

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 3, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, April 3, 2017 regular Council meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Bernadine Butkowski, Roseanne Johnson, Robert Chapek and President Kevin Corcoran.

Gregg Westover was excused.

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Clerk of Council George E. Smith and Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet.

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

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council minutes of March 20, 2017. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note we received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of March 23, 2017, the Civil Service Commission minutes of March 21, 2017, the Civil Service Commission minutes (special) of March 27, 2017 and the Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 28, 2017 to March 9, 2017.

**LOBBY:**

President Corcoran: We are only going to have one lobby session this evening. We are opening up lobby session right now. If you would like to speak, please step up to the podium. You will be given three minutes to speak. Would anybody like to speak?

Gregory Pojman, 5552 Main Ave. – stated he doesn't understand why Main Ave. has not been repaved as the street is in desperate need. He stated he felt most of the money in his ward paved only Mills Creek.

President Corcoran: Mr. Pojman, I'm sorry, there is a time limit on these things. We are going to ask you to stop for a second. I'm sure somebody will make the motion to give you an additional three minutes.

Moved by Chapek and seconded by Boose to give Mr. Pojman an additional three minutes.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Mr. Pojman continued that he would like to sit down with someone and discuss how the money is appropriated and distributed.

President Corcoran: Council appropriates the money for the streets and then the Administration decides where to spend that money. Why don't we let them address some of your questions? If they can't explain it all tonight, there might be a better time to do that.

Mr. Pojman stated he told Mr. Chapek that he would be happy to discuss this privately instead of at a Council meeting.

President Corcoran: Mr. Mayor, would you like to address this?

Mayor Gillock: Sure. I appreciate you being here and I have talked to Councilman Chapek about Main to some extent. A little bit of background about how we go about this: up until three years ago, with Council, we appropriated about \$250,000 a year for paving. The last two years, we increased that to \$750,000 for paving and we did a lot of the longer streets, the more main drags. This year we increased it to \$900,000 for paving and we will be spending a lot more in those side streets that you mentioned. I don't want to mention any specifically, but there are a lot along Bainbridge that we are looking at and several other side streets Olive, Wallace and that area. I can't tell you exactly what streets we are going to do, but a lot of those side streets that really need it will get paved this year. Mills Creek had been paved – those streets have been paved before. Those are concrete streets that have been paved before and were buckling where the seams were. The water comes through and it buckles the asphalt. They were in really bad shape. The way we decide what streets we are going to do is that we meet with the Street Department who has the best knowledge of the conditions of our street. We prioritize them and we try to split the appropriation approximately twenty-five percent in each ward. Last year, ward four had a little bit extra because we did the Mills Creek area. They may get a little less this year. We try to spread it around the City. When it comes to full depth concrete repair, where we are taking pads out and fixing concrete streets, this year we appropriated \$250,000. I have been talking to the Auditor and we are going to hopefully add another \$300,000 to that. Main needs more attention. Main has actually got attention in the past. It probably had more pads replaced and some other streets that need it. For example: Cadet, Birch and Pleasant are all in worse shape than Main is. The difference between Main and Mills Creek is that Main still has a good base there. I hate paving over concrete streets because to do it right you have to go down to the concrete and cut out all the joints and repair all the joints. Then you have to come through and pave it. It will only last a short time before the cracks start giving again. As long as we have a good base on Main, we will continue to look at pad replacement. We will be looking at it again this year. It is not the only concrete street. We don't have many left. We are trying to increase

that budget and share it around the City equally. We will take a look at it and see where we go from there.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, I would like to thank the gentleman for coming here and bringing it up. Your Councilman did pass your emails to us. It brings up the point we do not have sufficient funds to fix all the streets all at once. My street was built around the same time your street was. It has never been replaced. I have the same situation you do. About six weeks ago, I gave the Administration about four hundred addresses in my ward that need street repairs done, in addition to six or eight partial streets that need total replacement to include some of those the Mayor mentioned. Over that past few years we have been able to get over twenty-five percent because we needed it and some of the other wards have newer streets. The Auditor can vouch that through appropriations, every day I tried to find more money for streets. At first he would scratch his head and say what are you trying to do. I was trying to explain to him that our neighborhoods need it. We have done a lot on Jaycox, Mills, 83, Chestnut and all the main roads – Lear Nagle and Center Ridge Road widening that we are going through now – all those do need attention, but it is our neighborhoods we need to continue to concentrate on. I am with you and I will do all I can.

President Corcoran: Anybody else?

John Vrtachnik, 5553 Main Ave. stated money needs set aside to repair Main Ave.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else? Thank you for coming. Moving on to the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor, you are up first.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Thank you, Mr. President. First I would like to speak about Highland Drive. As we know with spring comes the rains. Late in the day this past Friday, we received several calls regarding water rising into the apron of driveways on Highland Drive. The Service Department was called immediately to assess the situation. After going down there and first looking at the culvert at Mills Road which was not surcharged which means it was running full. It became apparent there must be a blockage somewhere. That particular ditch runs under Highland and it is in a pipe – one time we wanted to take that pipe out but the residents protested and so we left it in, but on the north side after it goes under Highland it takes a slight bend to the left and there is a manhole there. This is what we found in the pipe clogging it totally shut. What you see there is a six foot surf board, pool inflatables, a three foot 2x6 and several branches that were further upstream and went down that pipe and hit that curve and jammed it up. Once the items were removed, the water receded. This is a reminder to residents to keep items such as these, and firewood and tree limbs, away from creeks, ditches and waterways so that when the water rises it doesn't carry the items off causing blocked waterways. That was the only flooding issue we had last week during all the rains.

The Lear Nagle Road widening project resumes this week, Wednesday, April 5, 2017. The contractor will complete the work required to tie the new waterline into the existing waterline on the east side of the Chestnut Ridge Road intersection and install drainage along the north side of Chestnut Ridge Road (east of Lear Nagle). Traffic in all directions will be maintained with flaggers.

Also as part of the Lear Nagle Road Widening Project, the intersection of Lear Nagle and Chestnut Ridge Road has yet to be done. Beginning April 17 at 6:00 a.m., Chestnut Ridge Road, from Lear Nagle Road to approximately five hundred feet east, will be closed for approximately thirty days weather permitting. Terrace Construction will be installing new pavement, curbs, driveways and sidewalks. Detour signs will be posted.

The City of Avon will be performing two road projects adjacent to North Ridgeville. Nagel Road from Schwartz Road south to Mills Road will be repaved. Milling will begin tomorrow, Tuesday, April 4, 2017 until done. Case Road, approximately 1/2 mile south of Detroit Road, will be closed the morning of April 4, 2017 (depending on weather) to install a storm sewer across the road. Additional road work in Avon on Case Road will occur with two-way traffic maintained.

This Saturday, April 8 at the Ranger Stadium behind the Middle School, the Rotary Club will be sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-9 years old. Gates open at 1:30 p.m. and the hunt starts at 2:00 p.m. and it is over at about 2:02 p.m. They clean it up pretty quick. You don't want to blink, you might miss it.

As a reminder, City Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, April 14 in observance of Good Friday.

You will find on your desk this evening 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 construction phase services for the Jaycox Road extension, including appurtenances, not to exceed \$177,280. This Ordinance was prepared earlier last week in time to get to cloture, but due to internal errors it didn't get their which is why I have to bring it to you tonight. I sent you all an email and discussed it with some of you that the new road to the new school, which has to be done by April 15<sup>th</sup> has been awarded to DiGioia-Suburban excavating. We need to get this Ordinance passed so they can start because KS Associates will be doing the construction management and services on the road during the inspection. It is kind of a complicated project with the road and the waterline and the schools paying a substantial portion of all of this.

Mayor Gillock: Ms. Peet can you give me a temporary Ordinance number?

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: That is temporary Ordinance number T 36-2017.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to suspend By-laws to add T 36 to the agenda under first readings.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Mayor Gillock: I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** To add to the Highland Road report, we actually were out with the Service Garage. Those of you that live out that way have noticed we cleaned out the ditch to the north and south. We are evaluating the culvert again, because there are four 45-90 degree turns on the grounds that are creating all kinds of problems for any kind of flow. We will keep the Mayor and the residents up to date, but there might be a recommendation to come back that some of the backyards...it would be in our best interest as a community and maybe the best interests for those living on Highland for some of those turns to be taken out to be open to allow flow through there. We had some men that actually had to lie down on their bellies in the water in March to grab this stuff to pull it out because there was no other way to do it. It has become very unsafe as far as I am concerned to do this. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Mr. Engineer.

**C. Engineer:** Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to touch on the closure of Chestnut, which the Mayor covered. The detours will be Lorain to Barton on the south and Center Ridge to Barton on the north. There will be ample signage at Lorain and Lear and at Center Ridge Road and Lear. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Auditor.

**D. Auditor:** Thank you Mr. President. I have no report for this evening.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

**E. Other Reports:** President Corcoran: We have the February 2017 Police Department report.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: A letter dated March 28, 2017 from the Ohio Department of Transportation inviting City Council to review and comment on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS:** President Corcoran: Would anybody like a recess?

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

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

Yes – 6                                      No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. We have T 27-2017.

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 27-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 286.13 COMPENSATION FOR MILITARY LEAVE.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 28.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 28-2017** 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 MODIFICATION OF THE CENTER RIDGE ROAD WIDENING PLANS TO INCLUDE THREE LANES INSTEAD OF TWO LANES ON JAYCOX ROAD, SOUTH OF THE CENTER RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION, NOT TO EXCEED \$51,610.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 28.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Mayor Gillock: This is part of the Center Ridge Road widening project, but as we redesign Jaycox Road to three lanes to go to the school, we need to redesign the intersection between Jaycox and Center Ridge Road and that is what this is for.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, is the school paying for half of this as well?

Mayor Gillock: This is all the City. This is part of the Center Ridge Road widening project. The reason it has to be redesigned is because we added a third lane to Jaycox for our fire services.

President Corcoran: Any other questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.  
Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 28.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0 and becomes **Ordinance number 5438-2017**.

President Corcoran: T 29.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 29-2017** 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 MILLS ROAD AND STATE ROUTE 83 ROUNDABOUT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,240,350.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 30.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 30-2017** 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 PHASE 2B OHIO TURNPIKE MITIGATION 54-INCH DIAMETER PEAK FLOOD FLOW REDIRECTION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$502,500.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 31.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 31-2017** 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 REHABILITATION OF THE TENNIS COURTS IN SOUTH CENTRAL PARK, NOT TO EXCEED \$122,300.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 32.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 32-2017** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 721.15(D).  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 33.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 33-2017** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR(S), ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED THE BELOW STATED PRICES.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, I know with some of these vehicles once you order them, it takes some time to receive them. Would it be appropriate to try and move this piece of legislation along quicker? The monies are already appropriated. In many cases, I won't say most, but in many cases these departments have been waiting longer than they needed to get this stuff.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to dispense with the second and third readings for T 33.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Again, this money has already been appropriated so we need to move this forward.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 33.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0 and becomes **Ordinance number 5439-2017**.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 34.



Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 34-2017** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE FIVE NEW POLICE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$189,000.00.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to dispense with the second and third readings for T 34.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Again, this money has already been appropriated so we need to move this forward.

Law Director Crites: As a comment which would give rise to an intervening motion, if any one on Council would care to agree with me -this Ordinance was drafted while I was out of town last week. It is a common Ordinance. It well prepared by my very competent staff while I was out of town, but in reviewing it for the meeting this evening, I realized the third whereas is frankly a carryover from past legislation that has no operative effect or relevance to this Ordinance. I would recommend that the third whereas be removed simply by amending on the floor.

Moved by Boose and seconded by President Corcoran to make an intervening motion to amend T 34 to eliminate the third whereas.

President Corcoran: On the amendment, are there any questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: On the dispensing of the second and third readings on amended T 34. Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to adopt T 34 amended.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 34 Amended for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of North Ridgeville.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0 and becomes **Ordinance number 5440-2017**.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 35.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 35-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4028-2004 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE MONETARY LIMIT FOR "BLANKET" FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATES.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: T 36.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 36-2017** 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 CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE JAYCOX ROAD EXTENSION INCLUDING APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$177,280.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 36.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 36.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 36 in order to have the road completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption now with the emergency, are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: This \$177,000 is in addition to what we originally had budgeted for the project, correct?

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, it is within the Ordinance we appropriated. The Ordinance was for \$2 million. The total project was \$1.7 million. We came in \$400,000 to \$500,000 below the Ordinance. Plus, when we budget this, about seventy-eight percent of the cost is the schools and there portion should come in at about \$1.4 million with their addition of their seventy-seven percent of this should be about \$17,000 they still owe us.

Councilman Boose: We didn't originally look to have a consulting engineer for the construction phase?

Mayor Gillock: When we originally looked at it, we were looking at if we could do the construction services ourselves. It was determined that our Engineering Department is very busy with Riddell, Center Ridge Road, Lear Nagle, the roundabout, the fire engine, plus the complexity of the project in that we have a road that the school is paying a portion of and then a third lane that we are paying for and then we have a waterline as part of this project that we are totally paying for and we are coordinating it with Engineering and Associates who is redesigning the intersection at Center Ridge Road that we felt it would be a wise choice to hire construction management on this project.

Councilman Boose: And the school is paying for part of this?

Mayor Gillock: They will pay the seventy-seven or seventy-eight percent.

President Corcoran: Clerk, please call the roll.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0 and becomes **Ordinance number 5441-2017.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings, we have T 24.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 24-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 248.01 COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 03/20/2017)**

President Corcoran: T 25.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 25-2017** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE FOR SPECIALIZED RESCUE RESPONSE.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 03/20/2017)**

President Corcoran: There are no third readings.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. here in Council Chambers.

President Corcoran: Tonight is the retirement of George Smith, our Clerk of Council. We would like to thank you for all of your efforts that you have put into this City. We will have a separate celebration and I am sure a lot more will be said. George, thank you very much on behalf of all of us.

Clerk of Council Smith thanked Council and the Administration for allowing him the opportunity to serve as Clerk of Council.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, before we adjourn, I would like everyone to know, on behalf of the residents, we also have a proclamation for George – I'm not going to read it out loud because it would take too long because of all of the accomplishments you did. On behalf of the residents, we thank you for your service to the City and in the military. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: This meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 17, 2017:

*Bernadine Butcheranski*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Janet A. Lee*

CLERK OF COUNCIL