

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: I call to order the Monday, February 3, 2014 regular Council meeting. Please rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Dr. Ronald Arndt, Roseanne Johnson, Bernadine Butkowski and President Kevin Corcoran.

Councilman Robert Olesen was excused.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andy Crites, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council George Smith.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and Approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved as submitted.

President Corcoran: Please note the Board of Drainage and Flood Control meeting minutes of 10.22.2013, the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of 01.21.2014, the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of 12.04.2013 and the Safety Committee meeting minutes of 01.21.2014.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran: This brings us to the lobby session of our meeting. This is your opportunity to address Council. If you should do so, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice. With that being said, the lobby is open. (No audience participation) Alright, thank you everyone for attending.

President Corcoran: We will begin with Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor you are up first.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. First I often get letters; nice kind letters in regard to our Police and Fire. I like to bring these to your attention once in a while. I certainly don't bring them all up, but every once in a while I get one that is especially touching. I received a letter from a gentleman that says: I want to compliment you and your North Ridgeville Fire

Department on their outstanding performance and professionalism. Six years ago we built in North Ridgeville. They love North Ridgeville. He says that as the saying goes, the old gray mere ain't what it used to be. He is 92 and his wife is 85. His home has many features which he likes: it is one story with wide doors to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. Unfortunately he has fallen three times and his wife once in their new home. He doesn't have the strength to lift himself back up and his wife calls the Fire Department for assistance. The Fire Department response has been outstanding. They respond quickly, check his vitals, know the proper techniques to handle his dead weight and have obviously been well trained to handle the situation of assisting persons who fall. They are knowledgeable, well trained, courteous, thorough and polite. They cannot thank them enough for their wonderful service and in their hours of need. You must be proud to have such outstanding firemen helping you serve our citizens. That is a great letter. We get them every once in a while and those guys do earn a lot of respect.

Second issue that I wanted to bring to your attention: In December, some of us from the City went to New York on a bond issue. I wanted to give you a recap of that issue; that included the \$3,080,000.00 in refunding of earlier bonds that we had issued in 2001. \$1,180,000.00 for the Victory Lane project, including the property owners contribution to be assessed; \$300,000 for real estate acquisitions that we had made; \$150,000 in storm water maintenance projects which was the Highland detention pond; \$100,000 for the new trails improvement that we are going to be doing for a total of \$5,510,000.00 that we were borrowing or bonding. With the premium included, the total proceeds are almost \$5.7 million. Because of various favorable factors, including our most recent Moody's rating of AA2, the bonds were sold at very favorable rates that included a premium of \$182,343.00. That premium will be used to pay the expenses that we incurred in issuing the bonds and a small portion of the December 1, 2014 bond interest. The refunding of those earlier bonds resulted in a net savings to the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant of \$384,088.00 over the remaining bond term. In addition, the average interest rate on the new bonds issued amounts to 2.63%. The higher interest long-term bonds – some of those go out twenty years and at the end of that, the rate goes up. Those are callable after nine years so if the rates do go up, then they will be frozen at the lower rates that we now have. If the rates go down, we can refinance them again like we did the French Creek rates. By combining the new issue of Victory Lane, the real estate acquisition, storm water and trails with the 2001 refunding; we also avoided duplicate bond costs of a separate bond issue which we originally complicated. Great job all involved. We were able to complete some really good projects and we ultimately saved some money at the same time. The extra effort by the City employees, especially Chris Costin's office has resulted in significant savings to the City. Of course Council had their part to play and Jeff went along. It took a lot of people to put it all together to make it work. We did some great projects and saved a lot of money. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Armbruster.

B. Safety-Service Director: Well, this past weekend we did get two inches of snow, but we kind of dodged a bullet. It snowed on Sunday morning. There were not a whole lot of people out. We were able to use less salt than we would have on a normal work day, although, the roads

were safe and plowed. Presently, we have about four hundred tons of ClearLane in the barn which takes care of our four lane roads and Center Ridge Road and 83. We have about five hundred tons of regular salt in the barn which takes care of the rest of the streets in the City of North Ridgeville. Tomorrow, we are starting to take delivery on another three hundred and seventy tons of salt which does round out our one hundred and twenty percent of the salt that we can buy from Cargill this year. We have a telephone call tomorrow and Al just called me, just maybe fifteen minutes ago and there is a call tomorrow with ODOT. I am not sure exactly what they are going to talk about other than salt because I think they are facing the same situation that we are. I think they are probably negotiation with Cargill or Morton as to see what we are going to do if it continues to snow this year. We have rounded out our one hundred and twenty percent of what we purchased last year. I would assume, well, I cannot assume anything until I get through the call tomorrow. So that finishes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Armbruster. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. Salt is on my list too. Go figure. This winter has led us down that path. Mine is a little different. I would like to take a moment to touch on the water quality issue. It goes along with salt along with deicing in general. The deicing materials are a very valuable tool to keep our roads and driveways free from ice and safe to use. Over the course of doing their job, they melt and drain away into our water courses. I would like to deplore the residents of North Ridgeville when they are using deicing crystals to check on the packaging; if you are using salt, you are going to use the heaviest amount. Jeff touched on the ClearLane which is a salt blend which allows you to use less; calcium Chloride, even less yet. I want to ask that we use the minimum amount to be effective which will help us improve water quality as well as save our residents money. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler. Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Mr. President, Council should have received their final December 2013 cash basis financial report. That completes my report and comments.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the December 2013 Police Department report and the January 2014 Parks and Recreation Department report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Smith: SAFETY COMMITTEE report dated 01/21/2014 which recommends City Council approve T 138 as originally submitted.

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to accept the Safety Committee report.

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: That report has been accepted. Moving on then to correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith: A memo dated January 17, 2014 from Engineer Wangler updating the 2014 hourly rate charge. Next - a memo dated January 30, 2014 from Auditor Chris Costin indicating a water rate increase for 2014 of 1.67%.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Ward 1 seat

President Corcoran: First up, we are going to take nominations for the vacant Ward 1 Council seat.

Councilwoman Johnson: I would like to nominate Terry Keenan to City Council to fill the Ward 1 seat vacated by Councilwoman Nancy Buescher.

President Corcoran: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none then, I will close nominations and vote on Mr. Keenan as the candidate.

Clerk of Council Smith: Measure passed unanimously with one absentee.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: Congratulations Mr. Keenan. He happens to be here this evening. Do you want to just stand up and be recognized?

President Corcoran: Next up we have T 7.

Ordinances and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 7-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 8.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 8-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT AND RELATED MATERIALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 9.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 9-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 10.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 10-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIMESTONE AND SAND TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 11.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 11-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW TO FURNISH AND/OR DELIVER CONCRETE TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 12.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 12-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW TO FURNISH AND INSTALL FULL DEPTH CONCRETE PADS AND REPAIR SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Arndt: Mr. President, I wonder if I might ask; I believe the Mayor for this, would you be able to explain to me what a full depth concrete pad is? Are you the person I should be asking or should I ask the Engineer?

Mayor Gillock: Such as in the neighborhood you live in, there are concrete streets and sometimes the seams will crack or whatever and we have to cut a section of the concrete out.

Councilman Arndt: So it is a big chunk?

Mayor Gillock: Yes.

Councilman Arndt: Okay, that is all I needed to understand. Thanks.

President Corcoran: T 13.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 13-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1286 *SIGNS*.
(Introduced by President Corcoran)

President Corcoran: I am going to refer that to the Building and Lands Committee. T 14.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 14-2014 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO MEDINA SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,970.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to suspend the By-laws to give T 14 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions? I think we should probably hear at some point what this is about.

Law Director Crites: This is something Council does quite frequently. It is a corrective measure. The Ohio Revised Code requires us to do whatever expenditure is made prior to the

purchase order being issued. It is not a matter of appropriations, it is essentially an act; we sometimes call it an oops Ordinance. Not to be confused with OUPS before you dig in your front yard. Oops as in oh, we met to do a P/O but we didn't. In this case, that actually wasn't the factual scenario – there was an emergency where a bridge needed immediate repair. The Mayor, under his unquestionable authority went out and ordered the requisite materials. Although it was under emergency power, we are still required so that we have a clean audit at the end of the year to follow the Ohio Revised Code and go back. Council is essentially, retroactively saying yes, we did appropriate that money and it was available for that purpose.

President Corcoran: And more specifically you are talking about the emergency repair on Stoney Ridge Road.

Law Director Crites: Yes, a bridge.

President Corcoran: Thank you. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.
Yes – 5 No – 0

Auditor Costin: For the record, I would say we don't do that very often, we do it occasionally in regard to the oops Ordinances. We do catch them every time.

President Corcoran: Thank you for clarifying that. That is the end of new business.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: That brings us to the recess portion of our meeting, would anyone like a recess?

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Arndt to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.
Yes – 5 No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on then to first readings. First up, we have T 14.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 14-2014 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO
MEDINA SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,970.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 14.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.
Yes – 5 No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 14.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 14 in order to pay the invoice within thirty days.

Auditor Costin: Mr. President, I believe that would be appropriate because Medina did operate in good faith in providing the materials expeditiously for us.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause itself, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously with one absentee and becomes **Resolution number 1300-2014**

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to second readings. We have T 139.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 139-2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1020.12 *EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATIONS OF MUD AND DEBRIS ON STREETS PROHIBITED.*

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Safety on 12/02/2013; Heard at Safety on 12/16/2013; Report accepted on 01/06/2014; First reading 01/21/2014)

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, I would just like to make a comment on T 139. Right now our Ordinance is written so that it applies only to basically builders in regard to excessive accumulation of mud and debris on the streets. We want to broaden that so that basically anybody that is putting excessive mud and debris on the streets, we can address under the Ordinance. I had a couple emails or conversations about issuing warnings and I made a comment, no, we probably weren't going to issue warnings. The point is that, generally, when we get a complaint about mud or something on the street, we turn it over to the Building Department. The Building Department will go out to the person doing it, if they can find them, and will talk to them and ask them to clean it up. We don't just freely try to issue tickets. We issue very few tickets. We are not trying to give warnings or tickets. We are trying to get the mud off the street. I just want people to understand that we are not trying to make money here or anything; we are trying to keep the streets clean. This should apply to anyone that is doing it. I just wanted to clarify that.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Moving on to third readings. We have T 130.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 130-2013 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH BREWER-GARRETT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UPGRADING THE BACK-UP GENERATOR AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$475,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Utilities on 11/18/2013; Heard at Utilities on 12/02/2013; Report accepted on 12/16/2013; First reading 01/06/2014; Second reading 01/21/2014)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 130.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Auditor Costin: Just some background: this expenditure was actually appropriated last year and it was not used. It was our understanding that French Creek would like to move ahead so we did also cancel last year's appropriations and just put it in the temporary, so it is appropriated.

President Corcoran: Thank you very much. Any other comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously with one absentee and becomes **Ordinance number 5102-2014**

Yes – 5

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: We have an Administrative Committee meeting tonight immediately following this meeting regarding the amendments to the City Council By-laws.

We have a Finance Committee meeting regarding appropriations on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 18 through 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or until all listed departments have been completed in Council Chambers and our next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers because of the Monday holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Approval of minutes:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL