the new street poles. Asher stated there is no new updates at this time.

Reddy Brown asked Mayor Jerew about the tree commission. Mayor stated that now that the ordinance has passed, he will appoint the members at the next council meeting.

New Business: Donald Ridgeway requested that vehicles parked on Blaine over top of the main water line that is making deep ruts be addressed.

Reddy Brown asked if lines can be marked for the new tiles on Edgewood and Dudley. Mayor stated that it will be mapped.

Laurie Eliot-She requested information form Asher regarding Jason Wills and plans to bring to council. Asher stated that he needs to make a call to Mr. Wills.

Von Beal moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to adjourn and Council approved the motion unanimously. Mayor Jerew adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer