

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

President Corcoran called the Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Robert Chapek, Gregg Westover, Martin DeVries, Michelle Hung and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Law Director Brian Moriarty, Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

**MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:**

President Corcoran asked for any corrections or objections to approving the January 2, 2018 Council Organizational minutes. No corrections or objections were noted. The minutes stand approved.

President Corcoran asked for any corrections or objections to approving the January 2, 2018 Council minutes. No corrections or objections were noted. The minutes stand approved.

President Corcoran stated Council received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of December 28, 2017 and the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2018.

**LOBBY:**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LIFE SAVING AWARD**

Police Chief Freeman explained there are eleven awards officers have the potential to earn at the Police Department. This is an award for doing something extraordinary in the line of duty. The award was also suggested by their peers.

Police Chief Mike Freeman presented the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Matt Gorski and Patrolman Brook Stewart. The award recognizes their actions at South Central Park on August 9, 2017 for a gentleman that was in the pond under water. The officers entered the water in search of the gentleman under water. The gentleman was recovered by Patrolman Stewart and pulled out of the twelve to fifteen feet of water. The search went on for approximately twenty-five minutes. The gentleman was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Sergeant Matt Gorski and Patrolman Brook Stewart accepted the award.

Police Chief Freeman stated in the time he has been in service, this is the first time issuing the award.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to bifurcate the lobby session.

The motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran stated the first lobby session is for the items that are on the agenda this evening. He stated if anyone would like to address Council or Administration on any of those items, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. President Corcoran further stated if anyone had another item they wanted to speak about, they would have the opportunity at the second lobby session toward the end of the meeting.

No discussion was offered.

President Corcoran moved on to the Administrator's reports.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Gillock congratulated the officers on their award and commended the two officers. Mayor Gillock requested dispensing with the By-laws and adopting T 2-2018, with the emergency clause, to allow sufficient time for plans to be prepared and submitted to the State by their deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get the grant.

He also requested that Council dispense with the second and third readings and adopt T 3-2018, with the emergency, to pay the invoice that was submitted for work that has already been performed by Don Mould's Plantation. He noted this was for water taps. The purchase order did not have enough money on it and the exceeding amount was for the taps at Burger King.

Mayor Gillock requested the emergency be added to T 100-2017, once adopted, to meet the end of January deadline.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to appoint Neil Thibodeaux to the Board of Zoning & Building Appeals to fill the appointment left vacant by Martin DeVries with his election to City Council.

Mayor Gillock stated the term will expire December 31, 2019.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

The motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mayor Gillock thanked Mr. Thibodeaux for volunteering.

Mayor Gillock reminded everyone that his 15th annual State of the City Address will be Friday, January 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. The event is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and does require reservations. Contact the Chamber at 327-3737 to register.

Mayor Gillock stated on Friday, January 26 the Senior Center will be hosting the first spaghetti dinner of 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Carry out is also available. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Office for Older Adults. Mayor Gillock stated that concluded his report.

President Corcoran moved on to the Safety-Service Director.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster also congratulated the officers.

He noted he and the new Law Director will take a look at the dated Ordinances regarding truck traffic. He recognized that the code was antiquated in regard to the ton requirements for truck traffic. Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated that completed his report.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated there was a preconstruction conference held for the I-480 EB and Lorain Road Signal Upgrade Project. The contractor has submitted a schedule for the duration of the project. The contractor is looking to get the project underway in early February with the installation of the foundations for the new signal poles. Lane closures for the remainder of the work will begin on or around April 23, 2018. Lane closures will make travel in and around this area very hard during rush hour traffic. Engineer Rodriguez recommended beginning the search for alternate routes to and from work if people use this corridor to get to and from work. He stated he will continue to bring this up monthly until the lane closures begin. The project has a completion date of August 31, 2018. Barring any major weather events or delays in the delivery of the signal poles, that date should hold true.

Engineer Rodriguez reminded Council that there will be a meeting of the Board of Drainage & Flood Control on January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. He asked the members of Council to relay the meeting information to the appropriate ward representatives who are board members. That completed the Engineer's report.

President Corcoran moved on to the Auditor.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilcheck stated he did send out the preliminary December 31<sup>st</sup> financial report last Friday to Council. A final report will be sent once reviewed. T 4 through T

6 are the creation of funds that he discussed with Council the last several months. It is his understanding they will be referred to Committee for further discussion.

Auditor Wilcheck stated T 7 is an amending appropriation Ordinance. Two funds – the bond retirement funds needed reappropriated this year as they didn't exist last year in order to close the fund once the transfer from the courts comes. The state grant fund is a recycling grant awarded late and was not added into the budget initially. Mr. Wilcheck stated the Center Ridge Construction Fund needed to show as a reduction in the fund. The Water, Sewer and French Creek Funds are transfers to the debt funds and the Capital Improvement Fund.

Move by President Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to amend T 7-2017 in Section 2 to change the Center Ridge Construction Fund to (\$319,000) in both columns to reflect a removal and thereby changing the total columns.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran stated T 7-2018 was amended.

**E. Other Reports:** President Corcoran noted that Council received the December 2017 Fire Department report, the December 2017 Support Car report and the December 2017 Water Distribution report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Linden noted the memo dated January 8, 2018 from City Engineer Dan Rodriguez notifying City Council of the 2018 hourly rate charges.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Appointment to the Board of Tax Review**

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to appoint Nancy Bowman to the Board of Tax Review.

President Corcoran stated she has been on the Board a very long time and the Board has never had a meeting.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Appointment to Board of Drainage and Flood Control (Ward 3-2nd appointment)**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Westover to appoint Brendan McCool to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Appointment to Board of Drainage and Flood Control (Ward 4-1st appointment)**

Moved by Chapek and seconded by Boose to appoint John Vrtachnik to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning Commission actions taken at the January 9, 2018 meeting:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**APPLICANT:** Marc H. Cohen, North Coast Architects, Inc., 23215 Commerce Park Road, Suite 316, Beachwood, OH 44122

**OWNER:** Progressive North Ridgeville Real Estate, LLC, 5553 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134

**REQUEST:** Site plan approval to construct a single story nursing home and rehabilitation center in a B-3 District.

**LOCATION:** Two parcels north of Washington Blvd. and west of Lear Nagle Road; Parcel nos. 07-00-008-116-014, 07-00-008-116-012 and 07-00-009-101-084

**PC ACTION:** **Passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**(Council action required)**

Moved by Abens and seconded by DeVries to approve the Planning Commission action.

Councilman Abens stated the plan looked very good and seems like a great use for the area.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**APPLICANT:** Brian Soyka, Sheetz, Inc., 5700 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602  
**OWNER:** Rini Realty Company, 924 Westpoint Parkway, Westlake, OH 44145  
**REQUEST:** Site plan approval to modify the existing store to include a building addition and the removal and replacement of fuel islands and canopies in a B-3 District.  
**LOCATION:** 32390 Lorain Road; Parcel no. 07-00-004-108-104  
**PC ACTION:** **Passed by a vote of 5-0.**  
**(Council action required)**

Moved by Abens and seconded by DeVries to approve the Planning Commission action.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**APPLICANT:** Anthony Valore, Valore Properties, 23550 Center Ridge Road, Suite 101, Westlake, OH 44145  
**OWNER:** Same  
**REQUEST:** Site plan approval to construct a community pool, pool accessory building, pavilion and parking.  
**LOCATION:** Block K, Hampton Place, 36200 Atlantic Avenue in an R-1 District; Parcel no. 07-00-029-000-245  
**PC ACTION:** **Passed by a vote of 5-0 with the condition that the land banked parking be installed at this time.**  
**(Council action required)**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Chapek to approve the Planning Commission action.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions.

Councilman Abens stated Mr. Valore is doing this as a promise he made to the residents and buyers of the property. The Building Department needs to resolve the bathroom facilities issue.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the recess portion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to read T 1-2018.

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 1-2018** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE LUANNE DRIVE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 2-2018** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MILLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK (LOR-MILLS ROAD), NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 2-2018.

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to T 2-2018 to allow sufficient time for plans to be prepared and submitted to the State by their deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get the grant.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption with the emergency clause.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5500-2018.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 3-2018** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO DON MOULD'S PLANTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,727.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 3-2018.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 3-2018.

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to T 3-2018 to pay the invoice that was submitted for work that's already been completed.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption with the emergency clause.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Resolution number 1418-2018.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 4-2018** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran referred T 4-2018 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 5-2018** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INCOME TAX DEBT SERVICE FUND.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran referred T 5-2018 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 6-2018** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY GARAGE FUND.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran referred T 6-2018 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 7-2018** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5497-2017 OF  
**Amended** THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018  
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to adopt T 7-2018 amended.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to add the emergency clause to T 7-2018 amended in order to comply with the Ohio budgetary laws.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption with the emergency clause.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5501-2018.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**      None.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 100-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 878 IN THE  
CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED  
INCOME TAX.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 12/04/2017; Referred to Finance on 12/04/2017; Finance on 12/11/2017; Report accepted on 12/18/2017; Second reading 01/02/2018)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Westover to adopt T 100-2017.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to add the emergency clause to T 100-2017 in order to meet the January 31, 2018 deadline.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption with the emergency clause.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5502-2018.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 101-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3207-97 TO AUTHORIZE REVISION OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE CITY’S TRANSIENT GUEST TRANSACTION TAX.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 12/18/2017; Second reading 01/02/2018)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Westover to adopt T 101-2017.

Councilman DeVries stated due to his roll with the City and also his role as the Vice-Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce, he will abstain.

President Corcoran stated he will abstain as well as he is on the Chamber Board.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 101-2017 in order for this to take effect immediately rather than wait thirty days.

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption, with the emergency clause.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5503-2018.**

Yes – 5                      No – 0                      Abstain – 2 (Corcoran, DeVries)

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 102-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 4173-2005, AS ADOPTED AUGUST 8, 2005, TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF A PARCEL FOR PURPOSES OF CORRECTING THE CITY’S ZONING MAP.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 12/18/2017; Second reading 01/02/2018)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 102-2017.

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption.

Clerk of Council Linden stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5504-2018.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran stated there will be a Safety Committee meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers. The next City Council meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**LOBBY SESSION:**

President Corcoran stated the second lobby is open. He asked if anyone chose to speak to please step up to the podium and state their name and address for the record and they will be given three minutes to speak on the topic of their choice.

Jon Tipple, 36655 Chestnut Ridge Road stated the Street Department was out fixing a steal plate on the road last week and they did a great job as the repair was done during rush hour and in the dark. He submitted some research on signage for when they are on the road in the dark with price quotes for their additional safety.

President Corcoran asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

Albert Krage, 37903 Sugar Ridge Road: stated he actually stopped a truck going down Sugar Ridge. He complained about the truck traffic and trucks turning around on Sugar Ridge.

Mayor Gillock stated where the trucks are turning around is owned by the City and he didn't want trucks turning around on that property. He advised Mr. Krage, for his own safety, not to stop trucks.

An unknown person stated she followed a police car that was following a semi on Sugar Ridge Road and he did not stop the semi.

Councilman Boose stated the North Ridgeville Rotary Club is subsidizing the spaghetti dinner on January 26<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to the Senior Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 5, 2018:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL