# **TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND**

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### Minutes of the Meeting

October 5, 2021 at 6:43 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board Members Present, President Luke Martin, Council Member Minnie Howard and Carmine Azzato, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust Attorney Rob Reimondo, Water/Sewer Superintendent Earl Heide and Deputy Marshal Jordan Robinson.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on September 7, 2021 at 6:33 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 September 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., Minnie H. made the motion to approve the minutes, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Carmine A. said he was aware of the special meeting, but was not able to attend the meeting regarding the fire contract. There was much discussion on this, the Attorney Rob Reimondo said the Board had to give notice of cancellation to the Fire department on the contract before October 1<sup>st</sup> as stated in the contract, that is why the Board had the Special meeting. The Board voted to revoke the contract, but that does not mean a new contract cannot be arrive at, so the Board members here can arrive at a new one and it may have different terms. It does not mean the Fire department is leaving the facility, now they may choose to leave, they are like anyone else if they do not like the terms, they do not have to except it.

James Cowherd, captain of the Coal Creek Fire department, said we are not leaving here, as long as we are allowed to stay here, we are going to stay. The Town has not asked us to leave, it just has to do with the contract. The question was asked about 2021 contract and if it was paid. Alaathea F. said we have paid half of the contract in June of 2021 and the other half will be in December of 2021.

After much discussion there were no decisions made at this time.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Township & Town Meeting on September 30, 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.

## Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

**Streets/Maintenance:** Luke M. said the new playground has new mulch added to it and they have started working on the streets on the West side of Town.

**Water/Sewer:** Earl Heide said the new sewer meter is in and will be set back in the same place, but we will move the power inside the fenced in area of the park lift station.

**Town Marshal:** Jeremy Minor not present. Deputy Marshal Jordan Robinson reported that he has stopped some speeders today.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for October 5, 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 August 2021.

Alaathea F. presented the Board with up-to-date Fund Report, Appropriation Report and Revenue Report. Alaathea F. asked permission to pay Leffert Stone for the playground mulch in the amount of \$2,500.00, Minnie H. made the motion to pay Leffert Stone, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the Town Council the ARP Plan 2021-1, this is required reporting for the ARP spending. Minnie H. made the motion to approve the plan, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked the Town Council that instead of transferring the 205 Lagoon Repair Donation Fund of \$409.45 that is dormant to the General Fund, to leave it in the 205 Fund and use the money to help pay for the Harrison Street lift station project. Minnie H. made to motion to use the money for the Harrison Street lift station project, Carmine A. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Street Project for 2021:** Luke said the street work being done is Clough to Madison to Washburn Street. Luke said hopefully we can move East down Madison Street next year.

Roger Hurt Memorial Park: Carmine A. said that they have raised \$4450.00 for the park. The flagpole is installed at the Roger Hurt Park costing \$2,015.00 and now working on the Roger Hurt Memorial plaque. Carmine A. asked about the water meter at the park, Earl Heide said we will have to replace the meter pit and install at new hydrant when the Town is ready. Carmine asked Luke M. if he would remove the tree brush at the Roger Hurt Park.

**Fire Station Roof**: Luke M. said the contractor finished the fire station roof today and asked Earl Heide to do a walk through with him on the finished Fire Station roof with the contractor this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Earl H. Said he could do that with him.

Alaathea F. said do I have permission to pay the All-American Exteriors, LLP, after the walk through and signed paperwork approving the work done. Carmine A. made the motion that once Earl Heide and Luke Martin has approved the work and signed off on the job, then Alaathea can pay the contractor his final bill. Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-8 RC Raceway Track Ordinance: Minnie H. made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-8, 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.

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-9 Amending ARP Funding: Minnie H. made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-9, 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.

**Adoption of Ordinance 2021-10 Community Room Fee:** Minnie H. made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10, 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.

**Adoption of Ordinance 2021-11 Additional Appropriation:** Minnie H. made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-11, 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.

Appointing a Special Committee: Luke M. said he has appointed a special committee to address the Town concerns. Sam Buckles will be the chairman of the special committee, along with Marcie Darling, Shelly Wulfers, Alice McCloud, Crystal Cotton, James Cowherd (volunteer fireman) and Linda Forbes. Roger Kunkel from the Township nominated Barb Clark (Township Board member). The Town Council voted to appoint someone to the special committee, Carmine A. voted for himself, Minnie H. voted for herself and Luke M. voted for Minnie H.

#### **Public Comments:**

James Cowherd, Fire Captain, gave a report for the Coal Creek Fire Department.

Carmine A. said he was following up on some complaints, he went to check the gas/diesel tank to find that the retention wall did not have a plug in it and that there should be a plug there to keep from polluting the ground outside of it. Luke M. said he has asked Roger Kunkel to put a plug in it. Roger Kunkel said he has done that in the past. Luke M. said he does not know why the plug keeps disappearing. Earl H. suggested getting a tank in a tank for the gasoline and diesel fuel then you would not need the retention wall, he said Ceres Solution has these tank available.

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