



**RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

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

**MOTION:** TO EXCUSE MR. HUDAK FROM THE MEETING.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Beshara, Fire Chief McLean, Recreation Director Jocek, Finance Director Turk, Service Director Papp and Law Director Hanna.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, AS CORRECTED.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

A representative from the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development may visit on Oct. 1 to discuss programs that are available to low- and medium-income residents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Beshara welcomed Joan Williams, a representative from the office of U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge.

She also talked about the Flags of Honor ceremony and the last Community Days in her term as mayor. Beshara is happy that the Knopp House was removed before the weekend activities. She thanked the Robert Gilbert family, Linda Corsi and Ken Haystrick, as well as her assistant Debbie Bluso Rogers, for all of their help with Flags of Honor.

Domanick said Flags of Honor was one of the most amazing events Richfield has ever seen. Beshara said she would participate in North Olmsted's Flags of Honor ceremony. She also thanked Jocek for her work on Community Day, which went smoothly.

Beshara asked Council for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss economic development.



## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

### Assistant Chief Swanson – Police

#### **Report:**

There were no significant calls for service for the Community Day weekend events which included: The Flags of Honor opening and closing ceremonies, the Community Day Parade, the Safety Forces open house, Community Day, and Community Day fireworks.

The new Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) is scheduled to be installed this month. The unit being replaced was over 20 years old and was transferred from the old Town Hall. This device maintains a power supply to the vital components of the dispatch center and police department in the event of a power failure—prior to the activation of the generator.

As requested in the last Council meeting, we are in the process of getting price quotes for a radar speed display system to monitor and track traffic. The information will be provided to Council when received.

The promotional exam for the vacated sergeant position will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Those passing the written portion of the exam will move onto the oral assessment, which will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Clancy and Associates will be administering the exams.

### Chief McLean – Fire

McLean said Flags of Honor was one of the best events in Richfield in a long time. Domanick asked if there would be a follow-up to the strategic plan, and the chief said that could take place whenever Council would like.

#### **Report:**

- Our open house and breakfast conducted by the Explorers went very well and was well attended. From the Flags of Honor to the Fireworks, it all went very smoothly with no safety concerns. We had great interaction with the community at the open house, as this has proven to be a great event.



- We conducted fire extinguisher training for 113 employees at Regina Health Care on 8-13 and 8-14.
- We have completed the installation of a small foam system on Brush Truck 4. This, along with the new air primer device, allows us to draft water from any water source up to 40 feet away. This will be beneficial for RJRD and other remote applications.
- We held an internal meeting in regards to the school shooter plan with Police, Fire and Service. We will be inviting all seven external partners to a meeting at the FD within a few weeks to review the operations of our plan.
- We have a meeting scheduled with the Summit County Building Official to review the construction project at Richfield Elementary. The renovation has limited the ability for exit signs and emergency lighting.
- In the last two weeks, we have utilized our ATV for a search and rescue in Richfield with our PD, and a mutual aid call to Hinckley Fire at the Ledges.

### **Director Jocek – Recreation**

Jocek said presale tickets for the Fall Fest chicken dinner are available for \$12. She added that State Rep. Bill Roemer would attend the Kiwanis meeting tomorrow.

### **Report:**

- Time flies when you're having fun, and I cannot believe we are planning fall and winter programs. The summer has been a whirlwind of activities, including day camp, summer concerts, Community Day, along with all of our activities in the Rec.
- The Eastwood Preserve Fall Fest will take place on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this fun event.
- The drawings for the Eastwood Barn repair will be ready from the engineer so that we may go to bid in the next month. We need to have this done so that we do not lose the grant and in-kind money we received.
- The Recreation Department held two cooking classes for children 8-13 years old at the Masonic Hall kitchen this past week. It was a fun event, and the children did a remarkable job cooking as well as eating. We believe we have created a "regular" program due to the success of this one.



- Upcoming dates for you to remember:
 

Fall Fest	Saturday, September 14
Quilt Show Senior Center	Sat.-Sun., September 14 & 15
Tree Lighting	Friday, November 29

**Director Papp – Service**

The department is using county bidding for crack sealing on roads and paving on Wheatley Road. Healey asked if the village will be buying less salt this year. Papp said the cost is down from \$100 per ton to \$75, and the village has 2,000 tons in store. The winning bidder will allow us to pay as we go this winter.

**Report:**

1) Asphalt paving program contractor Perrin Asphalt started August 15. Below is the schedule, weather pending:

2019 Asphalt Program

ROAD	GRIND	REPAIRS	PRESEAL	PAY
Brush Road	08/15-08/16	08/19-08/23	08/26-08/30	09/03-09/06
Deer Path	08/15-08/16	08/19-08/23	08/26-08/30	09/03-09/06
Fox Run	08/16-08/21	08/26-08/30	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13
Treelawn Drive	08/16-08/21	08/26-08/30	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13
White Pine Drive	08/16-08/21	08/26-08/30	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13
Richfield Woods	08/26-08/28	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13	09/16-09/27
Alger Road	08/26-08/28	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13	09/16-09/27
Muriel	08/26-08/28	09/03-09/06	09/09-09/13	09/16-09/27

2) The Service Department continues to work to get Everett Pointe in condition for dedication. An interim deficiency list and pavement profile analysis was complete.

3) The Service Department worked on preparations for a successful Flags of Honor event and Community Day weekend.

4) Administration continues to work on addressing PERRP (Public Employee Risk Reduction Program).

5) The Service Department attended the following training:

- a. First Aid
- b. Pump repair and maintenance (Utility Department)

6) The Service Department continues to work on the Capital Projects budgeted for 2019.



**Recommendations/Considerations:**

- 1) Future workshop discussion on Right of Way ordinance
- 2) Future workshop discussion on Briarwood status
- 3) Future workshop discussion on Historic Building painting
- 4) Future workshop discussion on changes to lane configurations at SR 303 and Broadview and Brecksville and Highlander

**Director Frantz – Planning & Zoning**

Beshara said Frantz wanted to add to his report that the village could have public water in the center of town by the end of next year. Hanna said Cleveland can be asked to extend the water line to residents who requested to be included, as it would save money and time to do the projects concurrently.

Lanford asked about the connection cost. Beshara said the line extension would cost \$250 per foot, divided by two for both sides of the street. That would not include the connection cost. Lanford said that if residents did not buy in at that rate, the cost would come back on the village.

Wheeler said that if 50 percent of the residents want the water line, and they do, based on their petition, then the water line should be installed. The question is whether Cleveland will allow it. Beshara said she would look into it. Lanford said the petition did not address anything about the cost, and the Village should initiate its own communication with these residents to determine those interested in tying in at that cost as previously discussed by Council.

**Report:**

- 1) At their meeting held on August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission issued final site plan approval to construct a 10,000 square foot building on the property located at 3647 Brecksville Road. The new building is being constructed for ProMarketing, an existing Richfield business that outgrew their tenant space in the front building on this same property. Additionally, the Commission approved a request from Go 2 Partners to install an approximately 1.92'x 5.33' (10.24 square feet) sign to the existing ground monument sign located at 4059 Kinross Lakes Parkway (same building as Aetna). Go 2 Partners specializes in marketing, and the company began in 1995.

The Commission also discussed land uses in the center of town, potential uses for the former Dr. Heinle property and access to the library. The Planning Commission would



like to discuss the library drive access with the Village's Director of Engineering once he completes his analysis of the matter for Village Council.

At the next meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Commission will hold a presubmission conference with an interested party seeking to purchase the Richfield Radiator Shop (4751 Brecksville Road) and converting the building to a landscape company that focuses on the creation of outdoor living spaces. Also, at the next meeting, the Commission will begin discussing the zoning for the South Wheatley properties in connection with the South Wheatley architectural design project.

- 2) At their meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) denied a variance request from Section 1128.03 of the Zoning Code to permit a 25-foot side rear yard setback instead of the 50 feet required for the property located at 3364 Prairie Vista Court. In connection with this action, the BZA requested the Law Director prepare Conclusions of Fact and Findings of Law for approval at their next meeting. The BZA also approved the Conclusions of Fact related to their denial of case 03-2019. As such, my office notified the property owner of the Board's decision on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The property owner has 30 days from August 15<sup>th</sup> to appeal the BZA decision to the Court of Common Pleas.
- 3) Improvements are being made at the former Consolidated Freightways property. The tree lawn is being consistently mowed, the fence has been repaired and the decayed sign structure has been removed. These improvements are related to the 72-page enforcement letter I issued, which documents the deteriorated condition of the property. I am scheduled to meet with the facilities manager to discuss the larger items that remain unaddressed. Updates will be provided to Council in the future.

### **Director Turk – Finance**

#### **Report:**

##### **Second Quarter Sewer Bills**

The second quarter sewer bills are due Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to avoid a 10% late fee.

##### **Workers' Compensation**

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board is to approve the proposed 10% premium rate cut for public employers on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. In June 2019, the BWC board voted to give an 88% rebate to public and private employers, and this rebate is to be received in September.



### Income Tax

The Ohio Supreme Court agreed to review an appeal in a lawsuit brought by multiple municipalities against the centralized collection of municipal net profit business filings by the state. A total of 163 municipalities challenged the provision (the Village among the group) stating that the provision violated municipalities' constitutional Home Rule authorities. In January, the Tenth District Court of Appeals sided with the state in a 2-1 decision. The first hearing on the case will be heard this winter, possibly in December. The court estimates they will render a decision by May 2020. This year-to-date \$138,000 of net profit distribution went through the state's centralized collection system with \$100,000 coming from one of our top twelve taxpayers. Individual quarterly payment statements were mailed out this week and are due September 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid penalty and interest for late payments.

### 2020 Budget

The Departmental Performance Measurement Plans are due August 30<sup>th</sup>. I am preparing the 2020 Base Budgets and will distribute them to the Departments by the end of August. Service will work with the departments on the 2020 Capital Budget.

**Law Director Hanna:** The Davey Resource Group incentive grant agreement is on his desk. He will sign it and send it to the company.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **RJRD Meeting Reports by Mrs. Healey:**

### **RJRD Governance Committee April 12, 2019**

There will be an ANCA Consult meeting from 9-26 to 9-29 for communication, community support and pre-planning. ANCA Lead Consult said that after the five years since the park started, "we are on the right path."

A long discussion took place on the proposed Bylaws, especially regarding the wording of "Section B Article I, Government Meetings" where it states "Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the order of business at all meetings except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in Policies approved by the Board pursuant to these Bylaws."

There was also discussion on what in the Bylaws should really be in Policy and Procedures. Policy and Procedures are not currently in place.



There was also a discussion of a "Mission and Vision Statement." This long discussion was followed by another long discussion about branding, with a logo presented by Beth Sanderson that was created by her sister.

Meg Slifcak announced that Bob Becker had also asked another person to create a logo and that most others were not aware of this. The issue with creating a logo is whether the Richfield Heritage Preserve logo would include FOCH.

### **RJRD Fund Raising Committee Meeting August 7, 2019**

A discussion took place on the stabilization of various buildings regarding a meeting five weeks ago, when a tour of eight of the buildings was completed. They will be including an architect to help evaluate the stabilization plans that were created by the Task Force created by FOCH.

Gund Hall is expected to be rentable from April through November after it is renovated. They expect the renovations to come to about \$25,000 to fix the two bathrooms, put on a new roof, and paint the outside. There is a corporation coming in the Fall to paint Gund Hall. There were several discussions on when and how to raise the funds for this and other projects and who will be involved.

The dredging of the lakes after being drained are expected to come to \$600,000. Bob Becker wants to see a plan on stopping the silt before it gets into the lakes. He is suggesting a "Case Statement" in this regard. Bill Smith and Art Gonzales will work on creating this using a similar case statement in Wisconsin.

The "Historic Preservation" designation has been received with the "Historical Tax Credits" next. Bob Becker stated that he has heard numerous Village and Township residents stating that "we don't want more people coming here" as to attending the various parks.

A meeting on grant writing is scheduled for Aug. 22 from 2 to 3:30. A walk of the remaining buildings for stabilization consideration is set for Aug. 26.

Wheeler congratulated Jocek on a well-organized Community Day celebration. The Kiwanis sold out of corn for the first time ever, as customer bought all 420 ears of corn. The fireworks were exceptional.

**Tree and Landscape Commission:** Domanick said the new Town Hall landscaping looks great. The cost of plants will decrease as the plants last longer.





**Park Board:** Domanick is pleased that Council approved the community center feasibility study. The board is looking for the right company to conduct the study. The next park board meeting is set for Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** Waszak said the PZC is waiting for feedback from the Service Department and village engineer regarding the Heinle property.

## CAUCUS

**COMMENTS FROM FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

First Readings: None.

Second Readings:

### RESOLUTION 41-2019

Offered by All of Council

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FROM CARGILL INC. DEICING TECHNOLOGY PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION (C.U.E.) PURCHASING ASSOCIATION PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Third Readings:

### 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**

**CAUCUS DISCUSSION:** Healey said this legislation should be changed to reduce the number of units from 140 to 130. Wheeler said it could be amended when Council is ready to adopt it.

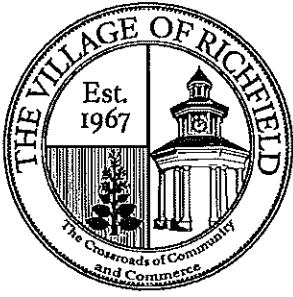
### ORDINANCE 17-2016

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**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

**WORK SESSION**

**Glencairn sewer study**

Project manager Matt Lascola presented a map of the sewer system to Council, discussing the path of least resistance for the sewage. Problems include erosion on the west side leading to exposed sewer pipes, as well as a debris jam on the east side. Both of these problems put the infrastructure at risk.

The first alternative is to restore the stream at a cost of \$603,589. The second alternative is to realign the sewer in a better spot for maintenance and operation at a cost of \$935,700. While more expensive, the second option would be the best long-term solution because it reduces the risk of further impact on the sewer equipment. The \$935,700 does not include the cost of abandoning current sewer lines.

Waszak asked if the township could be assessed for a portion of the costs. Hanna said that could only take place by agreement. Healey said the stream should be the township's problem. Wheeler responded that the sewer pipes are the village's problem.

Beshara said grant funds may be available, and the village currently has \$600,000 in the budget for the project. Papp said the Briarwood sewer issue is still unresolved. Turk said the village has over \$4 million available for both sewer projects, so the village could cover those costs.

Option 2 was the consensus choice of Council. Beshara said she hoped legislation would be ready for the second meeting in September.

**Brecksville-Highlander sidewalk and crosswalk**

Papp presented the plans to Council. He said the linear sidewalk would be estimated to cost \$30,000, and the traffic signal to cost \$80,000. The designs have been paid for and are almost complete. Crosswalks would be on Highlander and both north and south crossing Brecksville Road. Beshara said legislation should be ready by the next meeting.



### Richfield Historical Society ramp and painting

Healey said the village should renovate the ramp before painting the building. Papp said that makes sense due to the issue of lead-paint abatement. Lanford asked if siding would avoid the lead issue. Papp said the lead must be removed and disposed.

The ramp is estimated to cost \$105,000. Papp said legislation will be presented to Council.

**MOTION:** TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

The executive session lasted from 8:23 p.m. to 8:35 p.m., when Wheeler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman  
Clerk of Council

Mike Wheeler  
Council Vice President

