



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
(Meeting conducted via Zoom)**

**ROLL CALL:** Beshara, Boester, Domanick, Lyons, Philippbar, Stoppenhagen and Waszak.

*OTHERS PRESENT:* Mayor Wheeler, Police Chief Swanson, Interim Fire Chief Seifert, Finance Director Turk, Planning and Zoning Director Frantz, Service Director Papp and Law Director Cortes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, AS CORRECTED.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Boester was contacted by a resident about motorcycle noise. State law calls for 70-79 decibels, but motorcycle noise registers 82-86 decibels. The law mentioned in a Richfield Times article could be enforced.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

I have five people I am requesting Council appoint to various positions. I will address these one position at a time.

I am requesting Council appoint George Seifert as Fire Chief of the Richfield Fire Department.

I am requesting Council appoint Ryan Sedar as a part-time police officer.

I am requesting Council appoint Trent Ware, DeAnne Josey and Chris Forster as part-time fire medics.

Part-timers fill vacancies in the schedule, which reduces overtime costs. They also fill our full-time vacancies when those positions become available.

Pamela Hickson-Stevenson, director, Akron-Summit County Public Library, and the Citizens for the Library's Future have asked me to contact you about the library levy on the May 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. I am happy to do so.



On May 4<sup>th</sup> voters in your communities will be asked to renew the library's 1.9 mill levy for a period of 6-years. THIS IS NOT AN INCREASE! The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$4.25 a month. The renewal will allow the library to continue the outstanding programs, services, materials and operations it offers to the most of the residents of Summit County (the levy excludes the residents of Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Monroe Falls, Stow and Twinsburg). Without the passage of the levy the library may be forced to reduce hours, reduce staff and reduce programs and collections.

The Final report on the Community Center Feasibility Study is due by the end of this week.

On Wednesday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m., the House Ways and Means Committee held a second hearing for all testimony on HB 157, which would repeal the state's municipal income tax withholding policy during the COVID-19 pandemic. If this bill were to become law, both municipalities and business would immediately experience substantial impacts. For many municipalities, the substantial revenue cuts would destabilize the budgets of the state's largest economic centers. Businesses would suffer the added administrative burden of tracking, reporting and remitting municipal income tax based on employees' work-from-home locations increasing the cost of doing business in Ohio municipalities.

My office was informed that the House passed the Senate version of H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. A section of that act allows for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Village is slated to get \$710,000 in 2021 from these funds.

Through March 11, 2021, we have collected \$5,488,500 of the \$30,440,314 budgeted for revenue, or 18% of the budget, slightly below the expected rate of 20% near mid-March. On the expenditure side, \$5,431,722 was expended overall by the Village through mid-March, or 15.8% of the \$34,328,942 budgeted for expenditures.

I am requesting an executive session at the end of this meeting for the purposes of discipline of a public employee,



compensation of a public employee, union negotiations and economic development. Law Director Cortes will read the appropriate language.

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE SEIFERT AS FIRE CHIEF.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN SEDAR AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER.

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

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF TRENT WARE, DeANNE JOSEY AND CHRIS FORSTER AS PART-TIME FIRE MEDICS.

Moved by Stoppenhagen, seconded by Waszak. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

### **Chief Swanson – Police**

#### **Report:**

The Mayor will be requesting the approval of Ryan Sedar as a part-time police officer, after which the Mayor will swear him in.

Part-time police officers are essential to our police operations. They fill vacancies in the schedule, which reduces overtime costs. They also fill our full-time vacancies when those positions become available.

Ryan Sedar successfully completed all our departmental background and the assessment center requirements. Ryan is a graduate of Streetsboro High School and also attended Kent State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Ryan completed the University of Akron Police Academy and is certified as a peace officer in the State of Ohio. Ryan will be a great addition to our department, and we are looking forward to having as a member of the Richfield Police Department.



I would like to make a motion for council to accept another very generous donation from Mr. Paul Sergi for (36) \$35.00 Giant Eagle Gift Cards. Mr. Sergi has been doing this for years, and our staff is very appreciative of his thoughts and generosity during the holidays.

Just a reminder that we are sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location has been moved from the Council Chambers to the Senior Center. Everyone will receive a free Covid 19 Antibody Test with blood donation. To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: Richfield.

### **Chief Seifert– Fire**

#### **Report:**

- 1) We will be swearing in this coming Tuesday Trent Ware, DeAnne Josey, and Chris Forster. These new part-time employees will help fill the part-time positions that have been open due to resignations over the last two years.
- 2) Trevin Morrison submitted a letter of resignation on 3/11/2021. With a growing family, he said he does not have spare time to commit to the fire department. Trevin was an excellent employee and will be missed in our organization.
- 3) Fire/medics Benza, Katzakis, and Sullivan successfully revived a patient from a witnessed cardiac arrest. The patient went into cardiac arrest while being transported to AGMC main campus. The crew administered a defibrillation and started CPR. Their quick actions resulted in the patient regaining consciousness. He was discharged from the hospital four days later. GREAT JOB to the crew!!!!
- 4) The trainings that Richfield personnel participated in were EMS, ice rescue, Technical Rescue Operations Team, fire investigation team, and SWAT. I am glad to see the specialty teams start to train again.
- 5) The presentation with University Hospitals will be delayed until April. We are still working out some details.
- 6) University Hospitals is providing our members with a free medical and cancer screening exam. This will take place in April. We will also offer this to the police department. More details will be shared in the beginning of April. There is no cost to the Village.
- 7) One action item: to sell the old 2007 Ford Explorer. This car was replaced with the Tahoe we bought in the Fall. The information has been sent to legal for the correct wording.



On a personal note, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for choosing me as the next Fire Chief of the Department. I look forward to working with the excellent employees in the Fire Department. We provide excellent service to the community, and I look forward to expanding that service even further. My goal is to have Richfield in the forefront of all other departments, where we are setting the example for the rest to follow .

### **Recreation – Interim Director Toth**

- The Rental Facilities remain closed at this time. A log is being kept of rental requests, once we can reopen they will be contacted in the order the calls were received.
- The itinerary for Summer Camp has been finalized. Summer Camp consists of 7 weeks with 2 field trips per week. First week of camp is Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>; it will be advertised in the April paper with early bird registration starting Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Jump Start Sports programs being offered for the Spring and Summer:  
T-Birds T-Ball for boys and girls 3-4 years old to be held Saturday mornings 6/12-7/24 12:30-1:30 or 1:30 to 2:30.  
Hummingbird Soccer for boys and girls ages 3-6 years old, Spring and Summer Sessions. Spring-Tuesdays, 4/13-5/18 and Summer-Fridays, 6/11-7/16. Time 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages (3&4) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (ages 5-6).
- The Easter Bunny is heading this way! There are approximately 40 families signed up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs will be stuffed and Easter Bunny helpers will be hiding eggs on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in front yards. Families are excited and looking forward to this event.
- Community Project Pride Day and Arbor Day is Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Take pride in Richfield, adopt a street or neighborhood and pitch in to help clean up the roadways. Paper shredding and recycling of electronics will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. behind Village Hall. Once again,



we are giving out tree saplings (various varieties) located at the Village Hall pavilion. Safe drug disposal will be available, allowing residents to turn in unused or expired medications to the Police Department.

- Baseball season is here. In discussion with RBSA and club teams on upcoming scheduling. Kick off meeting to be held this week. Reviewing process for point of contact, grounds conditions, field use, field conditions and future schedule.
- Collecting garden plot reservation money for the upcoming growing season at Eastwood's Community Garden. I have heard members are already working in their plots.
- Moving forward with the closing and clearing of the Recreation Center. Half of the donation items have been picked up and the rest will be delivered this week. There have been 3 or 4 batches of auction items on the GovDeals site, with the remainder to be uploaded this week. Moving all files to Village Hall, area defined.
- Park Board members are continuing to work on short- and long-term goals for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Babb's Orchard Park pond renaming continues to be on hold.
- Moving ahead on scheduling the Summer Concert Series and Food Trucks. Recreation Center donation items are in process of being boxed for pickup.

### Director Papp – Service

The Service Department continues to respond to normal and emergent work activities. Administratively, we continue to complete permitting, plan review, sewer billing, cemetery sales and burials and responding to calls and emails. The following are some of the highlights of the Service Department's activities over the past two weeks:

- 1) The Service Department has reviewed the 2020 PCIs and report for the Village from Kindler and Associates. Below is the **recommended** list of streets. The construction estimates for the lowest rated streets are noted below:



STREET	FROM	TO	Length (Feet)	Cost Estimate	PCR (2019)	PCI (2020)
<b>BASE :</b>						
Hawkins Road	Corp Limit (West)	Broadview Road	6,276	750000	40	40
Saint Nicholas Drive	Virginia	Cul-de-sac	991	\$60,000	64	45
Sunset Drive	Southern	Cul-de-sac	1,849	\$105,000	59	45
Fawn Chase	Deer Creek	Cul-de-sac	344	\$25,000	67	47
Amelia Drive	Everett Road	Richlawn Road	1,113	\$68,000	59	49
Wheatley Spur	Cul-de-sac (West)	Prairie Vista Dr	542	\$36,000	58	49
Rainbow Lane	Cul-de-sac	Hawkins	2,383	\$217,000	57	54
Hart Road	Cul-de-sac	Brecksville	2,844	\$165,000	59	56
Virginia Drive	Muriel	End	411	\$30,000	68	59
<b>ALTERNATES :</b>						
Gelding Lane	Cul-de-sac (West)	Revere Road	2,311	\$140,000	58	56
Seven Oaks Trail	Deer Path Trail	Cul-de-sac	1,272	\$85,000	60	57
Regency Woods Trail	Deer Path Trail	Cul-de-sac	863	\$58,000	67	59
Seven Oaks Circle	Seven Oaks Trail	Seven Oaks Trail	845	\$57,000	71	61
Creche Drive	Gelding Lane	Cul-de-sac (North)	740	\$45,000	80	69
Village Hall Pavements	Parking Areas &	Drives		\$150,000		

The 2021 Capital Budget for asphalt paving is \$1,500,000. The totals for streets noted above are base bid estimate of approximately \$1,456,000 and alternates totaling \$534,000 for a grand total of \$1,990,000. Revere Road and Southern have sections that rate poorly and will need to be addressed in 2022. The Village Hall pavements have been added to verify pricing. If Council approves the above list, we will move forward with refining costs and bidding work.

- The Service Director has finalized the list of roads to be crack sealed in 2021. The following is the list: Grant Street, Mill Street, Brecksville Road, Kinross Lakes Pkwy, Prairie Vista Drive and Townsend Road. Alternates will be Brecksville, Brushwood, Maple, Appleridge, Kinross, Paula, Ridgeview, Ramblewood and Timberlake.
- With regard to the Eastwood Barn project, the Service Director has not received any new information on the project. It is my understanding a few contractors have looked at the project.



- With regard to the Historic Town Hall Ramp project the railing, installation seems to held up by some issues with the sub-contractor performing the work. We are working with contractor to bring the project to completion.
- The Motor Road Drainage Improvements project started January 4<sup>th</sup>. The project's contractor is Cavanaugh Construction. They have completed all but about fifty feet of storm sewer installation. There are not able to continue with the storm sewer due to a gas line conflict. The gas relocation has been approved and we are awaiting on Dominion for this construction. They have completed about 60% sanitary lateral ground water mitigations. The lateral work should be complete in one to two weeks.
- The Service Director attended the Planning Commission meeting on 03/09/21. I went over the proposal from GPD and the potential widening of Hawkins Road. The Planning Commission did not pass the widening request.
- The Service Director is working on bid documents for the sale of the existing Recreation Center.
- The Service Director continues to work on execution of the 2021 Capital Budget Projects and purchases.
- The Service Director did training on how to read construction plans on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- The Service Director attended an NEORSW watershed update webinar.
- The Service Director and staff have been meeting with cemetery software companies to see what is available on the market. The Village currently utilizes Legacy Mark.
- The Service Director reviewed the final plans for the pump station and the water tower.
- The Service Department continues to work with the Fire Department to make sure safety protocols are current and PPEs for Service staff are available. The Administration building decontamination occurs weekly at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. It is highly recommended that no one without proper PPE is present during this process.

### **Recommendations/Considerations:**

- 1) The Service Director recommends approval of permission to bid for the 2021 Crack Sealing and 2021 Asphalt Paving Program.

### **Motions/Legislation:**

- 1) Motion to approve permission to bid the 2021 Crack Sealing and 2021 Asphalt Paving Program.

## **Director Frantz – Planning & Zoning**

### **Report:**

- 1) At their March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:
  - a. continued a request to add additional antennas on the existing communication tower located in front of the FedEx facility on the south end of town;
  - b. began conversations with the owner of the business located at 3508 Brecksville Road to regarding the alleged violations of their approved 2017 conditional zoning certificate. The business owner explained his desire to construct an approximate 4,000-6,000



square foot addition to the rear of the existing business to accommodate all the cooler units indoors as required by Code. The Village Law Director has been tasked with drafting an agreement between the Village and owner to document the timetable for the project and performance standards related to the temporary outdoor storage of the units. The matter was continued until the April 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to provide enough time for the Law Director to complete the agreement;

- c. provided final development plan approval for the construction of a water tower on parcel 5003011, which is located off Brecksville Road, just south of Highlander Parkway. The previous approval had expired because the wetland permit from the Army Corp of Engineers took longer than originally anticipated;
- d. approved a similar use determination to operate a drone repair business in Unit D of the building located 4131 W. Streetsboro Road;
- e. recommended approval of Resolution 22-2021 to Planning Commission to extend the existing boundary of the Historic District to include three additional parcels owned by the Village. Planning Commission's approval recommendation fulfills the mandatory referral requirements of Section 9.06 of the Village Charter; and
- f. recommended disapproval of Resolution 21-2021 to widen Hawkins Road. Planning Commission's disapproval recommendation fulfills the mandatory referral requirements of Section 9.06 of the Village Charter. Since Planning Commission provided a disapproval of the request, Village Council requires 2/3 approval of the membership to pass Resolution 21-2021.

2) In 2016, the Village entered into a multi-party agreement with Cleveland Water and Mr. Mark Pawuk related to the water tower project. Part of the agreement obligates the Village to seal the approximate 35 monitoring wells on the former Soni property that was transferred to Mr. Pawuk. Moreover, the Village is required to test and abate any asbestos in the existing buildings before demolition. In December 2020, we contracted with Diamond Services Inc. to address the asbestos portion of the agreement and now need to finalize Village obligations by sealing the monitoring wells. We have received two cost estimates and will be executing an agreement with Diamond Services Inc. based on price. The two quotes are: a) \$26,978 from Empaco Equipment Corporation; and b) \$24,400 from Diamond Services Inc.

3) The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and preside over the following cases:



a. Case No. 01-2021

Applicant: Ronald A. Hayden  
Location: 4762 Hawkins Road  
Zoning District: R-1 Single Family Residential  
Code Section: 1124.03 (c) (1) (A) & 1124.03 (c) (3)

The applicant is requesting:

- A variance from Section 1124.03(c) (1) (A) of the Planning and Zoning Code to permit existing structures used to house animals within the required 100-foot side yard setback.
- A variance from Section 1124.03(c) (3) of the Planning and Zoning Code to permit 12 detached accessory structures on the property rather than the two permitted by Code.

b. Case No. 02-2021

Applicant: M & D Realty Richfield LLC  
Location: 3508 Brecksville Road  
Zoning District: Office Laboratory  
Code Section: 1105.19 & 1157.03 (a) and (b)

The applicant is requesting a use variance from Section 1105.19 and Section 1157.03 (a) and (b) of the Planning and Zoning Code to operate a U-Haul business on the property located at 3508 Brecksville Road.

**Recommendations/Considerations: Referral legislation (forth coming) & approval of Ordinance 14-2021**

**Legislation: Tax Increment Financing Legislation (14-2021)**

**Director Turk – Finance**

**Report:**

**2020 Annual Financial Report**

The 2020 annual financial report for the Village is complete with the exception of a couple of departmental statistics that I am waiting for. I have attached a couple of the charts from the report to highlight some of the pertinent financial data.



Once the departmental information is received, the report will be added to the Finance website.

### **2021 Financials**

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### **Income Tax**

Being the middle of the month, it is too early to tell how March will end. However, looking at withholding revenue through mid-March, we did receive our ADP payroll withholdings and they were up \$6,000 over last year so that is a good sign that the major companies' revenues are coming in relatively flat. We still have half the month for collections. Once the month closes a memo will be sent with the final numbers.

The House Ways and Means Committee held a second hearing on March 10<sup>th</sup> on HB 157, which would repeal the state's municipal income tax withholding policy during the COVID-19 pandemic. HB 157 would repeal Section 29 of HB 197, which instructs municipalities to continue withholding income tax at a taxpayer's place of work, even if that taxpayer is currently working from home in another local jurisdiction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This provision extends until 30 days after the Governor's declaration of emergency is lifted.

If this bill were to become law, both municipalities and businesses could immediately experience the following: municipalities could see substantial revenue cuts and businesses would have added administrative burdens of tracking, reporting and remitting municipal income tax based on employees' work-from-home locations, increasing the cost of doing business in Ohio municipalities.

### **Roundstone Insurance**

We just received a \$63,347 check from Roundstone, representing the Village's 2019 underwriting year distribution of operating



profits from our stop loss premiums. On a cash basis, for the 2019/2020 fiscal year we paid \$936,875 for medical insurance which was \$170,491 less than the 2018/2019 fiscal year, or 15.4% less. On a calendar year basis, total healthcare costs (medical, dental, vision, telemedicine) for employees decreased by \$40,939, or by 3.5%, to \$1,125,194. Employees contributed \$155,908 of the expense.

**American Rescue Plan Act**

The Mayor's Office was informed that the House will consider the Senate-passed version of H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the coming days. A section of that act allows for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. If the House passes the Senate version without any changes, the Village will be slated to get \$710,000 in 2021 from these funds.

**Law Director:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Beshara congratulated Chief Seifert, the new hires and the medics who revived the patient.

**Tree & Landscape:** Domanick said the commission met last night. Most of the Adopt A Spots have sponsors. We have more stewards, including five members of Council. North Coast Signs will provide the signage, including the stewards, at no cost.

**Parks & Recreation:** Domanick said the board discussed what residents want from a community center. Beshara said something could be built off the Senior Center. Domanick and Jason Keppler toured the recreation centers in Valley View and Rittman.

**Cemetery:** Stoppenhagen said the board will meet on March 22 and 23 at 6 p.m.

**CAUCUS**

**MOTION:** TO ADD RESOLUTIONS 26-2021, 27-2021, 28-2021, 29-2021 AND ORDINANCE 30-2021.

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

**COMMENTS FROM FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

*First Readings:*

**RESOLUTION 23-2021**

Offered by All of Council



**A RESOLUTION DECLARING VILLAGE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO SELL SAID PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**RESOLUTION 24-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2021 ROAD ASPHALT RE-PAVING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**MOTION:** TO SUSPEND SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF RESOLUTION 24-2021.

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

**MOTION:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-2021.

Moved by Waszak, seconded by Stoppenhagen. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 25-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2021 ROAD CRACK SEALING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**MOTION:** TO SUSPEND SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF RESOLUTION 25-2021.

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

**MOTION:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-2021.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 118.7873 ACRES OF LAND IN RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**MOTION:** TO SUSPEND SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF RESOLUTION 26-2021.

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



**MOTION:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-2021.

Moved by Stoppenhagen, seconded by Philippbar. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 27-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.023 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE INDICATING THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO THE 118.7873 ACRES OF LAND UPON ANNEXATION**

**RESOLUTION 28-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.023 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE DECLARING COMPATIBILITY OF PERMITTED USES IN ANNEXED TERRITORY AND ADJACENT LAND REMAINING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION 29-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 118.7873 ACRES OF LAND**

**ORDINANCE 30-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VILLAGE ZONING DISTRICT THROUGH THE REZONING PROCESS FOR 118.7873 ACRES OF LAND CURRENTLY LOCATED IN RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1115.05 AND 1109.07 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE**

*Second Readings:*

**RESOLUTION 22-2021** (referred to PZC until 5-2-2021) Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES THEREIN**

**MOTION:** TO SUSPEND THIRD READING OF RESOLUTION 22-2021.

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

**MOTION:** TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-2021.

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

*Third Readings:*

**ORDINANCE 14-2021** (as amended 2-23-2021)

Offered by All of Council

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT SAID PROPERTIES, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTIES FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BECOME NECESSARY, AND ESTABLISHING A**



**TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43**

**MOTION:** TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 14-2021.

Moved by Beshara, seconded by Philippbar. YAY: Beshara, Boester, Domanick, Lyons, Philippbar, Waszak. NAY: Stoppenhagen.

**ORDINANCE 15-2021**

Offered by All of Council

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, STATE OF OHIO, AND CONFORMING TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODE PROVISIONS TO STATE LAW CHANGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**MOTION:** TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-2021.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council will read legislative items 27-30 at special meetings on March 18 and 31.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Denise Ready asked about Council meeting in person. Wheeler said he wants the threat level to be reduced from red to yellow first. Cortes said the 10-person rule is not mandatory. Wheeler said he would like to keep the Zoom option when Council goes back to meeting in person. The mayor is also looking at the automation of Council chambers, and COVID funds could be available for that purpose. Frantz said \$40,000 is already in the budget.

**WORK SESSION:** None.

**MOTION:** TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DISCIPLINE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, AND COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

Moved by Waszak, seconded by Stoppenhagen. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

Executive session lasted from 7:58 to 8:51 p.m., when Lyons adjourned the meeting.



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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman  
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons  
Council President

