



RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Boester, Domanick, Lyons, Philippbar, Stoppenhagen and Waszak. Beshara arrived at 7:30 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Wheeler, Service Director Papp, Planning and Zoning Director Frantz, Law Director Cortes.

WORK SESSION TOPICS

Fire department overview (at fire station)

Chief McLean welcomed Council members, providing them with an organizational chart and master project list. Assistant Chief Seifert said the department has interviewed candidates for part-time personnel to replace those who have moved into full-time positions. McLean said Richfield also lost a part-time employee to Brunswick.

Lt. Ellis explained that firefighters work a 24-hour shift, followed by 48 hours off. A briefing at 8 a.m. provides a transition between shifts. McLean said Seifert monitors part-time scheduling, and the department hopes to hire four part-timers.

Lt. Purkey discussed inspections, as Council was provided with a color-coded list. Some businesses need special attention due to their alarm or sprinkler systems. McLean said the department has a lot of contact with the township, not just with fire trucks and ambulances.

Lt. Urban, the health and safety officer, said the department is hoping to get a FEMA grant worth \$80,000 to cover 95 percent of the cost of exhaust mitigation at the fire station. The department is also working on lockboxes for elderly residents so firefighters can help them without breaking down doors.

Lt. Lester discussed EMS training, which is provided by Dr. Daher from Ahuja Medical Center on the second Wednesday of the month.



Here are the EMS billing numbers: \$209,475 in 2017; \$215,909 in 2018; and \$200,505 in 2019. CPR training has taken place at Snap-On and two churches, and a class for the public is upcoming.

McLean said Nexen Tire has become a safety partner of the department. He also told Council about the apparatus plans, which extend to the year 2033. He said he would like to replace one of the cars and then rotate the chief's car, Car No. 2, and the inspection car.

Kyle Janis of the fire department said markers will be provided for homes with driveways longer than 900 feet. The markers will indicate how many tankers will be needed in case of a fire.

The township's fire contract is up for negotiation. This year's total includes a 4.1 percent increase to \$541,848. A total of \$469,000 has been reimbursed to the township over the last 20 years.

Community center feasibility study

Domanick said eight companies applied to conduct the study. The committee chose Pros Consulting from Colorado at a price of \$30,000. Council would need to pass a motion adding \$5,000 to the previous allocation. The company will perform an on-site analysis to determine whether Richfield can have a community center. The results will be ready after four to six months.

Residents will be able to provide input like they did for the fire department's strategic plan. Lyons, Wheeler and Waszak said they would like to see a list for what the company will provide in the study. Cortes said that if the cost is between \$25,000 and \$50,000, the village would need to solicit quotes from other companies.

Traffic (Routes 176 and 303)

GPD produced a 110-page report on this topic in 2018. It included two options, including a right-turn lane from northbound Broadview Road. Papp said it would be a slow process to relocate the utility pole, as it is hard for a truck to turn right at that location.

Also, the water line should be constructed one foot lower, if improvements will involve left-turn lanes. Lyons asked if there was enough space for a roundabout. Papp said it would be tight. He is working with ODOT on moving up the resurfacing in the schedule. Lyons said we are not at the point where we can move on this proposal. Beshara said sidewalks should be contemplated.



Traffic (Wheatley and Brecksville)

Papp said the 2018 capital budget included a traffic study to review the signal timing and see if the signal at the Interstate 77 off-ramp can be tied into the system. He also discussed trying to get the Kinross Lakes signal to communicate with those at Brecksville Road. Stoppenhagen asked if a left-turn signal could be used at Routes 21 and 303, but Papp said that would take away green-light time from the other legs of the signal.

LED Streetlights

Papp said the village pays a flat rate on the 260 street lights owned by Ohio Edison. The cost to convert to LED would be \$54,600, or \$210 per light. When a fixture burns out, Ohio Edison is replacing it at no cost to the village.

Wheeler said LED lights are 10 times more efficient than the current lights. Waszak said LED lights can last from 8 to 25 years. Phillipbar asked if the village owns the Town Hall lights. Papp said yes. Phillipbar and Beshara said they are too strong.

Ordinance 5-2020

Cortes explained the amendments to the ordinance, and Lyons said he was comfortable with the changes. Boester said his questions about the ordinance have been answered.

ORDINANCE 5-2020

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1103.03 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF ACCESSORY BUILDING AND ACCESSORY USE

MOTION: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 5-2020.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 5-2020.

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

Center of Town Flyover

Frantz said a flyover would help to establish GIS property lines, topography and right-of-way lines. This data would be useful to businesses and accurate to within one foot. Frantz said this would be most effective before the leaves are on the trees.



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MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE.

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

Executive session lasted from 9:30 to 9:50 p.m., when Lyons adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons
Council President