



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Beshara, Police Chief Morgan, Law Director Hanna, Service Director Papp.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. WHEELER FROM THE MEETING.

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

First Readings:

ORDINANCE 61-2018

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$430,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3974 WHEATLEY ROAD, AND ALL BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, FOR USE FOR VILLAGE RECREATION AND STORAGE PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Lanford said the village should have the funds to buy the property, and she hated the idea of using a bond anticipation note for the purchase. Hudak said he did not have a problem with it, because the cost of borrowing money is still relatively low. Hanna said the agreement calls for half of the purchase price at closing and the other half in one year, and it is therefore necessary to issue a note.

RESOLUTION 60-2018

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REVERE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXTEND SEWERS ON EVERETT ROAD

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Healey said the Public Works Committee, of which she is chair, should be involved in this discussion. Beshara said the Revere schools are expressing some urgency on this project, which would involve its bus garage. Lyons said the idea of approving a sewer agreement involving a Bath Township property is not



controversial because it has been done before. Hudak said that if the village does this, that does not mean it must do the same for other developers.

Third Readings:

RESOLUTION 57-2018

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 5001902, CONSISTING OF 6.61 ACRES LOCATED ON WHEATLEY ROAD IN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CAUCUS DISCUSSION: Kahoe said he would be voting no. When the village acquires property, the school district loses property tax revenue. He said buying the land means the village is trying to speculate on the property or control it, when in his view the planning and zoning already controls it. Healey agreed, stating that the zoning served as the village's control. Hudak said this was a prudent investment with a quality commercial partner across the street. Lyons said that in 20 years, this was most intentionally planned property purchase he has seen. He said the village should not wait until it needs the property and is no longer able to purchase it. Resident Pat Norris of Humphrey Road agreed with Hudak and Lyons that the time to buy the property is now.

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 57-2018.

Moved by Hudak, seconded by Lanford. YAY: Domanick, Hudak, Lanford and Lyons. NAY: Healey and Kahoe. **Motion passed 4-2.**

ORDINANCE 62-2017 (as amended 5-15-18)

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 153.04, 153.11 AND 153.20 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WORK SESSION

Mayor's salary

Lyons said that when the mayor's salary was increased, Council's compensation was increased as well. He said it would be inconsistent to reduce the mayor's salary without doing the same for Council. Hudak added that the mayor is also the safety director, and her position has



mushroomed into a huge job. It should not be limited to people of independent means or force a candidate to make a financial sacrifice.

Lanford said Council's salary should also be examined. She said comparing the mayor's job to that of five to ten comparable communities would be helpful.

Kahoe said health insurance is another component of the mayor, and that could be worth up to \$25,000. Hudak said Council members received so much of an increase since they had not received a raise in 16 years.

Domanick suggested a reduction to \$65,000, which would only apply to the next mayor.

Kahoe asked Hanna to prepare a modified version of Resolution 44-2018 reflecting the \$65,000 figure for Council's consideration. Lyons said Council's pay could be discussed at a future work session.

Small cell wireless antenna regulations

Hanna said new state legislation will go into effect on July 31, giving municipalities the ability to regulate small cell wireless applications. Hanna recommended that the village adopt legislation before that date.

Lyons noted that the new legislation would set up a process so wireless antennae are not erected without permission.

Capital improvement projects update

Papp said some project will need a hard engineering push in order to be completed before the end of the year. Kahoe said some money is "stuck in baskets," so Council should figure out how to move it or spend it.

Domanick said Council should discuss the Knopp House and the beautification of that area. Papp said he was concerned with properties that the village owns that are not properly secured. Healey said Jim Fry is interest in the Knopp House.



4410 W. Streetsboro Rd. • Richfield, OH 44286-0387

Office: 330.659.9201 • www.richfieldvillageohio.org

Lyons adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons
Council President