

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 3, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Kevin Corcoran: I call to order the Tuesday, January 3, 2012 regular Council meeting. Please rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by all.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Nancy Buescher, Dennis Boose, Richard Jaenke, Robert Olesen, President Pro-Tem Bernadine Butkowski, Roseanne Johnson and President Kevin Corcoran. Also, present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Deputy Auditor Teresa Machovina, and Clerk of Council George Smith.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and Approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the Council minutes of regular meeting held December 19, 2011. Are there any objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Buildings and Lands Committee minutes of 12-19-2011, Utilities Committee meeting minutes of 12-19-2011, and the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of 12-22-2011.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran: We have reached the lobby session of our meeting. Is there anybody who would like to address Council this evening? Seeing none, we will move on to the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Gillock: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome all the Council people back. As it is the first of the year and this comes up every year; we have some appointments that we need to have confirmed by Council. The first two is Nick

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Mollenkamp, who has been on Planning Commission for I believe one term and Russ Friedrich, who has been on the Civil Service Commission for a couple of terms and both of those expire 12/31/2011. They have both expressed the desire to remain on those boards.

It was moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to reappoint Nick Mollenkamp to the Planning Commission.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes, 7 No, 0

It was moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to reappoint Russ Friedrich to the Civil Service Commission.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Mayor Gillock: I want to thank both of those gentlemen. The Boards that they are on have expressed that they wanted them back as they do a good job. I really appreciate their volunteerism in helping us out.

On the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, I want to thank Rick Winrod for serving on the Board for many years. Rick expressed the desire to not be reappointed. So, we do appreciate all that he has done for us and knowing Rick, I know that he will still be involved in the Community in a number of ways. As his replacement for the new term, I would like to appoint Martin DeVries, who is with us this evening and is sitting right over here. Martin is long time resident of North Ridgeville. I believe he has lived here all his life and went to school here. He is married and has three kids. He is Assistant Vice President with Dollar Bank and has expressed an interest.

It was moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to appoint Mr. DeVries to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

Council Member Boose: Mr. President.

President Corcoran: Yes, Mr. Boose?

Council Member Boose: Yes, in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, I will abstain from this vote.

President Corcoran: Mr. Clerk, you will have to call the roll, then.

Council Clerk Smith: Buescher (yes), Boose (abstain), Jaenke (yes), Olesen (yes), Butkowski (yes), Johnson (yes), Corcoran (yes).

Yes, 6 No, 0 Abstention, 1

Mayor Gillock: Thank you. There is one other thing I want to mention. At the corner or at the intersection of Chestnut and Root, we have been having a problem with southbound traffic being held up at the railroad tracks. When the gates open and traffic starts moving, it gets to the stop sign and it gets backed up again. We are getting vehicles caught right on the track. With the gates coming down, sometimes it creates a problem. What we are going to do is remove the stop signs north bound and south bound on Root Road. It used to be this way years ago and Root Road will just be a free flowing route and the stop sign will be on Chestnut. The signs have been ordered

and we will put up some notice there to give us some time to get used to it. Hopefully, that will let our traffic clear out and not get hung up on the railroad track; especially, since in the spring when we will be going to the quad gates, which will make it even worse. We want to get this rectified. We don't want anybody getting trapped in there and not get out. That will be coming and signs have been ordered and when they get there, we will proceed in making that improvement. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Thank you, Mr. President. I received a call today from Asplundh Tree Service and you will see them cutting trees, removing debris, and cutting down wood underneath the transmission lines of CEI or Ohio Edison from Route 83 to Jaycox Road. Of course they are going to continue clearing those transmission lines and this will be a winter project that they will be working on through North Ridgeville over the next several months. Also received a report from Joe Horac of notice would be the water breaks through 2011. We had 41 water breaks in 2011 versus 23 in 2010. I know it is an indication that the lines are getting older, but it is one that we might want to consider looking at as we go into appropriations in February to maybe take some of these lines and replace them if we have the opportunity to do so. That completes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Wangler: Thank you, Mr. President. We've got our first significant snow here and I would like to, in the spirit of storm water management and overall health, make sure that everyone uses their de-icer according to manufacturer's recommendations and don't over use it. That will save you money and keep the water in better condition. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you and Madam Deputy Auditor.

D. Auditor:

Deputy Auditor Machovina: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not have a report for this evening, but Happy New Year to everybody that is here and to all the residents.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: November 2011 Mayor's Court Distribution Journal & Report.

President Corcoran: Moving on, there is a Council Committee Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

BUILDINGS AND LANDS COMMITTEE REPORT of December 19, 2011 which recommends amending Ordinance No. 4870-2011 (Wind Energy System Regulations) and legislation be drawn by the Law Director to include the changes.

President Corcoran: All right. Moving on to correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith:

- 1) A letter dated November 23, 2011 from the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding the "Build a Better Mousetrap Competition".

OLD BUSINESS:

President Corcoran: There is no old business. First up for new business, I believe, is T 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 1-2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 4571-2008, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PART-TIME NON-UNION JOB POSITIONS, WAGE RATES AND BENEFITS, BY INCREASING THE PAY RATE OF THE PART-TIME LICENSED BUILDING INSPECTOR.

It was moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to suspend the By-Laws to give T 1 its first reading this evening.

President Corcoran: Mr. Mayor, do you have a comment?

Mayor Gillock: Yes, the reason we are doing this; as most of you know, we lost three Building Inspectors. One went to a different city and two retired. So, it has really put us in a bind in replacing these individuals. We are going to replace two of them. We ran into the problem that because the background checks are quite lengthy. They need to be done and they need to be accurate. So we can hire these individuals, or at least one of them, on a part-time basis. We can't do it at 16 or 18 dollars an hour, which is what the old part-time wage structure was, so we want to make this part-time wage structure more in line with what the actual pay is so we can basically pay these guys hirer on a part-time basis until we can get the background checks done and then hire them on a full-time basis. Anything you want to add to that Jeff?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Even if one of the full-time guys that we have were to get sick, it is very difficult at the 16 dollar an hour wage that we had to even go on the outside to get

somebody to work on a part-time basis because it is not even close to being competitive with any of the other cities, within 30 miles from here. So, we ran into quite a difficult time just finding individuals to come in and do some of the electrical inspections, which we had to have one and unfortunately, due to the background check on the one that we assumed would go through, it did not and we found ourselves in a situation where we basically had to restart the interviewing process again after a quite lengthy time in questioning that individual. It was something that is difficult for all of us and I learned through the process that even when something is expunged, it is still on your record as the charge. It is unfortunate that happened.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, the other thing that happens and Jeff is correct that is what happens when we hire on an interim basis. We also ran into the fact that when we wanted to hire someone, just to fill in on an interim basis and not hire them as an employee, then they have to provide their own professional liability insurance and at 18 dollars an hour, they are not willing to do that. By hiring them as a part-time employee, they would then come under our umbrella and be covered by our insurance. This gives us the ability to attract someone competent or go through the background check and meet the needs of the community on a part-time basis until we can hire a full-time employee. Thank you.

President Corcoran: I know that I have spoken to the Chief Building Official and this is a big concern of his. He did ask us to consider this tonight. Are there any other comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes, 7 No, 0

President Corcoran: T 1 is added to the first readings this evening. T 2.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 2-2012 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, just a comment.

President Corcoran: Yes, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Gillock: We get this every year. The county has to provide a solid waste management program and has to be approved with all the municipalities within 90 days of the final draft. I think we have plenty of time. I believe all of you know that this does come every year.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Next up, T 3.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 3-2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4778-2010 ENTITLED
LEGAL GAMING REGULATIONS.

President Corcoran: That brings us to the recess portion of our meeting.

RECESS:

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the recess.
President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.
Yes, 7 No, 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. That brings us right back to T 1.

FIRST READING:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 1-2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 4571-
4881-2012 2008, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PART-TIME NON-UNION JOB POSITIONS,
WAGE RATES AND BENEFITS, BY INCREASING THE PAY RATE OF THE
PART-TIME LICENSED BUILDING INSPECTOR.

First Reading

It was moved by Olesen and seconded by Corcoran to dispense with the second
and third readings for T 1.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those
opposed say no.

Yes, 7 No, 0

It was moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 1.

It was moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency
clause because it is in the interest of the citizens that we have this Inspector on
board as soon as we can.

President Corcoran: It was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Butkowski to add the
emergency clause to this ordinance for the reason being that we need to hire the Inspectors
because truly it is for the safety of the community. On the emergency clause, all those in favor
say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes, 7 No, 0

President Corcoran: It was moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 1 with the
emergency clause. Any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Buescher (yes), Boose (yes), Jaenke (yes), Olesen (yes),
Butkowski (yes), Johnson (yes), Corcoran (yes)

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure carried unanimously and becomes ordinance number 4881-
2012.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4881-2012

President Corcoran: That is the end of the first readings. Moving on to the second readings and
first up, we have T 87.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 87-2011 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2104-86 ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS PREPARED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Second Reading

T 95-2011 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 472, BICYCLE LICENSING, AND REPEALING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 474, BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES GENERALLY.

Second Reading

T 97-2011 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE FULL-TIME JOB POSITION OF HEAD MECHANIC.

Second Reading

T 98-2011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4797-2010 (AFSCME CONTRACT) BY ESTABLISHING A PAY SCALE FOR THE FULL-TIME JOB POSITION OF HEAD MECHANIC.

Second Reading

President Corcoran: That is the end of the second readings.

THIRD READINGS:

President Corcoran: There are no third readings.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. here in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the city this evening, the meeting is adjourned.

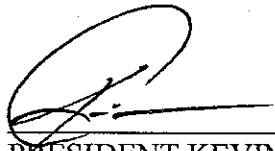
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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Approval of Minutes:

These Minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the North Ridgeville Municipal Council on January 17, 2012.



PRESIDENT KEVIN CORCORAN



CLERK OF COUNCIL GEORGE E. SMITH