



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Domanick, Healey, Hudak (7:26), Lanford, Lyons, Wheeler and Waszak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Beshara, Fire Chief McLean, Service Director Papp, Planning & Zoning Director Frantz, Parks and Recreation Director Jocek, Finance Director Turk and Law Director Hanna.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lanford asked that the May 7 minutes be amended to add the discussion of the Briarwood sewer situation. The discussion took place between the end of executive session and the end of the meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAY 7, 2019 MEETING, AS AMENDED.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Summit County Public Health announced that its laboratory is available to residents for drinking-water testing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Beshara announced that former mayor June Feiber was recently laid to rest at West Richfield Cemetery. She was Richfield's first female council member and mayor. Beshara said she would miss Feiber and was happy for the opportunity to give her a proper goodbye.

The mayor introduced Joan Williams from Rep. Marcia Fudge's office.

Beshara also introduced Chris Burnham and Allison Moritz from Development Finance Authority. They spoke about the Energy Special Improvement District legislation.

Burnham said a property owner can agree to a special assessment to pay for an energy-saving project. One example is the city of Akron's \$5.6 million project for new boilers and lighting at One Cascade Plaza.

Moritz said different financing options are available for small, medium and large projects. Lanford asked if the Richfield ESID would need to be contiguous to others in Summit County. She replied yes, and that the plan is to have one large ESID for Summit County rather than several small ones.



Beshara asked Council for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss economic development and sale of public property.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Morgan – Police

Report:

One of the new Police Vehicles has been outfitted and is currently having the lettering applied. It should be on the road at the end of this week.

We are currently accepting applications for part-time dispatcher and part-time patrol officer. Details can be found on the website and department Facebook page.

Safety Town will be held the week of June 17th with graduation being held on June 21st. This year, Safety Town will be held at the Revere Middle School, 3195 Spring Valley Road in Bath, as construction will be ongoing at Revere Elementary School. There will be one session per day, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Graduation will follow the Friday session, June 21st, at 12:30 p.m. Registration deadline is June 7th. Applications are available online at the www.RichfieldVillageOhio.org. The program is open to pre-kindergarten students who reside in Richfield.

Chief McLean – Fire

The chief thanked Council and the mayor for a well-attended strategic planning meeting last Friday.

Report:

- The second half of the strategic plan was on May 17. The Fire Chief's Association will publish a final report that will be available in about 30 days.
- We conducted the written portion of the Lieutenant's promotional testing on the 16th. Oral assessments will be conducted on May 31.
- The day-room conversion project has been completed by our Service Department's Randy Shero, who has done an excellent job. We will reconfigure these two rooms into a plan review and pre-plan area, code library and office cubicles.



- Lt. Lester attended a tactical medic firearms class as part of the Metro SWAT regional team last week.
- We are going over part-time applications to add some new members this fall.

Director Jocek - Parks and Recreation

Jocek talked about the Memorial Day activities, which will include the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday and Monday, and the parade and cemetery services also on Monday.

There is a new slide on the playground. Beshara said the Swizzle Stick Band will perform at the first of the three concerts listed below.

Report:

- Activity is happening at the Eastwood Preserve as the gardeners are champing at the bit to plant the gardens. Let's hope for a great growing season.
- Just a reminder that we are sponsoring 3 FAMILY PICNIC CONCERTS this summer, Sat., June 29, Fri., July 12, and Fri. July 26. All are at 7:00 p.m. and all will have special refreshments available. Please plan on attending one or all of the concerts.
- Even though Spring has just started and summer hasn't even begun, I am planning for the Fall and Winter activities. We will be doing more adult programs, both educational and fitness.
- The Eastwood Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 this year. It is a great event that is held at a very special park.
- Just for your information, I have had Aqua Doc's do a "look around" the Hawkins Road pond. The estimate to remove the cat tails has come in at \$17,000. These invasive "weeds," if not removed correctly, can multiply 10 times. They have now surrounded the whole lake, making it hard to fish.



Director Papp – Service

Papp said he would like to discuss the right-of-way ordinance (65-2017) at the June 4 work session. He said he tried to get a second quote for the lights at the Masonic hall.

The plans for the ramp at the Historical Society building are going back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He hopes to start the asphalt paving program next week.

Beshara talked about sewer billing at this point rather than in work session. She said legislation would come to Council that would require sewer meters for homes that don't have them.

Report:

- 1) We are currently interviewing summer help; the application period closes 05/31/19.
- 2) We are working to set up contracts with two companies to do monument repair for cemeteries.
- 3) We attended Tree City in Brecksville and received a 24th year award.
- 4) The Service Department went to the following training:
 - a. Traffic Zones
 - b. Corrosion Seminar
- 5) The Service Department continues to work on preparations for the Adopt-a-Spot program, preparing locations, planning and material purchasing.
- 6) The Service Department has finished all leaf clean-up in the Village.
- 7) The Service Department will be doing brush chipping on a schedule by quadrant for the Village. Information will be posted on the website and public notification once the schedule is in place.
- 8) The Service Department has evaluated the condition of the Recreation Center exterior and notes the exterior brick and window glazing are significantly deteriorated.
- 9) The Service Department continues to work on the Capital Projects budgeted for 2019 and will give a capital update sometime in June.

Recommendations/Considerations:

- 1) Resolution No. 29-2019, allowing the Village to be a part of the Summit County ESID (Energy Special Improvement District)
- 2) In the coming weeks we will be introducing legislation for a right of way ordinance.



Director Frantz – Planning & Zoning

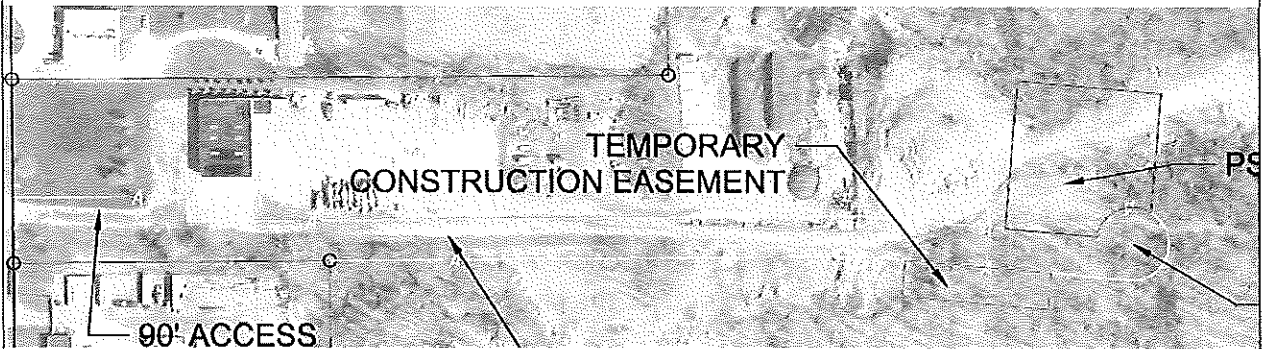
The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the signs for Olesia's Taverne of Richfield at its May 14 meeting, along with a window sign for Allstate.

The request for a text amendment that would allow electrified fences has been withdrawn. The PZC also approved the grading plan for Hawkins Road Park.

Council will have a public hearing on July 2 at 6:30 p.m. for the text amendments contained in Ordinance 13-2019.

Report:

- 1) The final location of the pump station easement on 3921 Brecksville Road has shifted again, but is now final. Please see the map below for more details.



- 2) In addition to the above, we have reached a final agreement for the restricted water main extension into the center of town. Key points of the Restricted Watermain Project and payment terms are:
 - a. 0-10 years: no interest no payments by the Village. CWD will charge a tap-in fee to private property owners based on the agreed-upon construction pricing.
 - b. Years 11-20: the Village will begin to make yearly payments to CWD on the remaining balance of the project with interest, with final payment ending in year 20. The interest is based on CWD's OWDA loan for the project at a rate of 2.15%. From years 11 through 20, the Village interest payment will be recalculated yearly based on the remaining balance.



- c. Years 21 and beyond: CWD stops collecting connection fees and VOR will collect tie-in fees until all properties involved are connected or 70 years from the date of the agreement;
- d. A five-year, interest-free payment plan will be offered to property owners to connect once the restricted watermains become operational. Starting in year six, payment plans for new connections will no longer be offered;
- e. The Village will receive a one-time payment (\$285,000) for the permanent pump station easement and fee simple water tower parcel. Village Council can determine if the \$285,000 is invested into the restricted watermain project, which could lower assessments;
- f. CWD will permit connection to the restricted mains prior to the water tower completion, provided adequate pressure is present.

Director Turk – Finance

Report:

Income Tax

The 10th District Court of Appeals has denied reconsideration of a lawsuit filed by Ohio municipalities challenging the centralized collection of the municipal net profit tax. The appellate court had ruled in January to uphold the law allowing centralized collection.

Recommendations/Considerations: None.

Legislation:

Resolution No. 28-2019 Authorizing an Agreement with Roundstone Management, LTD for health insurance for full-time Village employees for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and declaring an emergency

This Resolution is submitted for first reading only. The current contract expires June 30, 2019 and employees pay 12% of the premiums. The maximum annual cost approved for the current contract is \$1,373,054 (includes two Lasers totaling \$150,000). The Laser is a common stop-loss industry practice of setting higher coverage attachment points for certain plan members based on their prior claims experience or the likelihood that they will become high-cost claimants in the future.



The renewal agreement for \$1,419,465 (includes one Laser for \$100,000) covers 62 full-time Village employees effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Employees' contribution will increase to 12.5% of the premium costs. All other benefits remain the same. The base contract, without the Laser, reflects a 3% increase and with the Laser, a 3.4% increase is reflected. The Roundstone expenditure history is as follows:

<u>Contract Year</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2014/2015	\$ 891,354	
2015/2016	\$1,060,405	18.9%
2016/2017	\$ 968,430	(8.7%)
2017/2018	\$ 997,464	3.0%
2018/May 2019	\$1,081,953*	8.5%

*There is still 1½ months to conclude the contract and this does not include the \$3,731 expense for Teladoc.

** Employees contributed \$115,703 to date toward the premium costs with the last quarter still outstanding.

Based on expenditures through May 14, we are expected to spend less than the current contract amount.

Law Director Hanna: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wheeler said the fire department strategic planning sessions went well, and he thanked everyone who helped.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Wazsak said the current version of the electric fence ordinance can be tabled because it would apply to all properties, not just FedEx. The FedEx building is unique because it sits farther back from the road than other properties.

Park Board: Domanick said the Park Board will meet on June 11 at 6 p.m.

Tree and Landscape Commission: Domanick said the Adopt-a-Spot planting will take place in the first week in June.



RJRD Meeting Report by Mrs. Healey:

RJRD Regular Meeting May 20, 2019

A discussion took place regarding the original bylaws that have been in place since the start of this park and the need for updates. There was much debate over whether the revisions for the bylaws can and should first go to the Governance Committee. It was finally decided to "allow" this to happen.

Robert's Rules of Order were discussed as being too involved and difficult to follow, whereas it made more sense to follow the bylaws, especially after the new changes are agreed upon.

Park Operations Chair Jeff DeLuca reported on the hiring of two Maintenance Techs. He also reported on information on the wells and getting feedback from "Capital Projects" before moving forward. The Oviatt gate now works for Police entry. The sign posts are up, mowing is 90% done but needs to have it done again, volunteers have helped with road work and opening culverts.

Corey Ringle met with the structural team and believe that both North House and Amity should be mothballed. Negotiating continues with Jim Fry regarding any repairs for Oviatt house.

Park Services Chair Sandy Apidone reported on the brochure being worked on by Polly Wheeler and Meg Slifcak for a map and rental information. The new signs with rules are almost ready to be put up. Trick or Treat on the Trail will be Oct. 20, which is OK with the Village.

Capital Projects Chair Bill Smith reported on the Waste Water Treatment Plant that there is a meeting on May 21 for pre-construction.

Fund Raising Chair Art Gonzales gave feedback on a meeting on April 23 with FOCH coming to the Fund Raising meeting followed by Art going to the FOCH meeting to get to know more people. There has been approval from FOCH to have two FOCH people join this committee as advisors. Names to be announced later.

Administrator Report: Judy Soroczak gave updates on various groups requesting various places to rent.

Treasurer Pat Norris announced that they are now in compliance as to who is permitted to sign checks.



CAUCUS

MOTION: TO TABLE RESOLUTION 21-2019 FROM THE INACTIVE AGENDA.
Moved by Waszak, seconded by Lanford. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Readings:

RESOLUTION 28-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROUNDSTONE MANAGEMENT, LTD. FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FULL-TIME VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, AND TO INCREASE THE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTION TO 12.5% OF THE PREMIUM COSTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

MOTION: TO ADD THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE TO ORDINANCE 31-2019.
Moved by Lanford, seconded by Domanick. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 25-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE FINANCE DIRECTOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

WORK SESSION

Community center feasibility study

Carolyn Sullivan and Jason Keppler of the Park Board presented Council with a sample outline (which will be added to the end of the minutes). Jocek said a community center should be expandable.

Healey said she would like the center to be a different building than the recreation department's current home. She would like the study to cost \$5,000 to \$10,000, not \$25,000.

Beshara toured the Broadview Heights rec center. The community has 20,000 residents and the center has 6,400 members, 10 percent of whom are non-residents. She would like to get the cost of the study down to \$15,000.

Jocek would encourage residents of Hinckley, Peninsula and the Revere community to join. Sullivan said business people, not just residents, are potential rec center members.



Lyons said the outline shows what we hope the feasibility study will contain, but additional work must be put into what we are asking the study firm to produce. They need context on the community and its history, and they should tell us not just how much the center would cost but how they would approach the project.

Hudak said a community center is one thing, but when an indoor walking track is added, it sounds more like a recreation center. Wheeler said the village should request bids for the feasibility study.

Hawkins Road park proposal

Dr. Chuck Boester of the Planning and Zoning Commission joined in this discussion with Council and the Park Board. Lyons said an important question is how much dirt should the village accept from Petros Homes to be dumped on the site.

Keppler said the park would be beautiful, but the money would be better spent on the community center. Hudak said the dirt would be deposited in a gradual and environmentally friendly way.

Beshara noted that the dirt is free, as well as the engineering and grading. The village has \$50,000 available for the parking lot and the dock.

Lanford said she was not a fan of the 25-foot mound for sled riding because the village already has hills for sled riding. Beshara said the village has not made any other sledding hills. Frantz said he can proceed with the grading permit now that the PZC has approved the grading plan.

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

Executive session began at 8:12 p.m., and Hudak adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Wheeler
Council Vice President

