Town of New Richmond Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024 12NOON

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call for Public Hearing for 2025 CCFD CONTRACT

Sarah Farmer-Forbes, Clerk-Treasurer. Linda Forbes, Board President. Rachelle Cowherd, Board Member. Jeb Lind, Board Member.

Sarah Farmer-Forbes opened the meeting by stating that we were here as a whole board to lay out our thoughts and discuss the CCFD Contract.

Jeb Lind stated with yes, he does agree there should be an increase and that an increase should have happened before 30+ years. He stated he would does not think it should be \$9000 but suggested \$7000. He stated he would like us see stay at that \$7000 level moving forward and suggests that we revisit the contract every 5-10 years.

Rachelle Cowherd stated that she wants Alaathea no longer helping the clerk immediately. She stated that Alaathea is in the clerk's ear. She also wants to make sure that the money that is paying the FD is coming from the Public Safety Fund.

Linda Forbes asked who handles the CCFD finances and the best answer the audience knew was Chief, but this was not confirmed. Linda stated she agreed with Jeb and that there should be an increase. She agreed that we should reevaluate the contract sooner, but suggested 3 years which Jeb agreed to.

Sarah Farmer-Forbes stated that the Town of New Richmond was wanting to donate their Opioid Fund to the CCFD as a onetime donation/gift. With this they would have to do any reporting of use of the funds and ensure proper usage, but all agreed they had a better use for that money than the Board.

Linda Forbes made a motion to increase the CCFD contract to \$7000 annually and Jeb Lind seconded. Motion approved. Rachelle Cowherd abstained.

Linda Forbes made a motion to donate the said Opioid Fund to the CCFD and Jeb Lind seconded. Motion approved. Rachelle Cowherd abstained.

Linda Forbes made a motion that the CCFD should be reevaluated in no more than 3 years and Jeb Lind seconded. Motion approved. Rachelle Cowherd abstained.

President Linda Forbes

Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Farmer-Forbes

Council Member Rachelle Cowherd

Council Member Jebadiah Lind