



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Domanick, Healey, Lanford, Lyons, Waszak and Wheeler. ABSENT: Hudak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Beshara, Police Chief Morgan, Fire Chief McLean, Recreation Director Jocke, Planning & Zoning Director Frantz, Finance Director Turk and Law Director Hanna.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF MR. HUDAK.

Moved by Wheeler, seconded by Domanick. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2019 MEETING, AS CORRECTED.

Moved by Lanford, seconded by Domanick. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Summit County Council announced that it had recognized June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Beshara turned the meeting over to McLean, who introduced Kevin Urban as the newest lieutenant in the Richfield Fire Department. He is the 16th lieutenant in the 85-year history of the department.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN URBAN AS LIEUTENANT OF THE RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by Domanick, seconded by Healey. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

Beshara swore in Urban, and he received his pin from his father, retired Lt. Ron Urban.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Morgan – Police

The Fraternal Order of Police held a raffle to help an officer's granddaughter, who has cancer. Morgan thanked Wheeler for printing the tickets at no cost. The raffle raised \$11,000.

Report:



The second police vehicle is being lettered and should be put into service in the near future. The old police vehicle, along with other items, will be auctioned through GovDeals.

Safety Town 2019 is underway. This year there are 57 students, which is a substantial increase from the last two years.

Rachel Alaimo and Scott Dressler lead the Safety Town crew, assisted by Carla Piskac and Alex Piepenbrink. The graduation ceremony will take place Friday, June 21.

Students are instructed on bicycle safety, school bus safety, stranger danger and many other relevant items that will assist pre-kindergarten students as they begin their school careers.

Cindy Clark has decided to retire effective August 1, 2019. Cindy has served as the Animal Warden for the police department for over 30 years. Although Cindy is irreplaceable, we have posted her position on the website and are accepting applications.

Cindy will be recognized for her service at a council meeting in the near future. She will certainly be missed.

Chief McLean – Fire

Report:

- The Ohio Fire Chiefs conducted the assessment center portion of the Lieutenants promotional testing on May 31. This was the final testing component of the promotional process. Three candidates were eligible and all tested well.
- I will be asking Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Firemedic Kevin Urban to Lieutenant at the Council meeting. His scores on the written test and the assessment center ranked him number one. After he interviewed with the mayor and me, we are very pleased with the results and the process. All the candidates were asked about the



process, and they thought it was very well-conducted and matched our operations.

- We will be posting the Assistant Chief position within the next few weeks internally and hope to have it filled this summer.
- The LED lights have been installed in the apparatus bays. This was a capital project for this year. The bathroom remodel will start shortly; we are working with the Service Director.
- I attended a seminar on buildings under construction and fire load conducted by the Fire Marshal's office on June 7.

Director Jocek - Recreation

Report:

- Thanks to the grounds crew and their great equipment, the parks are looking super.
- All seven weeks of Camp Richfield are filled and they are off to a great start. Hopefully the weather will improve so that the children can go swimming. The Johnson Barn is a great venue, and hopefully the installation of a waterline will allow us to use the barn all year.
- Please remember our Family Picnic Concerts start on Saturday, June 29th at 7:00 pm with the Swizzle Sticks and ice cream from Besses Best.

The next concert is the Chardon Polka Band on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm and there will be pierogis for sale!

The last concert is on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm and we will be servicing Root Beer Floats.

Bring your chair and join us on the Village Green rain or shine (rain out in Masonic Hall).

- And just for your calendars, Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019. We have a great Bluegrass group called the Ben Gage Band along with a pre order lunch, hayrides and more.



- Park Board is working on Mr. Lyons' request for a RFP and hope to have it to Council for the July 2nd, 2019 meeting.

Director Papp – Service

Report:

- 1) Service Department prepared 10 locations for Adopt-a-Spot
- 2) Summer help hiring complete
- 3) Asphalt paving program is out to bid
- 4) Service Department received a summary of items to improve from PERRP (Public Employment Risk Reduction Program)
- 5) Service Department attended the following training:
 - a. Hazardous Materials Communications/GHS (Global Harmonized System)
 - b. In-house Word Training
- 6) Service Department will be doing brush chipping on a schedule by quadrant for the Village. Information will be posted in the Village Newsletter, website and in a public publication. The new approach will start in July 2019.
- 7) Service Department continues to work on the Capital Projects budgeted for 2019 and will give a capital update at the next meeting of Council

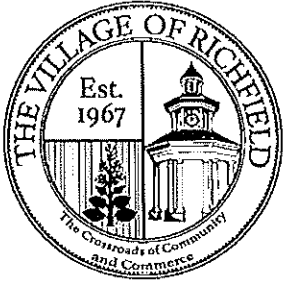
Recommendations/Considerations :

- 1) Future Workshop discussion on Right of Way ordinance
- 2) Future Workshop discussion Capital Projects update

Director Frantz – Planning & Zoning

- 1) At their special meeting on June 4th, the Planning Commission provided an applicant preliminary plan approval to construct a 10,000 square foot building on the property located at 3647 Brecksville Road.

The Planning Commission met with the South Wheatley consultant team at their meeting on June 11th and was presented a working draft of the South Wheatley Design and Form Base project. The Commission will meet again July 23rd to provide feedback to the consultants and begin to formulate a rough draft of the design document. We will provide Council with a copy of the draft materials from the meeting and encourage all of Council to attend the July 23rd meeting.



- 2) The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) rescheduled their June 19th meeting to June 26th. The applicant, Electric Guard, is requesting a variance from Section 1105.19 of the Zoning Code to allow the use of an electrified security fence and from Section 1171.11(c)(8) of the Zoning Code to allow installation of an electrified security fence in the front yard of the building.

Director Turk – Finance

Report:

Delinquent Sewer Bills

Delinquent sewer bill notices were mailed out on June 12th with the request that payment be made by June 28th. Approximately 125 notices were sent out totaling \$139,810. This is the cumulative total for billings over three quarters, or a nine-month period. If accounts are not brought up to date by August 30th, delinquent sewer balances are sent to the County in September to be assessed on the property taxes. Then the homeowner ends up paying a 10 percent penalty and a 4 percent processing fee.

State Budget Bill-HB 166

The Ohio Senate released its version of the state budget. The Senate proposed an increase in the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 1.68%, a very minimal increase. However, the State eliminated the state local government fund to Villages in July 2017. Some of this may trickle down to the County's local government fund distribution to us, but if it did it, would be very minimal.

The Senate also proposed doubling the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) allocation from \$1 million to \$2 million, annually. We have our equipment, but it may help other communities that are not on the MARCS system.

Lastly, the bill has proposed amendments that would have an effect on the income tax net profit opt-in distributions made to municipalities. Under the changes, the state would require municipalities to remit to the state within 30 days full payment for any negative account balance notified by the state, or the state would be authorized to reduce or eliminate these municipal distributions. The concern is the programming and administration by the state of the opt-in accounts is what is causing the negative balances. The negative balances occur when returns are filed showing refunds and credits as these are reflected as negatives on the opt-in net profit accounts. If these account balances remain negative, the state could take the monies filed and paid to other tax sources, such as the municipal taxation of utilities, to satisfy the deficiencies. Basically, they could take money from different municipal funds to satisfy the deficiencies and if it is not the intended use for these



funds, it could create legal issues or auditing concerns. Tax groups are requesting legislation that will require state municipalities to remit a check to the state within 30 days of notification. Failure of the municipality to remit a timely check would result in the reduction in the next monthly distribution paid by the state.

Law Director Hanna: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richfield Joint Recreation District: Healey discussed upcoming events at the Richfield Heritage Preserve, including Pollinator Palooza on June 22 and A Patchwork of Legends History Hike on June 23. Beshara said she recently took a long walk at the Preserve and noticed a lot of improvements.

Parks and Recreation: Domanick said the Park Board will present the Request For Performance on the community center feasibility study at one of Council's meetings in July.

Tree and Landscape Commission: Domanick reported that the 10 Adopt-a-Spots are up.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Waszak talked about the commission's meeting with Kaczmar Architects on June 11. He said Stonegate could be integrated with the South Wheatley Road plan.

RJRD Meeting Report by Mrs. Healey:

RJRD Fund Raising Committee June 5, 2019

Art Gonzales, Chair, Bill Smith and Bob Becker committee members.

Advisors include Karen Smik, Corey Ringle, Don Laubacher, Karen Kannenberg, Don Laubacher, Cynthia McWilliams Deb Fristik, all advisors in attendance.

Don Laubacher created a draft of a time line (phase 1) for discussion purposes. It goes from June 2019 through June 2020. A discussion reviewed the content.

Phase 1 includes the stabilization of key buildings. Art suggested a list of the top ten projects for the purpose of focus and monitoring of activities towards completion. There were several of the committee and advisors who volunteered to



provide information on what has been done with the top ten and what is still needed to be done on each one.

Corey Ringle spoke on behalf of FOCH and their "Historic Home Stabilization Task Force" Report. It includes Amity, North House and (just verbally for now) the Kirby House.

RJRD Park Operations Committee June 12, 2019

Jeff DeLuca, Chair, Sandy Apidone, Bill Smith committee members.

Advisors Judy Soroczyk, Susan Czaplicki and Maureen McGinty advisors.

Review of the next steps for Amity and North and Kirby were discussed.

A Maintenance Tech was hired named Thomas, and David is a volunteer doing mostly electrical projects. Volunteer projects for trimming along the road, updates on the trails, Operating Engineers to fill in a hole near perimeter fencing by June 29, much painting is being done (some by Boy Scout Troop 519 from Brunswick), operational issues with the cameras, and the lower gate (303) is now operational.

They are also creating an "Adopt a Fence" program for the perimeter fencing.

CAUCUS

MOTION: TO ADD ORDINANCES 34-2019 AND 35-2019 TO THE AGENDA.

Moved by Healey, seconded by Domanick. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Readings

RESOLUTION 33-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NECESSARY CONTRACTS WITH AND CONSENTING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERFORMING SIGN REPLACEMENT ON SR-303 FROM THE W. CORP.



LIMIT TO BRECKSVILLE ROAD, AND ON SR-176 WITHIN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 34-2019

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE EVERETT POINTE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 34-2019. Moved by Domanick, seconded by Healey. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 35-2019

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: The company plans to add 100 to 125 jobs in the next 10 years, which would add up to \$6 million in payroll. Waszak said the company will be located in the old Snap-On building. Beshara thanked Frantz and Hanna for their work, and she is happy to have Davey Resource Group in Richfield.

Second Readings: None.

Third Readings

ORDINANCE 16-2016

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RICHFIELD FURNACE RUN ASSOCIATES LLC AND WATER AND SEWER LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE 17-2016

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1128 OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD'S PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, ENTITLED "RCD SINGLE FAMILY CONSERVATION DISTRICT," TO FACILITATE R-3 RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE 65-2017

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 933, "USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BY SERVICE PROVIDERS," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



ORDINANCE 13-2019

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1107.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.09, 1145.15, 1171.11, 1177.03 AND 1181.09 OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD'S PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCIES AND CLARIFY VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS

ORDINANCE 29-2019

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND A PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE IN COOPERATION WITH THE AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUCH PROJECT; AND DETERMINING TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 29-2019.

Moved by Domanick, seconded by Healey. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 30-2019

Offered by Mrs. Lanford

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR THE TWO YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Hanna noted that Council salary must be set by July 8.

ORDINANCE 31-2019

Offered by Mrs. Lanford

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 131.01 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF MAYOR FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Hanna noted that the mayor's salary must be set by July 8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

WORK SESSION

Council and Mayor Salary ordinances

Lanford and Healey presented information about local government salaries. Lanford said Richfield's mayor salary is ranked fourth among local full-time mayors, according to 2019 data from the Ohio Municipal League. She said a modest reduction would be reasonable. Both



ordinances would remove automatic increases. She said the average salary for a full-time mayor is \$39,225. Healey said that averaging ignores the differences in communities.

Domanick said that in 2015, the mayor received a 38 percent raise, and Council received a 50 percent raise. Adding insurance and OPERS, the job is worth about \$100,000.

Beshara said the mayor's job does not depend on how much time she wants to put in, but how much she needs to put in to get the job done. Passing this ordinance would be the equivalent of reducing the salary of the CEO of a \$30 million company. She is the head of the community and the safety director, and Richfield's economic development has grown from \$7 million to \$11 million in eight years.

Domanick agreed that the mayor should be paid well. Beshara said the mayor's pay is below the numbers of the mayors listed on the Plain Dealer report provided by Healey.

Wheeler said that according to the PD report, the average mayor's salary for the 50 municipalities contingent to the village was \$75,000 per year. He noted that this survey was published four years ago.

Beshara asked what the is the point of the legislation. Lanford said that while it wouldn't affect the budget significantly, it would impact employees' morale.

Lyons said he didn't have a strong feeling on the issue, and he noted that some of the communities listed in the statistics are very small.

Beshara said that presidents of local companies would not look favorably on the change. Domanick said he has heard that the 2015 increase was excessive.

Waszak said that few people aspire to be mayor, and his eight years in office were very stressful. He also said the Planning Commission and Park Board members are due for a raise.

Other items

Papp said he would like to discuss Capital Improvements at the next meeting.

Lyons scheduled a meeting of the Finance Committee for July 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Wheeler
Council Vice President