



RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Visit to Police Department Dispatch/Communications Center

On behalf of Chief Morgan, Dispatch Supervisor Tim Baker thanked everyone who helped make the renovation of the dispatch area possible and said the dispatch employees are very happy with the new center.

He showed Council the “report writing” room, which used to be the administrative assistant’s room. Fingerprints are also taken there. The rest of the police department building is a secured area.

Before renovating the dispatch room, the police department gathered the dispatch workers’ opinions. The lighting has been improved, and the work stations can adjust to whether an employee prefers to stand or sit.

The room was also rewired to handle the necessary amount of electricity to run its equipment. In addition to Richfield Village, the dispatch room handles calls for Richfield Township, the Valley Fire Department and the Peninsula Police Department.

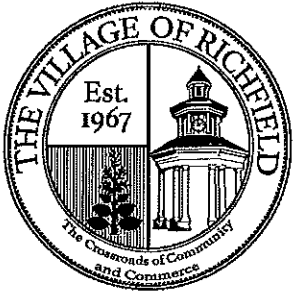
Executive Session

MOTION: TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TO MOVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION UP TO THE NEXT ITEM.

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

MOTION: TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22(G)2.

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



Executive session lasted from 6:52 to 7:08 p.m.

Briarwood

The extension of the sewer remains an outstanding issue in the area, and it will cost \$1.8 million to install two pump stations. An agreement with the land/sewer system owner is the hold up.

NEORS can provide a \$900,000 grant toward the project cost, but the grant has a time limit. Frantz said he would add a resolution to appropriate \$30,000 for new sewer plans to the next Council agenda.

Hanna said the owner wants to talk now that the grant is being considered. Frantz said the owner's current development plan calls for 132 single-family homes, which is fewer than before. He said the Planning & Zoning Commission is pleased with the plan, as it includes set-asides for open space and trails.

Beshara noted that the land is currently in Richfield Township and would need to be annexed to the village. Lyons said the village can't continue the project without working with the owner (Water & Sewer LLC), and the township hasn't shown a willingness to work with the village.

Buddy Craigo of Burrwood Drive asked about building new sewer lines, but that would cost another \$1 million. Hudak said it would be best to use the existing lines and that the reduction in the number of homes from 288 to 132 was already a huge benefit.

Senior Center Vehicle

Beshara said she looked for a used vehicle along with Frantz and Chuck Soulek. They found that a used vehicle would not cost much less than a new one.

Wheeler asked about using Uber or Lyft on a per-trip basis, but the mayor said she did not prefer that option. Healey said a non-resident can buy a membership for \$15 per year, which sometimes



leads to half of the people on the bus being non-residents. She suggested that Richfield residents should have priority for the first 10 of the 14 days before the trip.

Kahoe suggested raising the non-resident membership rate. Frantz said the previous Senior Center car, a 2002 Chevrolet Impala, has been declared surplus property and put up for auction. Beshara said she would keep working on this issue.

Cemetery rates

Hudak said Healey has worked very hard on determining who is buried where. He said cemetery guidelines are necessary, and the rates should be adjusted before the Fairview expansion.

Healey said the residents rate is being raised by a higher percentage than the veterans and non-residents rate. Beshara said Council can move to change that. Healey also said the non-residents rate should be changed to the Township and Former 10-Year Residents rate.

Mayor's salary

Kahoe said this issue should be moved to the June work session. Beshara said she is opposed to the reduction of her successor's salary. Hudak said the mayor should be paid at the level of a department head.

Lanford said she asked Turk for a survey of other mayors' salaries to aid the discussion. Hudak said the survey should include the municipality's budget and whether it has a city manager.

Work-Hour Ordinance

MOTION: TO ELIMINATE SECTIONS 1 AND 2 FROM ORDINANCE 62-2017.

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

Lanford said she would like Council and the Mayor to handle comp-time overages. Beshara said Council voted down that idea in November. Wheeler said that as the legislative branch, Council should allow the administration to handle that task.



Lanford said Council was not aware of a situation in which an employee accumulated 150 hours of overtime or comp time in the first couple of months of 2017 when the budget allowed for 70 hours for the entire year, and Council found out after the fact. Beshara said that if a department has an excess of comp time or overtime, it might need another employee.

The mayor instead agreed to provide regular comp time reports to Council. She also indicated we received word on the ability to designate the positions of assistant service director, assistant finance director and HR coordinator as exempt.

MOTION: TO MODIFY ORDINANCE 62-2017 TO ADD EXEMPTIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR.

Moved by Kahoe, seconded by Lanford. YAY: Domanick, Healey, Hudak, Kahoe, Lanford, Lyons and Wheeler.

Other items

Hudak said he would not be able to attend the June 14 work session and the June 19 meeting.

Beshara said the village would honor a retiring police officer at the June 5 meeting. Also, Cleveland water officials will return for the May 15 meeting to discuss the water tower project.

Healey said the Richfield Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help with its tour of the Jim Fry museum on June 9.

Lyons adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons
Council President