

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, January 18, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated January 03, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council Organizational meeting minutes dated January 3, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

Flooding on Property and Truck Driving Complaints

Anthony Canitano at 6627 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville, remarked he would like to address his Ward 4 councilman, Clifford Winkel. He understood that the City of North Ridgeville is going to put in a water basin for the extra water coming in on Lear Nagle Road. Mr. Canitano lives across the street from the trailer park. He expressed that since 1998 there are major flood issues in his area and it caused himself and his neighbors to be flooded out. He

expressed that the continued development is causing all the water to move to the creek, causing flooding. He believed the City should stop building on Lorain Road and correct the flooding issue first. Mr. Canitano remarked that he heard from the City Engineer that the City is going to start cutting trees down in 2022 for the runoff of the water. The completion date was estimated for 2023. Mr. Canitano provided his second complaint. He expressed that trucks are still driving on Lear Nagle Road even though there is a sign at the top of the road illustrating no trucks. Mr. Canitano provided his third complaint. He believed there is a safety concern with the turning lanes on Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle Road. He suggested that the City should make it an only turning lane or put up strips to stop an accident from happening when trucks are turning. He noted that he expressed his concerns to the Police Department.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to allow an additional three minutes for Mr. Canitano to express his concerns.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mr. Canitano continued to express his concerns regarding trucks treating Lear Nagle Road as a commercial road. Mr. Canitano provided his fourth complaint. He noted the increase in his property tax bill. He believed he should not be paying so much due to the flooding. Mr. Canitano reiterated his concerns and how the flooding shuts down his road. Mr. Canitano asked the City Council to correct the problem.

Michael T. Murray at 6760 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville, remarked that he lived in the City of North Ridgeville for 66 years. Mr. Murray explained that the creek is under his driveway. He provided a background of the geographic area. He noted that he has photographic evidence, and the flooding has been an issue since the 1970s. Mr. Murray expressed that he does not know the reasoning for the development on Lorain Road, but he agrees with Anthony Canitano's statement.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to allow an additional three minutes for Mr. Murray to express his concerns.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mr. Murray continued his concerns regarding the flooding. He added that the flooding has destroyed the bridge he uses to get to his house. The bridge was built in 1950 with concrete blocks amongst bedrock. The bridge would cost \$30,000 to replace. Mr. Murray believed he should not have to replace his bridge due to the flooding. He added that there are funds at the state level for local governments to fix problems like flooding. He asked the City Council to do what they could about the flooding.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for feedback. The department put a one-question survey on the City's website to find out whether the public would enjoy a tri-annual program guide in a digitally only format. The survey is available until the end of this month.

Mayor Corcoran announced that the Civil Service Commission is giving a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Class "C" test soon. The deadline for application submittal is Friday, January 28. For more information or to download the application, visit the City's website at nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran added that the Senior Center is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, January 28, 2022, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville. The meal consists of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center or purchase them at the door on the day of the event.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster remarked that the city had its first substantial snowstorm recently. Mr. Armbruster expressed that North Ridgeville's roads were more cleared than others that he has traveled on. He noted that there were some complaints about the snow – mostly in cul-de-sac streets. Mr. Armbruster asked everyone to be patient during the snowfalls. He expressed that the Street crews did a great job with clearing the roads.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

C. Engineer:

City Engineer Rodriguez remarked that the Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project had a pre-con meeting on January 4, 2022. The contractor provided a tentative start date of February 1, 2022, for the project and a completion date of June 1, 2022.

Mr. Rodriguez added that the Mills Creek Water Main Rehabilitation Project had a pre-con meeting on January 13, 2022, and the contractor gave a tentative start date of May 2, 2022, and completion of July 31, 2022. The reason for the 3 to 4 month lag time is due to materials for the job. He noted that he is looking at future projects that are water-related to get done sooner.

This concluded the Engineer's report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson requested the City Council to adopt the following legislation with the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office to meet some deadlines.

- T 3-2022 – A Resolution accepting amounts and rates established by the Lorain County Budget Commission. This legislation was in front of the City Council again because of the Levy for the new police station. The emergency clause is needed to meet the Lorain County Auditor's deadline.
- T 5-2022 – Establishing the Police Station Debt Service Retirement Fund, T 6-2022 – Establishing the Police Station Construction Fund, and T 7-2022 – Establishing the Senior Center Construction Fund does not require the emergency clause.
- T 8-2022 – Issuance and Sale of Bonds are for the construction of a new Police Station and adjacent storage facility. The emergency clause is needed to meet the bond issuance deadline.
- T 9-2022 to T 11-2022 - Issuance and Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes are to pay off the existing notes and to roll the remaining proportions that were initiated in 2020. The City Council would see an appropriation amendment and transfer at the next meeting to allow for this. The emergency clause is needed to meet the note issuance deadline this legislation would need adoption with the emergency clause.
- T 13-2022 – Then and Now Resolution to be introduced on the floor. The invoice is for the Ohio EPA – French Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Annual Discharge Fee Permit. To avoid a lapse in the permit and make payment by the due date of January 30, 2022; this legislation would need adoption with the emergency clause.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the bylaws to allow T 12-2022 and T 13-2022 to be placed under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

E. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted that Council received the following reports:

- December 2021 Mayor's Court Report
- December 2021 Fire Department Report
- December 2021 Building Department Report
- December 2021 Police Department Report
- Treasurer's Report for 2021

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 3-2022 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS
DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING
THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE
COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third
readings for T 3-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to meet the
Lorain County Auditor's deadline.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 3-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 3-
2022 becomes **Resolution number 1552-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 4-2022 PID NO. 110809
PROJECT NAME: DO3 GR FY2023 NHS

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM GUARDRAIL UPGRADES EAST OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE ON US 20, NORTH OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE ON SR 83, AND OVER SR 10 ON SR 83.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 5-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE STATION DEBT SERVICE BOND RETIREMENT FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to amend T 5-2022 with the version that was submitted to the City Council before the meeting to change section 1.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

This amended ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 6-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE STATION
CONSTRUCTION FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 7-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR CENTER
CONSTRUCTION FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to third Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 8-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

\$12,500,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE STATION AND AN ADJACENT STORAGE FACILITY FOR EVIDENCE AND POLICE EQUIPMENT AND PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THEIR SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 8-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Bonds, which is necessary to enable the City to take advantage of favorable market conditions and to enable the City to timely enter into and meet its obligations under contracts for the improvements described in Section 2 which are urgently needed to enhance the facilities and support the operations of the City's Police Department and thereby to promote the safety of persons and property.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 8-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 8-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5893-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 9-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,400,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF RENOVATING, REMODELING, ADDING TO, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE CITY'S FIRE STATION NO. 2 AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 9-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 9-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 9-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5894-2022**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 10-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,135,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING AN EXTENSION OF RANGER WAY, BAINBRIDGE ROAD AND A REALIGNED KENSINGTON DRIVE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 10-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 10-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 10-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5895-2022**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 11-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$280,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD AND ALTERNATE STATE ROUTE 83 AT THEIR INTERSECTION BY CLEARING, GRADING AND OTHERWISE PREPARING THE SURFACE, CONSTRUCTING A ROUNDABOUT AND RELATED CURBS, GUTTERS, STORM SEWERS AND OTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, SURFACING AND RESURFACING, AND INSTALLING STREET LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING AND RELATED DECORATIVE PAVING, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 11-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 11-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 11-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5896-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 12-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE (MEDIC UNIT) AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE

STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OUTSIDE VENDORS, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if this legislation was time-sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the legislation is time-sensitive. It would allow the City to save money on a new lifepak, which is a type of auxiliary equipment. The old lifepak would be traded in for the new one at half the price.

Councilman DeVries remarked that he talked to Fire Chief Reese. Mr. DeVries was told that the current lifepak is nine years old, and Fire Chief Reese mentioned the deadline.

Councilman Abens remarked that the City appropriated \$250,000, which is \$100,000 less than what the legislation requested. He wanted to know if the City has the extra \$100,000 available to move for this purchase.

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that the City appropriated \$280,000 and that there are funds available through the paramedic fund for the remaining.

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 12-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to meet the required deadline to save money.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 12-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 12-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5897-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 13-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 13-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's office with the necessary resources.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 13-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 13-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1553-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 157-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1060.10, CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12/20/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 157-2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 157-2021 become **Ordinance number 5898-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 158-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1058.11, BILLING AND COLLECTION.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12/20/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 158-2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 158-2021 become **Ordinance number 5899-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 159-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1044.01, USER CHARGES (SEWER).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12/20/2021)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 159-2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 159-2021 become **Ordinance number 5900-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs added that the next regular Council meeting would be on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 7, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nancy Linden
CLERK OF COUNCIL