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## TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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### Minutes of the Meeting

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

**Roll Call:** Board Members Present, President Luke Martin, Council Member Minnie Howard and Carmine Azzato, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust and Attorney Rob Reimondo.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on June 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Special Meeting on June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Discussion with Township on Fire Station roof:** Luke M. opened up for the Township to discuss the Fire Station roof. Alaathea F. said at the last meeting the Town asked the Township for help on replacing the roof. Roger Kunkel Township Trustee said they are not going to help. Luke M. asked for other comments. Carmine A. said he is going to check on the purlins for the Fire Station roof, because of past conversations about Roof Masters taking the purlins off, he wants to make sure that we are not going to have to do change orders or have extra cost on this project. Carmine A. said he wants to meet with the contractor and ask some questions. Roger Kunkel asks how much insulation is going in. Luke M. said 6" (R-19) that was what was on the original specs. Rebecca Scott asked when was the contract signed by the Board, because she was not at the earlier meetings. Alaathea F. said June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was when the bids were opened, voted on and signed by the Town Council. Roger Kunkel asked about putting in more insulation, the Town Council said if the Township is willing to pay for the extra insulation. After much discussion the Town Attorney Rob R. reminded the Town Council that the lawsuit that the Town has with Roof Masters was for delinquency, not for performance. Luke M. said he would entertain a motion for the Town to pay for the new roof without help from Township. Minnie H. made the motion for the Town to pay for the roof, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

### **Amendments/Additions to Agenda:**

**Streets/Maintenance:** Luke M. said nothing to report.

**Water/Sewer:** Earl Heide not present.

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

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for July 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.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for May 2021.

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

Alaathea F. gave an update on the ARP (American Rescue Plan) money, it looks like now the Town is estimated to receive \$75,000. The Town has 60 days from the start date to provide additional information to receive the ART money, if we do not meet the deadline then the Town will lose out on all the money. We need to amend the ARP Fund Ordinance 2021-4 To say that the money is going towards the OCRA water grant as a match. We are also applying for IFA (Indiana Finance Authority) grant as additional money towards the project.

Alaathea F. said effective January 1, 2021 city/towns may transfer to Rainy Day Fund 15% during the calendar years of 2021 – 2024.

There are some new laws on electronic meetings to which the Town will be adopting a policy on this tonight, which is Resolution 2021-4.

There is a new law on Publication of Notice, if a city/town is required to publish a notice two times in two newspapers, then the first publication of the notice goes in the newspapers and the second publication can go on the town website with proper documentation.

#### **Old Business:**

**Street Project for 2021:** Luke M. asked when Fox Paving will be doing the work? Alaathea F. said she was told sometime in July.

**Roger Hurt Memorial Park:** Carmine A. said he is working on fundraising for the flag pole and concrete to which he has pricing for. He is working on some other things to which he has some estimates for right now and will move forward with those as the money comes in.

**2022 Budget:** Alaathea F. gave out the Budget Estimate Form 1 to the Town Council and asked them to look it over. She told them her appointment with DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) is July 22 at 1:45 p.m. over the phone, if they want to make some changes to let her know. She reminded the Town Council that the Public Hearing date is August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and the Adoption is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Street Sign at the End of East Washington:** Luke M. said a resident at the end of East Washington Street wants to know if the Town could replace the sign because the poles are bent. The sign is in the county's right of way. Minnie made the motion to not replace the sign, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Old Park Equipment:** Alaathea F. said we talked about having a silent auction for the old equipment, I have done prepared anything for that yet.

**Pond Treatment:** Alaathea F. said we had someone from Jones Fish come to treat the pond before they could do that, they have to get a permit from DNR (Department of Natural Resources) who told him he could only do a half of a treatment, he warned that because of it being late in the year and the pond is low that we may have some fish die off. Jones Fish will come out once a month up until October to treat the pond for \$1,300.00.

#### **New Business:**



**Resolution 2021-4 Policy on Electronic Meetings:** Alaathea F. had copies of the Resolution for everyone that was present at the meeting and ask them if they wanted her to read the Resolution aloud. The Public did not want it read aloud. After some discussion on the Resolution, Minnie H. made the motion to approve the Resolution 2021-4, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Jerald Beaman told the Town Council that he is giving the Hoosier's pictures and memorabilia to the Town of New Richmond.

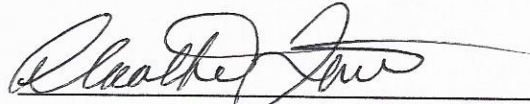
Shelly Wulfers asked about the progress on the Street signs to have North, South, East and West so that packages will get delivered to the right address. Luke M. said talk to Rebecca Scott, Rebecca S. said she is going to get with Alaathea for the LTAP street inventory and give her the passwords for it so Alaathea is able to work in it as well, Rebecca S. did not want to have a contract with the Town for working on the street inventory but just voluntary her time as needed.

Darren Foreman, Fire Chief, gave a report for the Coal Creek Fire Department.

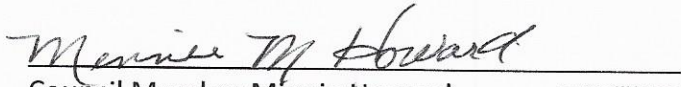
Minnie H. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.



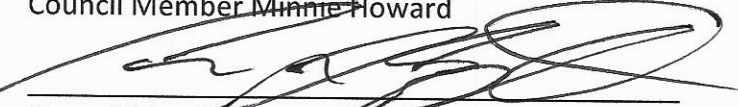
President Luke Martin



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust



Council Member Minnie Howard



Council Member Carmine Azzato