

**TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND**

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Minutes of the Meeting

January 3, 2024 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Linda Forbes, Jebadiah Lind, Rachelle Cowherd, Sarah Farmer-Forbes Present: Town Superintendent Jay Busse, Town Water Earl Heide & Attorney Rob Reimondo.

**Voting of 2024 Board President:** It was brought to the board's attention that a new Board President needed elected. Rachelle C. nominated Linda Forbes and Jebadiah L. seconded it. The vote was passed that Linda Forbes be the new town president.

Pledge of allegiance.

Sarah Farmer-Forbes/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Rachelle C. made the motion to approve the minutes, Jebadiah L. seconded the motion, Motion Carried.

Sarah FF/Treasurer presented request for Work Session Meeting date on January 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Rachelle C. Jebadiah L and Linda F all agreed. The motion carried.

**Amendments/Additions to Agenda:** An introduction of the new Board Members was done and kind words of thanks were made for previous members.

**Streets/Maintenance:** Jay Busse said he will need a quote for the speed signs. He also stated that they have cleaned up the baseball fence line and requested that we pull the fence down. Jay said that the fence is on the ground and that it is of no use. A town member asked if there was any value in selling the scraps of fence and Jay stated that there is nothing left of value of it.

**Water/Sewer:** Earl Heide stated that they would start on the water project as soon as possible. He is hoping that once they get here all the work can be completed in a timely manner. He also stated that the Masonic meter needs to be separated.

**Town Marshal:** Jeremy M. was not present.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month and year end numbers. They did 130 total calls in 2023 and averaged 5 responders per call.

**Report from Attorney:** Larry Tippin contract looks good and advises the board to proceed on it as they see fit. He also stated the same for Aleetha Foust Consulting Agreement.



**Clerk/Treasurer:**

- Sarah FF. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for January 3, 2023 to the Board, Rachelle C. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Jebadiah L. seconded the motion.
- Sarah FF. presented the bank reconciliements for November 2023.
- Sarah FF. presented the Board with the Fund Report, Appropriation Report, Revenue Report up to date.
- Sarah FF requested to pay the \$1000 invoice to HWC. Jebadiah Lind made the motion and Rachelle C. seconded it.
- Sarah FF presented the ARP Fund – Jay Busse invoice for \$3,300.00 mowing and cutting at the Lagoon. Motion was carried by Rachelle C. and seconded by Jebadiah L.
- Sarah FF. requested approval to pay ATT Service for the whole year of 2024 in the amount of \$15,00. Jebadiah Lind carried motion and Rachelle C. seconded it.
- Sarah FF presented Alatheia Foust Consulting Contract to the Board. Jebadiah Lind carried the motion and Rachelle C. seconded it.
- Sarah FF presented Larry Tippin contract for Capital Assets reporting to the Board. Jebadiah Lind carried the motion and Rachelle C. seconded it.
- Sarah FF presented to the board that the cameras are done and were paid for in 2023.
- Council approves Sarah Farmer-Forbes to be put on the Bank Accounts at Hoosier Heartland State Bank. It was also suggested to leave Alatheia on accounts through January until Sarah receives a debit and credit card from HHSB. Alatheia has given Sarah FF a HHSB Business Credit Card, Staples Reward Card, Menards Tax, Home Depot Tax Card, WalMart Tax Card.

**Old Business:**

**Shelter House:** Linda F. asked Mike Claycomb (from the Volunteers for New Richmond Improvements) about the shelter house doors. Mike C. said still waiting for the doors to come in as soon as they do the contractor will put them on. It was also requested and approved that this item be removed from future "Old Business" as there won't be any updates until materials come in.

**Ordinance 2024-1 Campers & Recreational Vehicle (RV) Draft:** It was requested by Jebadiah L. to have a Work Meeting regarding this and was seconded by Rachelle C. Work Meeting was agreed upon for January 26, 2024 at 5pm.

**Ordinance on Mobil Homes:** There is not a draft for this.

**New Business:**

Next Town Hall Meeting is Feb 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

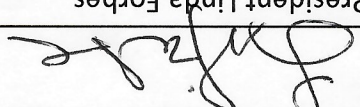
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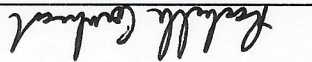
Shelly Wulfers stood in front of the attendees and spoke about this being a new year with a new board. She stated that we should let the past be the past and all work together. She personally plans to help in anyway way as she has the time and abilities. The board thanked her for her comments.

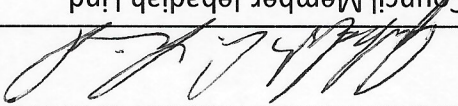


Linda F. said words of gratitude about being the new Town President and was excited to work with everyone moving forward.  
Rodger Kunkel said that he has ordered No Parking signs to put in front of his business. The board commented that he cannot put them up. He also mentioned a boat that is an eye sore and the state of Patrick Jansen's building as a safety hazard and asked about unused/broken down cars in town. Linda F assured him that all items were being addressed, but it does take time.  
Mike Claycomb asked about information on how to see town financial records. Sarah FF. said she wasn't sure but would get back to him on it.

Rachelle C. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jebadiah L. seconded the motion.

  
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President Linda Forbes

  
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Council Member Rachelle Cowherd

  
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Council Member Jebadiah Lind

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Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Farmer-Forbes

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# TOWN MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

January 3, 2024 6:00 pm

Name:

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Jebadiah C. Lind

ROBB CLARK

FRY CLAYTON

MIKE CLAYTON

REGAN BUNK

YASOD FORDES

TELLA GULD

TINA WORTHINGTON

RUSS WATKINS

MATTHEW KEMP

SHANDA FORDES

Home from Shelby Wilfens

5 Bus 53

30th



**Town of New Richmond**  
**Work Session Agenda**  
January 25, 2024  
5:00 pm

1. Roll call for Town Hall Meeting
2. Ordinance 2024-1 on RV & Camper
3. Draft Ordinance 2024-2 for Additional Appropriate (to be ready for February 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting)
4. Draft Ordinance 2024-3 Materiality Threshold
5. Discussion about IDEM and the Lagoons.
6. Linden's Agreement for Wastewater and Water Services (ends Mar 31, 2024)
7. Update from Keegan on the New Richmond Water System Improvements
8. Adjournment