

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Bernadine Butkowski: I call to order the North Ridgeville City Council Meeting of Monday, February 2, 2009. Please stand for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION: lead by President Butkowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by all.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Nancy Buescher, Dennis Boose, Richard Jaenke, Bob Olesen, Kevin Corcoran, Ray McLaughlin and President Bernadine Butkowski.

Also, present were Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson, Law Director Andrew Crites, and Clerk of Council Warren Blakely.

Absent was Engineer Larry Griffith
Auditor Chris Costin arrived at 7:40 P.M.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and Approval:

President Butkowski:

Council Minutes of regular meeting held January 20, 2009

 moved by Jaenke, seconded by Olesen to approve

President Butkowski: Are there any corrections? Clerk, please call the roll.

 Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: Please note:

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of regular meeting December 3, 2009.

LOBBY:

President Butkowski: We'll move on to our Lobby and before we get started, members of the North Ridgeville Historical Society Bicentennial Committee requested that a Committee Representative be permitted 15 minutes to speak to us tonight to give us an update on the Bicentennial. Could I have a motion to suspend the By-Laws?

moved by Olesen, seconded by Buescher to suspend the By-Laws

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: Do we have a representative here tonight from the Historical Society?

Okay, you are welcome for your 15 minutes.

Clerk of Council Blakely: Please turn on the microphone.

Alan Willoughby: I am Alan Willoughby of the North Ridgeville Historical Society and I am Chairman of the Historical Society's Bicentennial Committee. With me, here tonight, are two Committee Members, who you all know well I'm sure, Carol Klear, Author of the North Ridgeville Book and Karen Sigsworth, our Head Librarian. Also, here tonight is Member Jeff Sigsworth, President of our Society and Member Gene Kleinholz, our local Firefighter and the guy who makes things happen and formerly responsible for our wonderful Fire Museum. Five of us consist of our Bicentennial Committee and we are absolutely thrilled tonight, because we are announcing our Bicentennial plans to the broader public and many of you know that North Ridgeville was founded in the Spring of 1810, which means we have a little over a year until the 200 Anniversary of the day of our founding. Now, the events of our founding actually spread out over 18 months, but, May 10 was the pivotal date when the first construction crew marched into town after two days rest in Columbia and they began chopping and building. The North Ridgeville Pioneers have stories to tell and what we, at the Historical Society, want to do is help them tell their stories. Their stories are about the way it really was, the hazards and hardships they faced and how they coped with them. These are stories that will grip our minds; stories that will inspire our spirit and occasionally, stories that will tear our hearts. What we want to do is make these stories come alive in a variety of ways. But the most important vivid thing will be to have the town folk of today, take the rolls of the Pioneers that came into town. We will have them take the rolls of the men, the women and the children. We won't be simply dressing them up. We will be having them learn to be those people. They will learn what the times were like; learn what they dealt with day to day; learn the hazards of everyday life and the unique hazards of moving west from Waterbury. So, those stories will just be stories about familiar neighbors, except those neighbors are from 200 years ago and not our neighbors today. Once you meet those neighbors, you'll connect with them, because they will be people, who, like most of us, came to live in North Ridgeville; other than being born here, except they came to the same place at different times. Anyway, these will be true stories and those people who want to become reenactors can start to contact us. But, be appraised that we won't merely be dressing them up, they will have to learn their rolls. They will not just be generic Pioneers, they will be the specific people, who actually came here and started our town. On the website, as of yesterday, we put two entries to get things started. One is a calendar of events and the other is the help we need right away. There are about two dozen rolls that we could use assistance in doing research of preparing some early videos, building sets, etc. All of those are on the website. I do have handouts for all of Council of what is on the website. It is two simple pages. It's a hiring list of

volunteers and a calendar of events that we hope to recreate. Other things will appear on the website as they are ready. The more we get the community involved; whether it is as individuals, or as scout groups, or as school classes, or as church groups, or as civic groups, or businesses, whatever. The more we get groups to take ownership of the various small projects, the more fun the whole thing is going to be. We'll learn a lot, but that will be secondary. We're gonna have a ball and those are great people that we can admire. We really have two stories. We have the broad story of their master plan. We think our master plan is good now, they had a masterpiece of a master plan and they made it unfold over 18 months. They avoided near tragedies that their relatives had almost suffered in neighboring towns and other towns on the western reserve that suffered. That unfolded and we will tell that through the eye of a key witness. Lydia Terrell, who was 12 when she came to Ohio in 1809, stayed in Columbia and her life, through her eyes, we can tell the story that she was a witness to virtually everything. Telling it through her life and her eyes, we'll connect with teenagers. By the way, we'll also connect with kids who look forward to being teenagers and those of us who look backward about having teen age years. So, telling it through her eyes, that is the big story and embedded in there is a dramatic story, which I call the "The Feat of Feet" and that is when the construction crew left Connecticut, got here in less than a month and they took everything, not in wagons, but in back packs. When they got here, they probably covered 25 miles a day. It would have been almost a marathon a day over really rude roads. They got here and that 30 days included two days to rest up in Columbia. They came here, cleared farms, planted crops, built cabins and then the families came in later. We can relate to those people. Some among them were athletes far superior to the ones we root for on tv every week. That is all I have for now. There will be more coming. It is on the website, www.northridgevillehistoricalsociety.org. I have the handouts with me.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Are there any questions from Council at this point for Mr. Willoughby? We'll move on to the rest of our Lobby. Anyone who would want to speak tonight should fill out a form in the back of the room and come forward and you will have three minutes to speak. Is there anyone in the Lobby that would like to speak tonight? Anyone want to speak? Seeing none, we will move on with our Administration Reports. Mr. Gillock?

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Gillock: Thank you, just a couple quick items. The light at Stoney Ridge and Center Ridge is now working. It is on flashing yellow, as required by State law, to give drivers a chance to get use to it and as of February 10; a week from tomorrow, it will go into full red, yellow, green operation. So, we are looking forward to that. Hang in there for one more week.

I want to thank all of our residents for their kind words, phone calls and letters regarding our snow plow drivers. Most people are very understanding and we wish we could do more. However, when we get hit like we did last week, we run out of places to put the snow. We try to keep mailboxes upright and clear, but we can't always do that. Our corners get full, because we have no where else to push the snow from the intersection and your driveways get filled back in when we come by, but let me assure you, all of our drivers are doing all they can to make your drive easier and safer and are dedicated to getting all of our roads passable, as soon as possible. When you see them out there, please give them a friendly wave and let them know you do support them and the great job they do. I think Denny has a little bit more to add in regards to this. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Johnson.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Johnson: Yes, mine does sound a lot like his. The near record snowfall in January has caused problems throughout the city. City crews do their best to clear the streets, as soon as possible, but when the snowfall nears record levels, there is simply no place to put the snow, as the Mayor just said, that does not inconvenience somebody. Crews go back over plowed areas once the streets are clear with backhoes and shovels to clear crosswalks and high snow piles that impair drivers' vision. They also clear as many fire hydrants as time allows.

We ask that residents assist us in a number of ways. First, please keep sidewalks clear, so pedestrians are not forced to walk in the street. It is the law, but it's also common courtesy. Second, please take a few moments to clear snow from fire hydrants in your neighborhood, so that firefighters can find them fast when they are needed. And finally, it is illegal to plow snow across or into the roadway. Residents that do so cause hazzards for motorists and often block the sidewalks, mailboxes or driveways of their neighbors across the street. I believe we have the best snow crews in the area, but they need your help to keep our roadways and sidewalks clear and safe.

And finally, I ask that Council suspend By-Laws to consider and pass T-12-2009 tonight. This would allow us to finally finish the Taylor Parkway's street light extensions, which we began almost two years ago. The lights are up, but they will remain dark and unpainted until we get the added funds T 12 would authorize. Thank you, Madam President. That concludes my report.
President Butkowski: Thank you.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Griffith:

President Butkowski: Engineer Griffith is not here tonight, so we won't have a report from him. We will move on to our Auditor, Mr. Costin.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Thank you, Madam President. The only item we have on the agenda tonight is the Written Financial Report for the year end, December 2008. This is the final report and we would request your approval.

Auditor's Final Written Financial Report for December 2008

 moved by Boose, seconded by Buescher to approve the Auditor's Final Written Financial Report for December 2008

President Butkowski: Do we have any questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

 Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

E. Other Reports:

President Butkowski: Other reports, please note:

Police Department Support Car Report for December 2008;

Water Master Meter Reading Comparison Report for 2008 and

Mayor's Court Report for December 2008.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Butkowski: We have no Council Committee Reports tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Butkowski: Our correspondence for the regular Council meeting includes:

1) Received a letter from Carol Klear requesting 15 minutes to speak during lobby at the February 2, 2009 Council meeting to offer proposals and plans for North Ridgeville's Bicentennial Celebration.

President Butkowski: We had that and thank you very much for your information. We'll move on to our Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Butkowski: We have no old business tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Butkowski: Our New Business is:

Request for a D5 liquor permit transfer from Thomas E. Hampton, DBA Toms Place, 39462 Center Ridge Road Upper Level Only to William F. Joseph Sr., DBA Country Ridge Bar & Grill Upper Level only, same address

 moved by Buescher, seconded by Corcoran to not request a hearing as stated in the application, so that this permit can be sent to the State for final disposition

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

 Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Clerk, could you read T 9 of our new business?

Clerk of Council Blakely:

T 9-2009 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE THE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL OF AN EXISTING 1.75-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND TO EQUIP AND TO OPERATE THE SAME, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.191 AND 5705.192 OF THE REVISED CODE.

 moved by Mayor Gillock, seconded by Olesen to suspend By-Laws to give this a first reading this evening

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

 Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

T 10-2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NRCO SECTION 1046.05 BY REPLACING THE SCHEDULED 2009 AUTOMATIC WATER RATE WITH A SET RATE.

President Butkowski: I WILL REFER THAT TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

T 11-2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NRCO SECTION 1044.01 USER CHARGES BY INCREASING SANITARY SEWER RATES.

President Butkowski: I WILL REFER THAT TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

T 12-2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4550-2008, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON TAYLOR PARKWAY, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$60,000.00 TO \$63,000.00.

moved by Olesen, seconded by Boose to suspend By-Laws to give this a first reading tonight

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion?

Council Member McLaughlin: Just one, Madam President. What was the reason for the increase?

President Butkowski: Mr. Johnson, what was the reason for the increase?

Safety-Service Director Johnson: Ohio Edison needs to power them up and there is a charge for that and these are Ohio Edison provided poles. They provide them. They are fiberglass poles and they provide them without paint. They have to be painted. The two, together there, went above the anticipated cost for the poles.

Council Member McLaughlin: Thank you.

President Butkowski: Are there any other questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

T 13-2009 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW WITH BADGER METER, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMR WATER METER SYSTEM, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,802,000.00.

moved by Mayor Gillock, seconded by Olesen to suspend By-Laws to give this a first reading this evening

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

RECESS:

moved by Butkowski, seconded by Boose to suspend the recess for tonight

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: We'll move on to our first readings. The first one is T 5.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Blakely:

T 5-2009 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR SANITARY SEWER MAIN LINE AND MANHOLE GROUTING, RE-LINING AND POINT REPAIRS AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, AND TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PLANS SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE SAME, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

First Reading

T 1-2009 AN ORDINANCE CEASING THE INTRODUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

First Reading

T 9-2009 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
1152-2009 NORTH RIDGEVILLE THE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL OF AN EXISTING 1.75-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND TO EQUIP AND TO OPERATE THE SAME, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.191 AND 5705.192 OF THE REVISED CODE.

First Reading

moved by Mayor Gillock seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion?

Mayor Gillock: Madam President.

President Butkowski: Yes, Mr. Gillock?

Mayor Gillock: This is the ordinance or legislation that gives us the authority to get this to the Election Board and place this on the ballot for voting. It is a replacement of an existing tax levy. We are also asking for the emergency clause, when we get there, as we have a deadline of February 19 to get this to the Board of Elections. Thank you.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Clerk, please call the roll on the suspension.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero.

moved by Olesen, seconded by Buescher to adopt
moved by Olesen, seconded by Buescher to add the emergency because of the
nearing deadline for putting this on the ballot

President Butkowski: Is there any discussion on the emergency? Clerk, please call the roll on the emergency.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: The emergency passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: A motion was made by Olesen and seconded by Buescher to adopt with the emergency. Is there any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero and becomes resolution number 1152-2009.

Permanent Resolution No. 1152-2009

T 12-2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4550-2008, WHICH
4633-2009 PROVIDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON
TAYLOR PARKWAY, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$60,000.00
TO \$63,000.00.

First Reading

moved by Olesen seconded by Corcoran to dispense with the second and third readings

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion? Clerk, please the roll on the suspension.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Suspension passes by a vote of seven to zero.

moved by Olesen, seconded by Jaenke to adopt

President Butkowski: Do we need the emergency on this?

Safety-Service Director Johnson: I don't believe it is necessary.

President Butkowski: Is there any discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero and becomes ordinance number 4633-2009.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4633-2009

President Butkowski: We have no second readings tonight and the third readings

Council Member Boose: Point of order.

President Butkowski: Yes.

Council Member Boose: Don't we have T 13 in first readings?

President Butkowski: Yes.

Clerk of Council Blakely:

T 13-2009 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND
4634-2009 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW WITH BADGER
METER, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
AMR WATER METER SYSTEM, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,802,000.00.

First Reading

moved by Mayor Gillock seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and
third readings

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion?

Mayor Gillock: Madam President.

President Butkowski: Yes, Mr. Gillock?

Mayor Gillock: This is a project we began well over a year ago. The money has been
appropriated and BANs have been issued. The money is there. We just need this final step to
enter into the contract. We've been to bid and Badger was the only bidder. We have a Badger
system now. So, this is the last step to allow us to get started. Thank you.

President Butkowski: Is there any other discussion? Clerk, please call the roll on the suspension.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Suspension passes by a vote of seven to zero.

moved by Olesen, seconded by Boose to adopt

President Butkowski: Do we need the emergency on this?

Mayor Gillock: Yes, we do. Please.

moved by Boose, seconded by Jaenke to add the emergency to meet the
impending deadline for the project

President Butkowski: Do we have any discussion?

Mayor Gillock: Madam President.

President Butkowski: Yes, Mr. Gillock?

Mayor Gillock: Since it is such a large amount of money, I would like to explain it one more
time. This is the replacement of all our water meters throughout the City. Approximately, ten
years ago, we put new modules in all the water meters that were battery operated, that allowed
our Meter Readers to drive down the street to take the reading. We didn't get every meter, but
we got most of them. Those had batteries in them that were estimated to last six to eight years.
It has been 10 years and they are starting to go. When we looked at replacing those batteries and
we discussed this with Badger, we found that there is a newer module that will give us a battery
life of almost 20 years. We will no longer have to drive down the street to read these. They will
be, basically, wi-fi and we will be able to read them via computer in the Water Department. The
system will read your water meter, depending upon how we set it, four to six times per day,
instead of once per month. So, if you have a water leak, we will be able to detect that and we can
call you up and tell you that you might have a leak somewhere that you will want to check. We
are in a situation that we had to replace the meters and do something with them anyway. So, we

are going this route and replacing them with a much more reliable meter with a longer life that we think, in the long run, will save the residents a lot of money. That is what this project is all about. Thank you.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Is there any other discussion?

Council Member McLaughlin: I have a question.

President Butkowski: Yes, Mr. McLaughlin?

Council Member McLaughlin: Is this going to result in a, foreseeable in the future, reduction in force with who is reading our meters? You said it was going to be WiFi?

Mayor Gillock: Yes, in the long run, we have three part time meter readers. We will be able to reduce all three. One has already left. We are down to two. By attrition, for what we need to do, we will phase all three of those positions out.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Mr. Costin?

Auditor Costin: Yes, Madam Chairman; for the record, the Mayor indicated that we had issued debt. We did issue the bonds last year that included this and the repayment of those bonds start this year. For the record, that is included as part of the debt service that will be funded with the new water rate increase that Council will be studying in the Utility Committee.

President Butkowski: Thank you. Do we have any other discussion? Clerk, please call the roll on the emergency.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Emergency passes by a vote of seven to zero.

President Butkowski: A motion was made by Olesen and seconded by Boose to adopt with the emergency. Do we have any discussion on the adoption? Clerk, please call the roll.

Yes, 7 No, 0

Clerk of Council Blakely: Motion passes by a vote of seven to zero and becomes ordinance number 4634-2009.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4634-2009

President Butkowski: Thank you. Now, that is all of our first readings.

SECOND READINGS:

President Butkowski: We have no second readings tonight. We'll move on to the third reading, which is T 6.

THIRD READINGS:

President Butkowski: I will postpone that until the next meeting because it needs a Public Hearing and the Public Hearing is scheduled for our next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Butkowski: Upcoming meeting announcements:

Public Hearing Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:20 P.M. re: T 6-2009, approving the final plat of Waterside Place, Phase 2, a cluster development for recording purposes only

Next Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

moved by to Jaenke adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION Corcoran 2ND McLaughlin DATE February 17, 2009

YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0