
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Marcella Darling, Clerk/Treasurer Alatheia Foust and Marshal Jeremy Minor.

Alatheia Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Public Hearing on April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alatheia Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on April 5, 2022 at 7:10 p.m., Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: Shelly W. said she would like to discuss the issue about public comments. Minnie H. said we will do that right before Public Comments.

Streets/Maintenance: Luke M. not present.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide not present. Alatheia F. asked Jay Busse for an update, Jay B. said the sewer meter is in and will be calibrated and there are no updates on the Harrison lift station at this time.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor said there was an incident with a reckless driver, which has been taken care of and a dog situation that has been taken care of.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo not present. Alatheia F. gave the Council a copy of the Order from Hearing letter on March 2, 2022 that Rob sent her regarding the Roof Master's case stating that they have 90 days from the date of this order to pay the rest of the \$2170.00.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alatheia F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for May 10, 2022 to the Board, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alatheia F. presented the bank reconcilements for March 2022.

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

Alatheia F. asked permission to pay Busse's Excavating for \$4,420.00 out of the ARP Fund for sewer meter install at the New Richmond Park. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill out of the ARP Fund, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay Busse's Excavating for \$1,746.00 out of the ARP Fund for repairs and labor at the water well house. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill out of the ARP Fund, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay Ortman Drilling & Water Services for well inspections in the amount of \$11,900.00 out of the ARP Fund. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill out of the ARP Fund, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said there is no updates on natural gas at this time.

Alaathea F. said Carmine A. wants to finish up on a project at the Roger Hurt Park and there is \$125.34 left in the Park Donation Fund for this park and would like to purchase 10 bags of mulch, 1 gallon of yellow paint and foam roller and brush. Shelly W. asked who will go get these things, Alaathea F. said she can go purchase them and drop them off to Carmine A. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the purchase from the park donation fund, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said that Carmine A. wants to put a parking area in at the Roger Hurt Park and asked Carmine A. who was going to do the grading for the parking area. Carmine A. said Mike Claycomb is going to do that. Alaathea F. said even though he is donating his time and equipment we need to have a copy of Mike Claycomb's Certificate of Liability Insurance on file before any work is done, because he is working on Town property with heavy equipment.

Alaathea F. told the Town Council that we are in need of raising the water and sewer rates, because are expensive has exceeded our revenues for the last two years and with the inflation things are more expensive. We have had a lot of projects with the utilities as well. I recommend no less than a \$2.00 increase on water and sewer. I have been communicating with a professional about our rates, he has been very busy and has not communicated to me yet of his recommendations and we need to do this increase now.

Old Business:

Harrison Street Lift Station: No report.

Street Work for 2022: Alaathea F. said I sent out letters on May 5 to three contractors for bids for street work and the deadline to receive them back is June 1st before noon.

New Business:

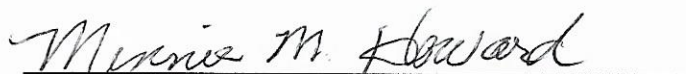
Scott Carr/Chickens: Minnie H. asked Alaathea F. to talk about this. Alaathea F. said we are not against having chickens in Town, we just want people to come to a meeting and let us know how many and fill out a request form, so then we can notify your neighbors of the request and make sure they are okay with it.

Traffic Ordinance: Alaathea F. said I have a draft copy of the ordinance for the Town Council and the Town Marshal to look at, Jeremy M. would like to have a Work Session meeting to discuss some of the things in it and then it will go to the Attorney for his approval. Alaathea F. said to get with her on everyone's availability for a Work Session meeting.

Shelly W. said we have instituted the rules of the Robert's Rules of Order and we are not responding during the public comment time. There has been concerns about public opinions being taking as facts when they are untrue statements. If you have a question you need to put it in writing and sent to the Town Hall and then we will respond to the question at the following meeting.

Minnie W. stated that we do want to answer the questions, in the past the meetings have gotten out of control and argumentative and we want to be able to research and answer with facts.

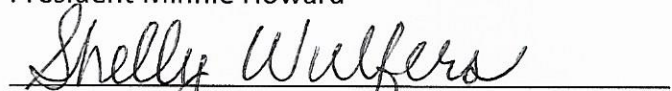
After public comments, Shelly W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Marcella D. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.



President Minnie Howard



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust



Council Member Shelly Wulfers



Council Member Marcella Darling