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## TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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### Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board Members Present, President Luke Martin, Council Member Minnie Howard, Council Member Carmine Azzato (present over the phone) and Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust.

Alaahea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on March 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Luke M. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Public Hearing on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Luke M. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Amendments/Additions to Agenda:** Carmine A. said he would like to look into the Town Clerk's Salary from what he knows this position has not had a raise in over 15 years.

**Streets/Maintenance:** Luke M. said he would like to ask the Board about building an RC Race Course in the park. The course will go on the west side of the ball field. All funds donated by several residents in town. After some discussion Minnie H. made the motion to approve the RC Race Course in the park, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Water/Sewer:** Earl Heide not present. There was some discussion about the Harrison lift station.

**Town Marshal:** Jeremy Minor not present.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Alaahea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for April 6, 2021 to the Board, Minnie H. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea F. presented the bank reconcilements for February 2021.

Alaahea F. presented the Board with up-to-date Fund Report, Appropriation Report and Revenue Report.

Alaahea F. said at the next meeting I will have an Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Fire Contract and LIT Public Safety fund.

Alaahea F. asked permission to pay AT&T for the whole year. The bill is \$1.25 monthly and would be a total of \$11.25 for April – December 2021. Minnie H. made the motion to approve the payment of \$11.25 for the rest of the year, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea F. asked the Town Council if we could move the May 11<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting to May 6<sup>th</sup>, due to training she will be attending in May the 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Minnie H. made the motion to move the meeting to May 6<sup>th</sup>, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea F. said she still does not have a contract from Rebecca Scott for helping with the Streets.

Alaathea F. said she does not have all the details on the American Rescue Plan Act, but we will have to have an Ordinance to establish a fund for this money.

Alaathea F. presented some information to the Township Roger Kunkel and the Fire Chief Darren Foreman on what it takes to establish a fire territory, along with some information on the revenue that could occur.

#### **Old Business:**

**Community Crossings grant for Streets:** Alaathea F. said there has been no word from IDOT on whether we have received the grant funding yet.

**Fire Station roof:** Alaathea F. said the Town Council need to decide on whether they are going to do both sides of the Fire Station roofs or just the Fire Bay side. After much discussion no decisions were made.

**New Richmond Old Park on Osage Street:** Carmine A. said that he has been checking on the concrete for the flag pole. Carmine A. asked Roger Kunkel about the flag pole. Roger Kunkel said it will need the hardware for the pole.

#### **New Business:**

**Resolution 2021-2 Rainy Day Fund Transfer:** Copies of the Resolution were handed out to all that were present, public denied the request to have it read aloud. Minnie H. made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-2, Luke M. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**2021 Trash Agreement:** Copies of the Trash Agreement were handed out to all that were present, Alaathea said the trash rates will be going up to \$12.50 and the Trash company will be providing trash can to the resident because the trash truck will have an automatic arm that will pick up the trash cans, after some discussion Minnie H. made the motion to approve the Trash Agreement, Luke M. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2021-3 Trash Collection:** Alaathea F. said the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be April 27 at 6:30 at the New Richmond Fire Station.

**Ordinance 2021-2 Amending Salary Ord. 2020-7:** Copies of the Ordinance were handed out to all that were present, public denied the request to have it read aloud. Minnie H. made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-2, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried. Minnie H. made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second reading, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-3 Transfer of Appropriation in LIT Public Safety Fund.** Copies of the Resolution were handed out to all that were present, public denied the request to have it read aloud. After some discussion Minnie H. made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-3, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

#### **Public Comments:**

Darren Foreman gave a report for the Coal Creek Fire Department. Luke M. asked if the Fire Department does background check and drug testing on the new volunteers. The Fire Chief said no.

Roger Kunkel said there is someone that want to donate a tree to the park to put around the pond.

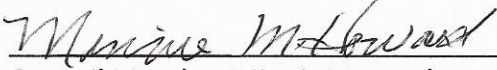
Minnie H. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.



President Luke Martin



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust



Council Member Minnie Howard

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Council Member Carmine Azzato