
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

December 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Linda Forbes, Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust and Attorney Rob Reimondo.

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

Alaahea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on November 7, 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.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: Alaahea F. wanted to let the Town Council know that she had sent a check in the amount of \$2000.00 to the Coal Creek Fire & Rescue on October 15, 2022 and was mailed to Dale Jones, as of October the check has not cleared the bank.

Shelly W. said she would like to look into the Town's marquee sign, whether to fix it or buy a new one.

Streets/Maintenance: Jay Busse no report.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide not present. Jay Busse said they are waiting for the right conditions to calibrate the meter at the lagoon.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor not present.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month, he also wanted to let the Town Council know they are doing a fundraiser on December 17th from 7 to 11 a.m., having a pancake breakfast with Santa Claus.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo said this will be the last time that I will have to report on the Roof Master's case, they paid their final balance of \$2170.00 as of December 1, 2022.

Rob said he had not heard from Tyler Nichols, Hilary Craig's Attorney, regarding the blighted property on 421 E Washington Street.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaahea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for December 6, 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.

Alaahea F. presented the bank reconcilements for October 2022.

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

Alaatha F. presented the Town Council with the 1782 Notice Budget Year 2023, the budget has been approved.

Alaatha F. said that the Hoosier Heartland State Bank donated \$500.00 to the Town's Christmas Event.

Alaatha F. asked permission from the Council to pay the AT&T bill for the whole year of 2023, it is \$1.25 per month. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the payment for the whole year, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaatha F. presented the Town Council with a Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement for herself since her husband works at Mulhaupt's to where the Town has purchased locks, keys and other things there. The Town Council signed the Conflict-of-Interest Statement.

Alaatha F. gave the Town Council the Annual Certification for Nepotism Policy for Direct Line Supervision and Contracting. The Council and the Clerk/Treasurer signed the Annual Certifications.

Alaatha F. asked permission to pay the HWC Engineer's invoice of \$11,512.50 when the money from the OCRA grant or SRF loan come in. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the payment, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Town Hall Meetings for 2023: After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to have the Town Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month in the year of 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Traffic Ordinance Speed Limit: Alaatha F. asked the Town Council if they wanted to change the speed limit to 25 mph or keep it at 30 mph. After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to keep it at 30 mph, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Jeremy M. and Alaatha F. are still looking into the process on how to collect the Ordinance violation for the Traffic Ordinance versus a ticket from the County.

Blighted Properties: Talked about under the report from Attorney.

Park Equipment: Linda F. said we should be able to put a skirt around the merry-go-around, but the swing will have to come down.

New Business:

Tom Klein Montgomery County Administrator-Opioid Settlement: Tom spoke about the Montgomery County's plans on how they intend to use the Opioid Settlement for a drug -free program and if the Town of New Richmond would be interested in joining in with the plan. The Town Council did not make any decision regarding being a part of the program.

Attorney for 2023: Alaatha F. asked the Town Council if they are going to retain Rob Reimondo as the Town Attorney for 2023. Shelly W. asked what was the amount that we retained him for last year. Alaatha F. said \$3,500.00. Rob R. said that amount would stay the same for 2023. Shelly W. made the motion to retain Rob R. for 2023, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Grant Administration Services for IOCRA/SRF Water Project: Jerrell Consulting & Grant administration Services, LLC was the only one who put a bid in for New Richmond's water project. Shelly W. made the motion to approved Grant Administration services from Jerrell Consulting, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Shelter house at the New Richmond Park: Alaathea F. asked Jay Busse if he was able to get some bids on new doors for the Shelter house. Jay B. said he is waiting on them to send him the bids. Darrell Birge (a member of the Volunteers for New Richmond's Improvement) said they will pay for the cost to replace the doors and that they also had a bid for the replacing of the doors. Alaathea F. said we need to see all bids for the project so that the Council could review and vote on one.

Darrell Birge asked about the Electrical pole at the park. Linda F. said she had notice it a few months ago and talked to Alaathea about it. Alaathea F. said she has contacted Tipmont REMC about the pole.

ARP Plan 2022-1: Alaathea F. presented the updated ARP Plan for Council approval. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the ARP Plan 2022-1, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-10 Salary Ordinance for 2023: Alaathea F. gave copies to the public and asked if anyone wanted it read aloud, the public did not want it read aloud. After some discussion Shelly W. made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10, 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.

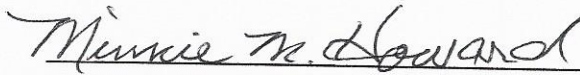
Alaathea F. asked the Council for permission to give the Cleaning Person, Sarah Culp, a raise from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour to begin on the first pay period in January of 2023. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the raise, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2022-13 Transfer of Appropriations within the General Fund: Alaathea F. read the ordinance to the public. Shelly W. made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-13, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Next Town Hall Meeting is January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Linda F. said we would like to be able to serve our community better and would like the community to be willing to work with us.

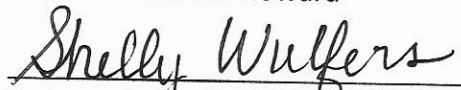
Shelly W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.



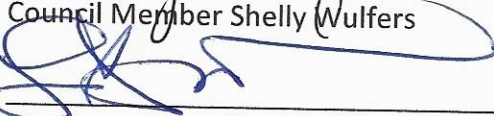
President Minnie Howard



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust



Council Member Shelly Wulfers



Council Member Linda Forbes