



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Beshara, Police Chief Morgan, 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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, AS CORRECTED.

Moved by Wheeler, seconded by Domanick. A discussion ensued regarding how many executive session topics there were at the meeting. The clerk said he would check the recording. Motion withdrawn.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: The Ohio Department of Liquor Control asked if the Village wanted to conduct a hearing on the transfer of Olesia's liquor license from North Royalton to the Taverne of Richfield. After some discussion, Council and the Police Chief did not request a hearing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor said Frantz did a great job on his State of the Village's Economic Development address. His report is available on the village website. She also thanked Turk and Frantz for their work on employees' health insurance, as the new contract will include an increase of only 3 percent.

The Tree City celebration will take place tomorrow in Brecksville. Next year's event will be the 25th and will take place in Richfield.

Also tomorrow, OPERS will have a seminar at 2 p.m. for all who are approaching retirement and are part of the OPERS system.

Executive session topics for tonight will be acquisition of property and sale of public property.

Jocek informed the mayor that the Park Board would not appear at tonight's work session but would discuss the community center feasibility study at the May 21 work session.



DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Morgan – Police

The chief said his department has fixed the security control panels, and a new control panel could be moved to the 2020 capital budget. While Resolution 18-2019 is no longer necessary, the legislation for a jail services agreement with Macedonia would provide a useful backup.

Regarding the telephone scam (see below), Wheeler said his policy is to say “I don’t do business over the phone.” Beshara said Android smart phones have a screening service that can also be helpful.

Calls for Service:

Village: 1180
Township 224

Report:

The department participated in National Drug Take Back Day during Project Pride on April 27th. A large bin of unused/expired medication was collected and will be discarded.

There is a permanent drug drop-off point located inside the police department lobby. We have participated in the D.U.M.P. program for many years. The program is sponsored by the Summit County Department of Public Health.

There are approximately 20 drop boxes in Summit County. Further information can be found on the SCPH website at <https://www.scpd.org/dump/about>.

I am pleased to report that Detective John Petrovich has been appointed by the Metro SWAT executive board to the position of Administrator. John has been in law enforcement for over 20 years, the last seven with Richfield. John has been a technician for Metro for five years. He was responsible for the maintenance and repair of all of the vehicles and equipment in use by the team.

Patrolman John Hetzel has also been selected as a member of Metro SWAT. He will join Patrolman Prhne on the team.



A village business reported that it received an email that purported to be from the Department of Motor Vehicles indicating that the owner was cited and needed to contact the violations bureau to arrange payment of the fine.

The bogus charge was supposed to have occurred in Richfield and the fine must be paid online.

This is a new scam that is circulating, and is the first reported to this area.

All residents are cautioned to check out ANY email or correspondence that requests online payment or a request for banking and/or credit card information.

Chief McLean – Fire

The department also participated in the rescue of a girl who almost drowned at Days Inn. Ninety runners participated in the Firefighters' 5K.

Report:

- Calls for the month of April: Township EMS 20, Twp. Fire 3, Village EMS 46, Village Fire 14, Mutual Aid response 10, for a total of 93.
- We conducted some long hose lays, and water flow evaluations on Highlander Parkway with the Grass Fire Truck and Engine 14.
- Lt. Ellis attended an Advanced Arson detection class at Tri-C this past week as part of our participation in the regional team.
- Lt. Lester conducted a walk through with our Police Department and team leaders of the Metro SWAT of Richfield Elementary. Our plan has established a list of facilities that we will be using in the event of an incident. We are developing MOUs through our Law Director for these private facilities. We continue to update Revere Schools administration on this project.
- Lt. Purkey and I have been reviewing a new set of plans for Olesia's Restaurant. We are also meeting with the owners of the Days Inn about several concerns.
- The second half of the strategic plan is on May 17.
- Testing for the Lieutenant's position is on May 16 and 31.



Director Jocek - Parks and Recreation

Report:

- This has been the busiest month of April I can remember.

April 6th was the ART Show at the Masonic Hall.

April 13th was Easter Egg Hunt with approximately 500 children.

That was followed by our ever-famous Easter Egg Dyeing program with a full room at the Masonic Hall.

And last but not least this past Saturday, April 27th was "Project Pride" and the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. We shredded 6,820 pounds of papers and collected over 7 boxes (6'x6'x6') of electronics. We had approximately 100 volunteers who included Revere High School Seniors and MANY residents this year. The weather cooperated and made it a great project.

- Our annual Tree Giveaway program was also held on Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m. The residents were very pleased with the quality of the trees. We also asked the residents what type of trees they would like in future years and we have compiled that list.
- At this time, our day camps are about 90% filled. We have seven weeks of camp with children ages 5 - 13. We also have many volunteers who help with this program.
- Our fitness membership continues to have new members register each week; residents of all ages continue to join.
- The majority of our other camps continue to fill and that is great news for us.

Director Papp – Service

Report:

1) The 15" force main started leaking near the Days Inn on Brecksville Road near past locations of leaks. We started exploratory digging but were unable to find the leak. We are contacting professional leak location services to try to get an accurate location.

2) We continue to interview for a Maintenance Technician. This position is to fill the vacancy left by Ken Egnatuk's retirement.

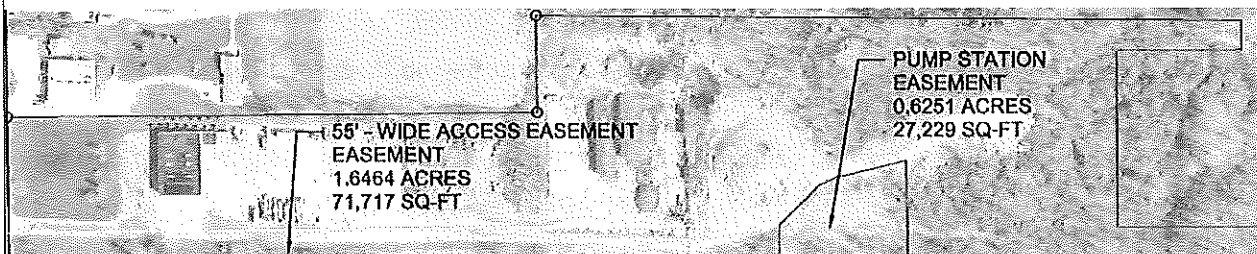


- 3) We started advertising for Summer help on April 1 and have extended the application period until May 31. We will have three retuning for summer in 2019. We have received seven new applications.
- 4) We are working to set up contracts with two companies to do monument repair for cemeteries.
- 5) The Service Department went to the following training: a. Confined Spaces
- 6) The Service Department was visited again by PERRP (Public Employment Risk Reduction Program) Enforcement personnel on 04-30-19. Supervisors and staff were interviewed for safety practices in: confined spaces, traffic zones, and tree trimming practices.
- 7) The Service Department continues to work on preparations for the Adopt-a-Spot program, marking exact locations, rules, and planning.
- 8) The Service Department will be cleaning up brush on a schedule by quadrant for the Village. Information will be post on the website and public notification once the schedule is in place.
- 9) The Service Department is evaluating the condition of the Recreation Center for building maintenance issues.
- 10) The Service Department continues to work on the Capital Projects budgeted for 2019.

Director Frantz – Planning & Zoning

Report:

- 1) We have finalized the documents for the Cleveland Water transaction, and the Mayor will execute them in the coming days. The pump station location at 3921 Brecksville Road shifted slightly to the east to avoid an existing top soil storage pile. The shift to the east is so minimal, no action from Council or Planning Commission is necessary. Please see the map below for more details.



- 2) We conducted additional property maintenance inspections and are in the process of sending violation letters. The violations include grass cutting, general yard maintenance, junk vehicles,



building conditions and signage. We are planning to begin weekly enforcement in the next few weeks and will keep Council up to date regarding the process.

Director Turk – Finance

Hudak said he appreciated Turk's diligence.

Report:

Income Tax

April's income tax collections came in at \$1,532,085, or down 8.9%, or down by \$150,589 compared to April 2018. Year-to-date receipts are 6.4% lower, or down by \$269,292, compared to 2018. Income tax processed 1,561 transactions in April. April withholding receipts from the top twelve companies came in \$162,786 lower than 2018 collections at \$1,817,278, or down by 8.2%.

We will continue to monitor the collections closely. A separate memo was sent out with more information on April's collections.

Health Insurance Renewal

Employees' health insurance coverage through Roundstone expires on June 30th. The renewal came in at a 3% increase over our current contract amount. Taking advantage of the prescription drug programs and the Tel-a-Doc program has helped to contain our costs. I will prepare a briefing memo and the legislation for the May 21, 2019 Council meeting to have it adopted by the June 18th meeting.

Law Director Hanna: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Zoning Commission: Waszak said the commission discussed the South Wheatley Road layout and lot configuration.

Park Board: Domanick said fitness memberships are up, and the Project Pride cleanup day was a great success.

Tree and Landscape Commission: The Adopt a Spot program is ready to go, although stewards are still needed. A Tree City planning meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 6 p.m.



RJRD Meeting Report by Mrs. Healey:

RJRD Regular Meeting April 22, 2019

Art Gonzales reported on the MOU Work Plan as a joint plan regarding several items including the copyright on books as being "intellectual property" regarding a book that was written by Lynn Richardson on Richfield and the current park. There is a check list for FOCH work projects. Resolution 9-2019 was passed (later in the meeting) to create a five-year MOU agreement with FOCH.

Maintenance Tech has had several ads with 4 people responding. It is for a 24-hour work week until October with mowing, carpentry, and cleaning Gund Hall.

Jeff Deluca said Four Water Wells exist and will be inspected to meet the EPA standards including testing the water and checking the pumps. It will be done by the engineering firm of Burgess & Niple for \$20,600 for all four wells.

Bylaw changes, with clarification from Bill Hanna, included who can sign checks. It should be the Fiscal Officer first, followed by either the Chair, Bob Becker or Finance, Pat Norris. Rules for boat use for the upper lake include the prohibiting of motors on boats and requiring boats be small enough to allow carrying them from the parking lot to the lake. The "Use Agreements" for various parts of the park are available online.

A great deal of volunteer work continues to be done under the auspices of Susan Czaplicki including Service Projects, Event/Usage Prep, Park Clean-up, Fence Line clearing and trash removal plus garlic mustard ongoing removal.

Various "Partners" reports were delivered, including FOCH on the Invasive Species Task Force and a "Historical Home Stabilization" plan.

Corrections to my report on the RJRD Governance Committee of the Whole on 4-8-2019. My report stated (Item 5) Sandy Turk has applied to be removed from the insurance policy. "Per Pat Norris, there are "to" losses subject to repayment." The word "to" should have been "two." Since those minutes were already approved, this is their correction.

CAUCUS

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

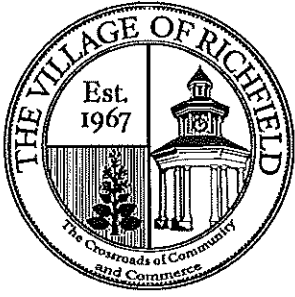
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Readings:

RESOLUTION 27-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND BANK WITH RESPECT TO AN ABANDONED PROPERTY ON BRECKSVILLE ROAD and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY



CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Roger Swan of Humphrey Road asked about the location of the property. Frantz said it is the old Clark gas station. The land bank will take control of the property and transfer it to the village when it is free of gas tanks and back taxes.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF RESOLUTION 27-2019.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 27-2019.

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

Second Readings:

RESOLUTION 25-2019

Offered by All of Council

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

RESOLUTION 26-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR USE OF JAIL FACILITIES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THIRD READING OF RESOLUTION 26-2019.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-2019.

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

Third Readings:

RESOLUTION 18-2019

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SECURITY SYSTEM AND CONTROL PANELS FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: TO TABLE RESOLUTION 18-2019.

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

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

Lanford asked about Resolution 44-2018, which proposed a change to the mayor's salary. Hudak said it had expired, since Council did not take action on it for one year. Lanford said she would like it to return. Healey asked if Lanford was going to sponsor it, and she said she was.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jocek said she was happy with the Recreation Department's new copy machine.

WORK SESSION

Akron-Summit County Energy Special Improvement District (ESID)

Hanna explained these districts can be tied to a certain project. He also discussed PACE (Property Assisted Clean Energy) programs, which can be used to finance energy efficient projects.

He said that if Council approved the expenditure of \$620 for new LED lights at Fellowship Hall, that would allow Richfield to be included in the Akron-Summit County ESID. Beshara said Bath was already part of the district, and Hanna said Copley, Fairlawn and Barberton have also joined.

Hanna said the city of Dublin, Ohio is using this program on an \$800,000 project. Beshara asked if Council would like Chris Burnham from DFA to appear at a future meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A PETITION FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF \$620 FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL LED LIGHTING PROJECT.

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

Hawkins Road park proposal

The next two topics were also part of a joint meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, which was represented by Waszak, Swan, Dan Holahan and Dr. Charles Boester.

Hudak left, and Wheeler took over the Council meeting.



Frantz said Petros donated property at the corner of Hawkins and Broadview roads to the village in early 2018. The property included dirt that was dug out from new homes that Petros built in Ashton Village and Broadview Heights.

He asked Council for some direction on what to do with the 8.34-acre property. The dirt could be used for a sledding hill, and fishers can use the pond.

Landscape architect Rob Morgan said the sledding hill would be 25 feet high with a slope of 25 percent. The park would also include an information kiosk, new hiking trails, a picnic shelter and an accessible path up the sledding hill.

Lyons said the village already has sledding hills, and this one would not look natural.

Alicia Archer of Apple Ridge said she was in favor of the park. Tracey Gates of Apple Ridge said the park looks wonderful, and when she and her kids go the playground, it is not in Richfield.

Swan said crossing Broadview Road safely is important. Lanford said the trails look nice, but the village is already spread thin with trails that are not completed. Gates said she was frustrated because Council is stagnant, noting that the water tower has not yet been built.

Jocek said the park board is in favor of the dock and parking lot but not the overall project because of the other projects that are in progress. Beshara asked for clarification of the park board vote, and Jocek replied that they are not against it but want the community center feasibility study completed first.

Archer said the village needs something nice to retain residents. Domanick said the water tower is taking too long, and he said the sledding hill could be smaller.

Doug Wenger of Seven Oaks Trail asked why this topic was not on the Park Board agenda. Jocek said board member Ellen Daniels brought it up for discussion.

Regarding the water tower, Frantz said the plans with Cleveland are almost complete. The pump station at 3921 Brecksville Road is out for design. The target for completion is late 2020 or early 2021.

Holahan said that whenever improvements to the village are proposed, someone complains that they would cost too much money. The PZC approved a motion to accept the dirt for the sledding hill.

Beshara said Council, the PZC and the Park Board should all get together to discuss the proposal. That discussion will take place at the May 21 work session.

Heinle house and property

Discussion focused on whether to retain the house or make room for more library parking. Swan and Waszak said the building could house a business. Healey said parking is needed in the center of town for big events.



Domanick, Wheeler and Healey are in favor of demolishing the house.

Discussion of sewer billing was postponed until the next work session.

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

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

Executive session lasted from 9:09 p.m. until 10:01 p.m. Council discussed the Briarwood sewer situation until Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Rick Hudak Mike Wheeler
Council President
VICE

