
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

November 7, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Linda Forbes, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust and Town Marshal Jeremy Minor.

Minnie H. opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Work Session on October 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Public Hearing on October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on October 4, 2022 at 7:02 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Public Hearing on October 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Work Session on October 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

Streets/Maintenance: Alaathea F. said that Jay Busse would like permission to purchase materials to winterize the Maintenance building. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the purchase, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide not present. Alaathea F. said that Earl told her that the area where the flowmeter is at the Lagoons has been cleaned of debris and the flowmeter has been replaced with a new one.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor said there is nothing to report. Linda F. asked if things are settling down around town. Jeremy M. said There is not any unknown perpetrators, he is aware of who is doing what. Linda F. asked if our current dog ordinance is good enough for the safety of the public. Jeremy M. said yes.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month. The Town Council thanked him for their service.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo was not present but Alaathea F. said Rob has informed her that Roof Masters did not show up for the court hearing with their attorney, so therefore Rob informed their attorney if they do not pay up within seven days of that day, he will file a Body Attachment for Roof Masters.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for November 7, 2022 to the Board, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the Billing Adjustment Register for October 2022 to the Board, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the Billing Adjustment Register, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for September 2022.

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

Alaathea F. asked the Town Council about Town Meeting dates for next year, it was suggested to do it on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. After some discussion the Town Council would like to think on this until the next meeting.

Alaathea F. asked permission from the Council to pay BL Anderson \$3,400.00 for the replacement of the sewer stream flowmeter out of the ARP Fund, a requirement from IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management). Shelly W. made the motion to approve the payment out of the ARP Fund, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Traffic Ordinance: Alaathea F. said the Attorney Rob R. can meet with Jeremy Minor and I tomorrow morning for some question on the Traffic Ordinance, regarding ordinance fees and collection of the fees.

Street Update: Alaathea F. said she talked with Jim Higgins (LWG CPAS*Advisors) at the AIM Summit conference and told him that we were going to talk to INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) about the Community Crossings Grant Match to see if they would reconsider the grant for the Town due to some misunderstandings. Jim H. said it is very unlikely that they will change their minds. Alaathea F. said she would still like to go with Linda F. to talk to someone at INDOT about other issue concerning the Town's North, South, East and West Street directions.

Blighted Properties: Alaathea F. said Rob has not heard anything from their attorney Tyler Nichols regarding the house on 421 East Washington Street. The neighbor next door, Russ Wethington, said that the house is falling in and pieces are coming off when there is a strong wind.

Contracting out Town Maintenance: Minnie H. said the Town has a contract for Busse's Excavating for \$2,000.00 per month, except the extras will be billed as needed, starting January 2023. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the contract, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Park Equipment: Minnie M. asked Carmine A. if he had anything on the Roger Hurt Park. Carmine A. said he was wondering about the replacement of the swing set that Alaathea F. talked about earlier in the year. Linda F. said she is looking into what we can do to save some of the old park equipment. Alaathea F. said she talked to Marvin Swick about the new swing set for the Roger Hurt Park and if the New Richmond's Fireworks committee will give a donation for the swing set and that the Town will be looking into doing this for next year.

Animal Welfare League Contract for 2023: Minnie H. asked Jeremy Minor (Town Marshal) if this contract would benefit the Town. Jeremy M. said he did not think it would benefit the Town. Shelly W. made the motion to not do the contract, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Ordinance 2022-9 Amending Salary Ordinance: Alaahea F. read the ordinance to the public. After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-9, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried. Shelly W. made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second reading, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-10 Salary Ordinance for 2023 Draft: Alaahea F. gave copies to the public and Council to look at and make a decision in the next meeting. The Town Council did not have any objections to the Ordinance.

Resolution 2022-12 New Richmond's Holiday Calendar: Alaahea F. read the ordinance to the public. Shelly W. made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-12, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

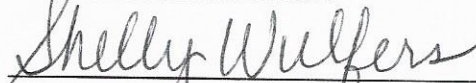
Public Comments:

Carmine A. asked if Osage street could be chip and sealed. Alaahea F. said as of right now we were not going to do any street work in 2023 because of having to pay Fox Paving out of our pocket for the \$25,700.00. However, Busse' Excavating will be grading our alleys and streets at least once a year and placing gravel where needed.

Shelly W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.




President Minnie Howard



Council Member Shelly Wulfers



Council Member Linda Forbes



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust