

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

President Pro-Tem Gayle Manning: The Chair calls the special meeting dated November 9, 2007 to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Nancy Buescher, Dennis Boose, Richard Jaenke, Bob Olesen, President Pro-Tem Gayle Manning.
Absent was Council Member Bernadine Butkowski and President Ronald Arndt.
Also, present were Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson, Engineer Larry Griffith and Clerk of Council Charles Norris.
Absent was Law Director Andrew Crites and Auditor Chris Costin.

READING OF NOTICE:

President Pro-Tem Manning: Dr. Norris, would you read the notice.

Clerk of Council Norris: The purpose of this meeting is to consider and take action relating to the immediate need for the stabilization of the base of the roadway surface on Avon Belden Road at Sugar Ridge Road due to the closing of the asphalt plants on November 30, 2007.

SPECIAL MEETING:

moved by Boose, seconded by Jaenke to suspend the By-Laws to allow the first reading of T 153

President Pro-Tem Manning: All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris:

T 153-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 4426-2007 AND 4389-
4480-2007 2007 REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE
AVON BELDEN ROAD AND SUGAR RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION,
INCLUDING OTHER NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK-
RELATED INCIDENTALS THERETO, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT
FROM \$240,000.00 TO \$265,000.00.

First Reading

moved by Boose, seconded by Jaenke to dispense with the second and third
reading on T 153

President Pro-Tem Manning: Is there any discussion?

Mayor Gillock: Madam Chairman, first, I want to thank all the Council people for being here at 6:30 on a Friday evening. I won't take up too much of your time as I know it is a tremendous imposition. I want to explain a little bit, as I did in my email, regarding the urgency of this. The Engineer can then speak as to what actually needs to be done. This has to do with the construction project that includes the traffic light and turning lane at Sugar Ridge and Route 83. Larry will speak to the necessity, but obviously, the way it read, it involves the asphalt plants. We couldn't wait until the next Council meeting scheduled for November 19 to get it passed and then be able to get it to the contractor, to complete the change order and get what needed to be done. We certainly didn't want to leave it in an open state all winter. To get this done, we needed to get moving on it. Monday is Veteran's Day and we are not open. Therefore, this is the only time that we could do this. I really do appreciate you being here. I'll let Larry speak to the total dollars and what really needs to be done.

Engineer Griffith: Evidently, some time in the past, there was storm sewer work and water line work down along that section of Avon Belden and they did not use premium backfill when they back filled their work. It is terrible soil. It's holding a lot of water. It is almost impossible to drain it without adding additional storm sewer work. The first review we did, kind of involved doing storm sewer work, excavating and replacing all of that bad material. The estimate that we received from the contractor, Don Mould, was 65,000 dollars, which I thought was a little bit much. Through some checking with other people and getting another subcontractor involved, it was found that, if we used concrete stabilization, the price came down more than half of what the original cost was. The disadvantage being, that once you do concrete stabilization, it has to set for seven days before you can come back and put the asphalt on top. That in part is part of the urgency as well. I felt that with the concrete stabilization, the 25,000 dollar cost was a much better buy for the City than 65,000.

President Pro-Tem Manning: Thank you. Anyone else?

Council Member Jaenke: Madam President, I am somewhat familiar with this issue. I have had some experience dealing with street construction and I know that stabilization never comes up until you're ready to pour the street as to whether it be concrete or whether it be asphalt. There is nothing you can do to anticipate what happens here. It is just one of those things that relates to construction. We kind of have to live with it and do whatever we can do to fix the problem. It is a common problem with paving streets. This is something that is really not new. That is all I have to add.

President Pro-Tem Manning: Thank you, Mr. Jaenke. Anyone else?

Council Member Boose: Yes, Madam Chairman. I have had questions asked as to why we didn't include a turn lane at that intersection with the light.

Engineer Griffith: Off of Sugar Ridge?

Council Member Boose: Yes.

Engineer Griffith: The traffic count for that intersection did not justify adding a turning lane. When you review the intersection analysis, it doesn't improve the operation of the intersection with adding that additional lane, at this point in time. Here again, the decision was that it just was not a good buy for the City, at this point in time.

Council Member Boose: One of the reasons that it was brought up to me was due to the

impending opening of Waterbury to Sugar Ridge. Once that is made, they anticipate more traffic coming up through there that will then have to exit either by going up Maddock to Center Ridge or take Sugar Ridge to Route 83. Since that was fairly impending within the next year, this is why they were questioning that.

Mayor Gillock: Madam President, I understand what Council Member Boose is saying as we thought about that also. I think, once you get the light in and with no traffic coming from the other way, you won't have a left turn waiting to make that left turn. Once the traffic light turns green, all traffic will keep moving whether it goes left or right. Hopefully, it will clear out and we won't have that back up. If there was a lane on the opposite side, where the left turn might have to wait, it may have been a little bit worse. That is what our numbers show us.

President Pro-Tem Manning: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Anyone else?

Safety-Service Director Johnson: Just one added comment. If we did put a turning lane in there, at that particular intersection with the blind curve, we would probably have to put a no right turn on red sign there, which would nullify any advantage.

Council Member Boose: Good point, thanks.

Engineer Griffith: We would also have to buy additional right of way.

President Pro-Tem Manning: Anymore discussion? No? Let me remind Council, that we have a motion on the floor by Mr. Boose and a second by Mr. Jaenke to dispense with the second readings on T 153. All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

moved by Boose, seconded by Jaenke to adopt T 153

moved by Boose, seconded by Jaenke to add the emergency to T 153 in order to meet the deadlines

President Pro-Tem Manning: All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

President Pro-Tem Manning: We are now voting on the motion to adopt. All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 153 is adopted with the emergency and becomes permanent ordinance number 4480-2007.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4480-2007

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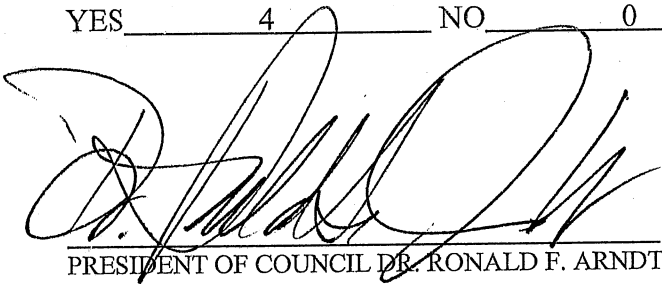
ADJOURNMENT

moved by Boose to adjourn the meeting

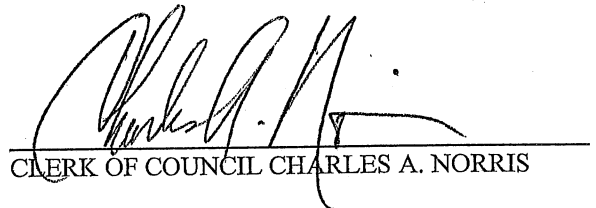
President Pro-Tem Manning adjourned the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

MOTION Jaenke 2ND Manning DATE November 19, 2007

YES 4 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2 - Butkowski, Arndt



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DR. RONALD F. ARNDT



CLERK OF COUNCIL CHARLES A. NORRIS