

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
January 5, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Corcoran called the Monday, January 5, 2026, Organization Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Mayor Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Kathryn Rogerson, Bruce F. Abens, Clifford Winkel, Paul Wolanski, Cali Zingale, and Holly A. Swenk.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: (MAYOR TO OFFICIATE)**

Mayor Corcoran opened nominations for President of Council.

Councilman Winkel nominated Councilwoman Holly A. Swenk for President of the Council.

No other nominations.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk thanked everyone for the nomination and the support.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL: (NEW PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THROUGH)**

President Swenk opened nominations for Clerk of Council.

Councilwoman Swenk nominated Nickloas Ciofanin for the Clerk of Council position.

No other nominations.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO-TEM:**

President Swenk opened nominations for President of Council Pro-Tem.

Councilwoman Swenk nominated Councilman Clifford Winkel as the Council Pro-Tem.

No other nominations.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Councilman Winkel thanked everyone for the confidence and the support.

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to go into an Executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Councilman Wolanski requested that City Council consider tabling the executive session due to time constraints.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 4                      No – 2 (Wolanski and Zingale)

Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by President Swenk to adjourn from executive session and return to City Council Organization session.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**HOUSE BILL 9 APPOINTMENTS FOR COUNCIL AND MAYOR:**

Moved by Councilwoman Swenk to appoint Fijabi Gallam as the Mayor and City Council's designee for House Bill 9.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:  
(PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO ASSIGN THESE - NO VOTE REQUIRED)**

President Swenk announced the following assignments.

Administrative Committee:

Chair – Cali Zingale

Member – Paul Wolanski

Member – Kathryn Rogerson

Buildings & Lands Committee:

Chair – Bruce Abens

Member – Clifford Winkel

Member – Kathryn Rogerson

Finance Committee:

Chair – Clifford Winkel

Member – Bruce Abens

Member – Ward Two Representative

Safety Committee:

Chair – Ward Two Representative

Member – Cali Zingale

Member – Kathryn Rogerson

Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee:

Chair – Paul Wolanski

Member – Bruce Abens

Member – Ward Two Representative

Utilities Committee:

Chair – Kathryn Rogerson

Member – Clifford Winkel

Member – Paul Wolanski

**COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Board Of Tax Review: (2 Appointments Made By Legislative Authority - 2-Year Term - Appointees May Not Be Employees, Elected Officials, Or Contractors With The City)

At Any Time During Their Term Or In The Five Years Immediately Preceding The Date Of Appointment.)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Todd Eldridge as the Council's first appointment to the Board of Tax Review.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 6                      No - 0

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to appoint Wayne Fox as the Council's Second appointment to the Board of Tax Review.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 6                      No - 0

2. Planning Commission: (The President of the Council to assign a vote.)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Zingale to appoint Councilman Winkel as a member of the Planning Commission.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 6                      No - 0

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to appoint Councilman Abens as the alternate liaison to the Planning Commission.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 6                      No - 0

3. Board of Zoning and Building Appeals liaison: (President of Council to assign-a vote is required)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to appoint Councilman Abens as the Council's liaison to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 6                      No - 0

4. Parks & Recreation Commission: (President of Council to assign-a vote is required)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to appoint Councilwoman Zingale as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

5. Board of Drainage & Flood Control: (President of Council to announce as was appointed earlier)

a) Chair of the Buildings & Lands Committee – Councilman Abens

b) Chair of the Utilities Committee – Councilwoman Rogerson

c) Chair of the Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee – Councilman Wolanski

d) Ward 1 Representative (President of Council to ask for – vote required):

(1st appointment)

Moved by Rogerson and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Rayborn Ford as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 1 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

(2nd appointment)

Moved by Rogerson and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Paul Balog as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 1 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

e) Ward 2 Representative (President of Council to ask for – vote required):

President Swenk announced that Ward 2 is currently vacant; therefore, City Council will revisit the Ward 2 representative seats for the Board of Drainage & Flood Control when City Council Ward 2 seat is filled.

f) Ward 3 Representative (President of Council to ask for – vote required):

(1st appointment)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Norris L. Scott as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 3 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

(2nd appointment)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to reappoint Kenneth Wilson as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 3 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

g) Ward 4 Representative (President of Council to ask for – vote required)

(1st appointment)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Zingale to reappoint James Cleveland as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 4 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

(2nd appointment)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Wolanski to reappoint J.D. Gontkovsky as Board of Drainage & Flood Control Ward 4 representative.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

6. Housing Council (CRA): (President Of Council To Assign – Vote Required) (Member Of City Council Appointed From The Buildings & Lands Committee Or Finance Committee, And A Member From The Community)

(1st appointment)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Bruce Abens as the Council's representative to the Housing Council.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

(2nd appointment)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Winkel to appoint Robert Esper as the Council's community representative to the Housing Council.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

7. Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) : (President Of Council To Assign – Vote Required) (Member Of City Council Appointed)

Moved by President Swenk and seconded by Zingale to appoint Councilman Winkel as the Council's representative to the Community Improvement Corporation.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

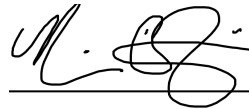
President Swenk adjourned the Organization Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 20, 2026:



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Holly A. Swenk  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



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Nicholas Ciofani  
CLERK OF COUNCIL