

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Gillock at 8:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent was Council Member Bernadine Butkowski.

Also, present were Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson and Assistant Clerk of Council Paula Cope.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Gillock opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

motion by Jaenke to nominate Arndt as president of Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

With no other nominations being offered, Mayor Gillock closed nominations and announced Council Member Arndt as President of Council.

Council Member Arndt was seated as President of Council

President Arndt thanked Council Members for their confidence. Explained his excitement of being an active participant in creating new possibilities for our community and the opportunity to design a positive environment for residents, a confident environment for our business and industry and a hopeful environment for a healthy expansion that serves all in opportunistic ways. Challenged all on Council and the administration to expand on the declared vision of our Mayor and, within six months, develop a written vision for our City with priorities on how to achieve that vision and to take this vision to the community so that they can embrace the future and become active participants in their future. Noted that North Ridgeville is being served by men and women who want the best for North Ridgeville.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

President Arndt opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of Council.

motion by Buescher to nominate Chuck Norris as Clerk of Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arndt

Council Member Swindig moved to close nominations, seconded by Council Member Jaenke.

President Arndt announced Chuck Norris as Clerk of Council.

Mr. Norris was seated as Clerk of Council

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO-TEM**

President Arndt opened the floor for nominations for President of Council Pro-Tem.

motion by Olesen to nominate Butkowski as President of Council Pro-Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by

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Jaenke.

motion by Swindig to nominate Young as President of Council Pro-Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Young

motion by Jaenke to close nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olesen

President Arndt called for the vote on Bernadine Butkowski as President of Council Pro-Tem.

Yes, 4                      No, 2 (Swindig, Young)

Clerk of Council Norris announced the vote results as four yeses and two nos.

President Arndt announced Council Member Bernadine Butkowski as President of Council Pro-Tem.

**COUNCIL BY-LAWS**

motion by Jaenke to adopt the 2004 - 2006 By-Laws before Council this evening,  
effective January 6, 2004, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

motion by Swindig to amend page 8, second full paragraph to read "All reports of  
committees shall be received by the Clerk's Office no later than 8:00 A.M. on the

Thursday prior to a Regular Council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Young  
Council Member Swindig explained his proposed amendment to page 8, changing the cloture of  
committee reports to 8:00 A.M. on the Thursday prior to a Regular Council Meeting to  
accommodate a committee meeting that would be held on a Wednesday evening.

President Arndt called for the vote.

Yes, 6                      No, 0

motion by Swindig to amend page 8, second full paragraph, first line to read "All written  
committee reports shall be read by the Clerk of Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buescher

Council Member Swindig explained that as it currently reads with the Chair reading the report,  
it does not allow the Chair to prepare for any questions that may be asked and feels that this is a  
better job for the Clerk of Council.

Council Member Young explained that by the Chair reading the report, the public will know  
who that Chair is.

Council Member Buescher noted that the names of the Chair and Members are read at the end  
of a report.

President Arndt called for the vote.

Yes, 5                      No, 1 (Young)

motion by Swindig moved to amend page 10, first paragraph to read "All committee  
reports to be read at Council meetings must be received by the Clerk of Council no later  
than 8:00 A.M., Thursday prior to a Council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buescher

Council Member Swindig explained that this amendment is necessary to coincide with the first

amendment.

President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

Being no further discussion, President Arndt called for the vote on the adoption of the By-Laws effective January 6, 2004 as amended

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES ASSIGNMENTS**

President Arndt explained that there is no unimportant committee and that each assignment has been made with the intention of how to best utilize each Council Members unique talent and skills. Stated that the challenge is how each Chair of their committee can expand, serve and improve our City. Announced the following Committee assignments.

**Administrative Committee:**

Chair Olesen, Members Young and Jaenke.

**Buildings & Lands Committee:**

Chair Jaenke, Members Young and Olesen.

**Finance Committee:**

Chair Butkowski, Members Swindig and Jaenke.

**Safety Committee:**

Chair Swindig, Members Olesen and Buescher.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee:**

Chair Buescher, Members Swindig and Butkowski.

**Utilities Committee:**

Chair Young, Members Butkowski and Buescher.

**COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

**Planning Commission:**

motion by Arndt to appoint Richard Jaenke as Council Liaison to the Planning Commission, 2nd by Olesen

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote.

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Parks & Recreation Commission:**

moved by Young to approve Ronald Arndt as Parks and Recreation Commission  
Liaison, 2nd by Olesen

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote.

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Board of Drainage & Flood Control:**

President Arndt explained that the Chairs of the Buildings & Lands Committee, Utilities  
Committee and Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges serve as members on this Board.

**Ward I Representatives:**

motion by Buescher to appoint Rosemary Berg to the Board of Drainage and Flood  
Control, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote.

Yes, 6                      No, 0

motion by Buescher to appoint Walter Hoffstetter to the Board of Drainage and Flood  
Control, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Ward II Representatives:**

Council Member Swindig explained that he has one appointment and is waiting confirmation on  
his second appointment.

motion by Swindig to appoint Ed Dunham to Board of Drainage and Flood Control, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by Jaenke

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Ward III Representatives:**

motion by Jaenke to appoint James Kobie to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control,  
2nd by Young

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

motion by Jaenke to appoint John Jensensky to the Board of Drainage and Flood  
Control, 2nd by Young

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

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**Ward IV Representative:**

Council Member Olesen explained that he has only one appointment to make at this time.

motion by Olesen to approve Andrew Steirer to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Board of Trustees to Govern the use of the Multi-Purpose Room:**

motion by Arndt to approve Nancy Buescher to the Board of Trustees to Govern the use of the Multi-Purpose Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swindig

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Tax Abatement Review Board:**

motion by Arndt to approve Andy Young to the Tax Abatement Review Board, 2nd by Jaenke

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

**Senior Citizens Advisory Board:**

motion by Arndt to approve Bob Olesen to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, 2nd by Jaenke

Being no discussion, President Arndt called for the vote

Yes, 6                      No, 0

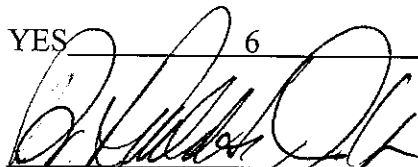
**ADJOURNMENT**

motion to adjourn by Jaenke, 2nd by Swindig

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_ Jaenke \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND \_\_\_\_\_ Olesen \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ January 20, 2004  
(as corrected)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - Butkowski

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DR. RONALD F. ARNDT

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL CHARLES A. NORRIS