

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING**

JUNE 28, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 P.M.

President Ronald Arndt called the North Ridgeville Municipal Council special meeting of June 28, 2005 to order at the North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio.

NOTICE:

Clerk of Council Chuck Norris read the notice of the Special Council meeting in full as on file in the office of the Clerk of Council as it relates to the joint meeting with the North Ridgeville Board of Education to discuss opportunities to work together to increase revenue without impacting residents.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Nancy Buescher, Allen Swindig, Richard Jaenke, Bob Olesen, Bernadine Butkowski, Andy Young and President of Council Ronald Arndt.

Also, present were Mayor David Gillock, Law Director Andy Crites and Clerk of Council Charles Norris.

Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson arrived at 5:10 P.M.

Absent were Engineer Larry Griffith and Auditor Chris Costin.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Mayor Gillock welcomed everyone and gave a few possibilities for a joint venture.

Mr. Larry Bowersox, School Superintendent, explained cooperative opportunities through Parks and Recreation and gave examples such as a weight room, gyms and computer labs that could be used by the City for professional development and video productions. Explained that these subjects could be done at a low cost or no cost to the City.

Mr. Thomas Dake, School Board Member, spoke in regard to the paving of school parking lots by the City.

Mayor Gillock explained that the City can only participate regarding emergency paving or repairs.

Mr. Dake spoke to the reinstatement of a Resource Officer and the positive effects within the schools due to the presence of police personnel.

Mayor Gillock explained that he would like to reinstate a Resource Officer if funding becomes available. Stated that a police officer currently earns 31,000 to 36,000 dollars and that it costs the City 60,000 to 70,000 dollars with benefits.

Mr. Dake spoke about revenue sharing options. Asked if future business growth would provide higher tax dollars.

Mayor Gillock stated that he is unable to change from the current course of action or abatement as long as surrounding cities allow Enterprise Funds and other options. Explained that tax abatements are not harmful to schools because abatements bring in tax dollars. Noted that the City encourages donations directly to the schools. Explained TIFF's and how they are used for infrastructure and revenues that are shared with the schools.

Mr. Dake acknowledged that tax abatements do bring in dollars for the schools. Stated that impact fees is a complex subject the schools are exploring to see if they qualify for revenue enhancement through this avenue.

Mr. Bowersox was appointed as liaison for future meetings.

Mayor Gillock stated that Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson or himself will be available for arranging future meetings.

President Arndt asked for comments regarding Council's thoughts and requested their input.

Council Member Young spoke in favor of a cooperative effort between the City and Schools for the construction of sidewalks near the schools.

Mayor Gillock stated that the City is using bus drivers to assist in determining where sidewalks are or aren't.

Mr. David Livingston, Assistant School Superintendent stated that there is a lot of busing of students, which is unnecessary, because of the lack of sidewalks.

Council Member Butkowski spoke in favor of the Resource Officer and impact fees.

Council Member Olesen noted that the City currently has three impact fees and questioned if this is more or less than other cities.

Mayor Gillock noted the sewer tap-in fee, Surface Drainage Fund, the Parks and Rec fee enacted in 1973 and some inspection fees may be considered impact fees.

Mr. Johnson spoke on senior housing interest which may have a positive impact on the schools. Spoke on past and current City/School cooperation.

President Arndt asked if anyone else had any comments or questions.
No one spoke.

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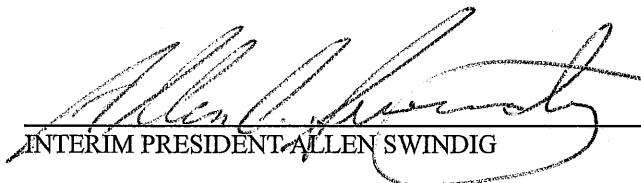
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ADJOURNMENT:

President Arndt adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

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