

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 6, 2015**

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

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, July 6, 2015 regular Council meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Terrence Keenan, Dennis Boose, Robert Olesen, Bernadine Butkowski, Roseanne Johnson, and President Kevin Corcoran.

Dr. Ronald Arndt was excused.

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Deputy Auditor Teresa Machovina, Clerk of Council George E. Smith and Treasurer Tim Pope.

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

President Corcoran: You have before you the Council meeting minutes of June 15, 2015. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Administrative Committee minutes of June 15, 2015, the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of June 25, 2015, the Parks and Recreation minutes of May 27, 2015 and the Tax Abatement Review Board minutes of June 23, 2015.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to split the lobby session to have two separate lobby sessions – the first is designed to allow people to speak on issues that are before Council that we are going to vote on this evening and the second session is to allow people bring up any issues that they would like us to address.

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

Yes – 6

No - 0

**LOBBY (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):**

President Corcoran: We are at the regular lobby session for these items that are going to be voted on this evening. Is there anybody who would like to address Council on those matters?

President Corcoran: Seeing none, we will move on then to the Administrator's reports.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Thank you Mr. President. I have several things to bring to your attention this evening. The first I want to mention is that earlier today, I signed a contract with Ohio Public Works Commission for the Jaycox Road, Phase One improvement. The total cost of the reconstruction of Jaycox from Center Ridge Road; actually about 300 feet down, north passed Liberty School is \$585,000 and we received a grant for \$345,488 of that and now that we have that contract signed, we will, as quickly as possible, be going out for bid and getting that started. Hopefully it will start in August and we will be getting the first part of Jaycox Road repaired.

Secondly, I asked Tim Pope, our Treasurer to be here this evening. You have on your agenda this evening, Ordinance T 96, which was introduced at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, which has to do with our investment policy and Tim asked that it be passed this evening and I asked if he would come and talk a little bit about what we are doing and why we need it passed so quickly. Tim, if you would please.

Treasurer Tim Pope: Thank you Mayor. Thank you members of Council. I'm asking that Council pass the investment policy Ordinance on its second reading and that being tonight. I've been working on the requests for proposals for our depository contracts and would like to get them out next week so that I could get them in the hands of the depositories. I've also got RFP's ready to go for investment advisory services. Both of which need the investment policy and it wouldn't be right to send them the old investment policy with you considering the passage of the new revised investment policy. So I'm asking that Council place that on urgency tonight for passage. Do you have any questions? I would be happy to answer any of them.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

Mayor Gillock: Thank you, Mr. Pope. Next, I would like to relate to you that our Fire Department received an EMS grant from the state in the amount of \$3500.00 for equipment and training. That will save us \$3500.00 from our ambulance billing account. We have a young firefighter, Colt Eberling, who took on the task of applying for that grant against a time deadline and obviously did a great job and so, we are glad to get that grant.

Our jail was inspected last month and North Ridgeville city jail received full compliance with the onsite jail inspection for 2015 calendar year.

Last week, we repaved South Central parking lot. We took out the islands around those poles. There are four light poles and by doing that we gained twenty parking spots. We are working on the light structures as they are very old and we have already taken one down, which we thought to be too precarious to leave it up. I'm working with a vendor to see what it might take to replace those lights. Drive over there and take a look at it. We did the work in house. Our crews did it in one long day and they did a great job on it.

We received correspondence from the Regional Income Tax reporting that our cost of collections for 2014 was 2.62 percent. If you remember, when we talked about going to R.I.T.A, it was

anticipated or expected that the cost would run about three percent a year and within the two years, they both came in well under the three percent at 2.62 percent.

Paving: Lexington Way should have already received a top coat. Next week, we will be doing from North Lear Nagle from Adele to Center Ridge Road. That is when it is scheduled to be milled. It will be paved July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> and when we are done there, we will move over to Chestnut Ridge Road to complete the section from the turnpike bridge to the railroad tracks.

We had an inspection by ISO, Insurance Services Rating office. Our community fire protection classification is now four. I believe it was a five in the past. I think it goes up and down depending upon the inspection, but it is a four now, which is good news because the lower that classification, the lower your insurance rates are.

I want to announce that our Parks and Recreation Heart and Soul program will be meeting July 15<sup>th</sup> at Sandy Ridge Reservation. Joy Rolland from the Department of Podiatry at the Cleveland Clinic will be speaking. So be sure to attend. The next coffee with the Mayor is July 24<sup>th</sup> at City Diner at 8:00 a.m. Finally, I would like to announce that Inside Business Magazine on page 56 has a nice article on North Ridgeville. It has North Ridgeville in the fast lane with 126 million in capital improvements - North Ridgeville is welcoming businesses and employees. So, if you get a chance, read the article and if you don't have it, I will send you a copy. That concludes my report.

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

**B. Safety-Service Director:** The Administration certainly wants to thank everyone that was involved in planning, putting on and setting off the fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup>; including the fact that all the residents found a place to park; even though the fields were too wet for them to park in and the fact that no parking was allowed on Aurensen Drive to Noll Drive. It worked very well with a few exceptions with people trying to park where it was roped off. There were no accidents that I'm aware of although everybody was very cautious. Let's hope that the Corn Festival will bring about the same thing because the same no parking will be placed on Aurensen as we had for the Fourth of July.

The previous weekend, based on whose rain gauge you looked at, we had two and a half to three inches of rain in the City of North Ridgeville. From that, everyone was concerned including myself, Mayor and Council, that did we have enough ditches cleaned and could we move the water out of North Ridgeville. Fortunately for us, it did come over a period of time and the water did move very swiftly to the border of North Ridgeville. There were some issues with retention basins and in fact, all the way across the City, the retention and detention basins were at least three quarters if not completely full and very few of which were actually outside of their boundaries. There wasn't any reporting to myself or to the City regarding basement flooding. I am sure that there were some based on the power being off from anywhere between three to fifteen hours. I heard that some houses didn't have electricity for over twelve hours but I'm not

sure why that took place. If you didn't have power, your sump pump certainly could not work and with that much water, I imaging that you probably did get some back up of storm into your crock.

Northview Condominiums: there was no reported damage at all and quite honestly I take my hat off to the engineers and Administration and City Council as to the recommendations we made to Northview with regards to putting the check valves in the main parts of the sewers. The two that were in there did work. I saw Anna Wismer the other day and she absolutely reported that there was no flooding at Northview. So that was an outstanding thing that happened in the City of North Ridgeville. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors didn't have as good of luck as we did but certainly our efforts are paying off in the City.

Before you this evening is T 102, which has to do with multijurisdictional mitigation plan that the County just recently passed on May 13, 2015 of which the County passed it on to us June 19 to ask us to accept the plan in the City of North Ridgeville. This is a mitigation plan that actually was started by the County and has to be a county-wide mitigation plan. The planning process started back in 2013. It has taken that long to get us to this point. We look forward to its passage as quickly as possible so that we can implement the plan. The County has asked us to move it through August 15, 2015, but by acceptance I am hopeful that we can get it done as quickly as possible and maybe even this evening and we can try and move forward on what the plan calls for and that would be the possible movement within certain areas of the community of going through the process of purchasing or putting them on the list or not putting anybody on the list. The list is already established moving this process forward as to the mitigation of certain properties within the City of North Ridgeville, which is going to be a long and arduous process. That completes my report this evening.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

**C. Engineer:** Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to briefly discuss T 109. This would authorize payment to the Lorain County Engineer for additional costs related to Lear Nagle. We worked closely with Bob Klaiber at Lorain County Engineer scrutinizing these extra costs and after combing over them, they were deemed legitimate. The additional costs break down into two separate things. The first has to do with the disturbing of the stream banks. Initially, we are hopeful that we can make a case to the Army Corp of Engineers that previous steps that we have taken and plan to take would offset the stream mitigation and we were unsuccessful at selling that to the Army Corp so that left us with buying credits from a reserve, which is the \$10,000. The second part is related to additional engineering hours related to the number of parcel takes and the engineer's original scope of work. There was an estimate of 120 parcel takes and as the job progressed, it grew to 177. That is the explanation for the additional engineering dollars. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler.

President Corcoran: Deputy Auditor.

**D. Deputy Auditor:** Thank you Mr. President. I would like to just briefly mention T 112. The 2016 budget is due to be in the County Auditor's hands by July 20 at 4:30. I just request possibly expediting that Ordinance this evening as well. That is all I have for this evening.

President Corcoran: Thank you very much.

**E. Other Reports:**

President Corcoran: We have the May 2015 Mayor's Court report, the May 2015 Water Distribution reports, the May 2015 Parks and Recreation Director's report, the May 2015 Police Department report and the June 26, 2015 Tax Abatement Review Board report.

President Corcoran: There is a Council Committee report, Mr. Clerk.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

Clerk of Council Smith:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE report dated June 15, 2015 which moved to table T 89 and T 90.

President Corcoran: There are two pieces of correspondence.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated June 9, 2015 from the Lorain County Board of Commissioners regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan

A letter dated June 26, 2015 from Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Fougousse, requesting an additional \$3,200 from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund to install concrete bases around the new fitness equipment at South Central Park.

President Corcoran: Mr. Mayor did you have something?

Mayor Gillock: Under the Council Committee reports there is a note that Council action is required on that.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Olesen to accept the Administrative Committee report dated June 15, 2015.

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

Yes - 6                      No - 0

President Corcoran: Now getting back to the second piece of correspondence.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to approve the expenditure on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department of \$3,200 from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund to install concrete bases around the new fitness equipment around South Central Park.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments? Mr. Boose.

Councilman Boose: As the Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, I do want to let Council know that the Commission did approve by split vote to expend the funds for this. Originally, the City was going to do it themselves, but apparently because of all the other things that are going on with the crews that do this type of work, they are working on the streets and roads that we need so badly to be improved, it was set back for a time and so, rather than have these things sitting, the majority of the Commission recommended that we expend the additional funds to have these things installed. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Anybody else? It was moved and seconded to approve the expenditure of those additional funds.

Yes - 6

No - 0

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

President Corcoran: Straight to new business. We have a liquor permit request.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Liquor Permit requests/renewals/transfers**

Clerk of Council Smith:

A request for a stock transfer from JV Stores, Inc. DBA KC Convenient, 33600 Center Ridge Road to On the Go Convenience, Inc.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Olesen to not request a hearing as stated in the application so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by July 20, 2015.

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, we have T 102.

**Ordinance and Resolution Submittals**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 102-2015** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LORAIN COUNTY  
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to suspend the By-laws to give T 102-2015 a first reading.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 102 has now been added to first readings. T 103.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 103-2015** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL  
CODE IN N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1426.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I am going to refer that to the Building and Lands Committee. T 104.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 104-2015** 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 SUBBASIN 11, 12 AND 13 SANITARY SEWER  
REHABILITATION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO  
EXCEED \$690,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, may I ask the Deputy Auditor, is that consistent with our budget?

Deputy Auditor Machovina: Yes it is. It was appropriated for in permanent appropriations and funded via the BAN's issue in June.

Councilman Keenan: I thought so. I thought we would just state that for the record.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to give T 104-2015 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President. The comment is that it is my understanding that what was approved during appropriations was the total \$690,000.00 but that also included phases one, two, three and four and so my question would be in moving this forward more quickly; can we start this project more quickly, because this is one of the things that we have been working on for a

number of years that helps mitigate some of the sedimentary back up because this is one of the things that we've done. If you recall, last year, we indicated that we were going to move these types of projects forward more quickly and so, I would certainly be in favor of moving this all the way to the top.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mr. Boose. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.  
Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 104 has now been added to first readings. T 105.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 105-2015** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 242.05: *SERVICE DEPARTMENT* AND DEFINING THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I am going to refer that to the Administrative Committee. T 106.

President Corcoran: T 106.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 106-2015** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 3268-97 AND 3710-2001, PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AND DEFINING THE ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I am going to refer that to the Administrative Committee as well. T 107.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 107-2015** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2725-93 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT AMENDMENT, BY CHANGING AND/OR ESTABLISHING THE PAY RATE SCALE OF THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: As this is related to the prior two, this will be referred to the Administrative Committee as well.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I would just like to make a comment on T 105, 106 and 107 in that 107 being the pay scale and 105 and 106 requiring the duties to be assigned. In so, as it comes to Committee, I think the duties to be assigned should come with it so that the Committee can look at all of them together. We'll have the duties and the pay scale and we'll be able to weigh it together.



President Corcoran: This began with different a version of these Ordinances in the Administrative Committee and that is what was just voted in the report and so that is why they are going back to that same Committee.

President Corcoran: T 108.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 108-2015** 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 THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A STUDY AND REPORT NECESSARY FOR THE CREATION OF A STORM WATER UTILITY, NOT TO EXCEED \$293,300.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Boose: Mr. President. I have a comment and question. It is my understanding that we did approve this in appropriations to be paid for by BAN's, correct?

Deputy Auditor Machovina: Correct.

Councilman Boose: My question then would be by moving this forward more quickly, can this, again, goes to the matter of how we can pay for the storm water management costs, can we get that on the fast track? Does that matter? Or can this I guess is the question.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, it's going to take several months to complete it anyway and so, the sooner we can get them working on it the sooner we can get it done. If we let it go two to three readings as is, in my opinion, will waste two months waiting when we've already approved the monies.

Councilman Boose: Even moving it forward more quickly is going to take several months. Certainly, we would like to have this information in time for appropriations next spring and we would not want to miss that opportunity.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to give T 108-2015 a first reading.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 108 has now been added to first readings. T 109.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 109-2015** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER FOR COST OVERRUNS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN DESIGN AND STREAM MITIGATION COORDINATION FOR THE LEAR NAGLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to give T 109-2015 a first reading.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 110.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 110-2015** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1210.04, *PUBLIC HEARINGS; NOTICE*.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 111.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 111-2015** A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION AND ACQUIRING, PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR ITS SITE.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock and Councilwoman Butkowski)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to give T 111-2015 a first reading.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President. In the last two years with the income tax issue we put on the ballot, with the surveys that Dr. Ron had done along with a lot of other discussions, it became clear that there was an interest in the community to replace the current fire house and the Fire Chief could speak more eloquently than me, but he is on vacation. So, I will mention a couple of things. We have firemen staying in a mobile trailer because we have taken over the quarters that were built with the building being built in 1957. Over the last few years we've addressed mold issues. We've addressed asbestos issues. We do not have a clean room for storage of sterilized equipment and bandages and so forth. We don't have a clean room for when they clean up accidents to clean equipment such as that. So we would like to put it on the ballot and give the residents the opportunity to vote on it and to do that is a two-step process. The first step is this Resolution, which simply submits the estimated millage to the County and they certify the

millage back to us. At the next meeting, we would have to pass an Ordinance to put it on the ballot. We have to move quickly on these. When you put things on the ballot they have to be there 90 days in advance of an election day. When you take our readings and so forth into consideration, we are always under the gun on these. If you drug one out and went through all the readings and hearings and so forth, you'd have to start an election before the one you want to put it on. This one, we would like passed this evening, with the emergency and then send it to the County Auditor to certify the millage. They have to get it back within ten business days and then we would look at the second Ordinance to put it on the ballot at the next Council meeting. Finally, the total amount that we are anticipating the Bond issue to raise over 20 years will be \$8.2 million, which we've broken down to the cost of the building, land acquisition, legal costs, contingencies, a whole lot of items go into that and based upon the tax duplicate of the City, we would be looking at a .84 mill levy to raise that amount of money and that would be based on our history where we did a couple of these less than \$30.00 a year for \$100,000 home. We will get into more details as we get into this and we can address the issue, but this is just to verify the millage to take us to the next step. Thank you.

Councilman Olesen: I would like to add to what the Mayor said. This building has been having leaking roof problems, electrical problems among all other problems that were outlined by the Mayor and storage problems. We have a lot of expensive equipment. We can hardly get in that building and there is just not enough space. Our firefighters, before they moved out, lived in this unsafe environment. Now they are in trailers out back. I think we need something that is good for our firefighters and something that this community will be proud of. Look at the other fire stations you see in other communities. They are big, they are spacious and they have a lot of equipment storage. We don't have that. We need that and I hope that the community will look favorably on this.

Councilwoman Johnson: Yes, I just wanted to say he's correct about that. It's long past due and just for everyone's information, I know there is going to be a lot more discussion coming down the road about this, but it is long past due and when it was built, it was built for our volunteer fire department and not what we have today. So, it has outlived its purpose.

Councilwoman Butkowski: I remember when that was built and everybody really liked it, but its old and its cruddy and no one in this City works in such a crappy place as where they do and when you're in trouble and you call the fire department, you want them to be on top and ready to go with all their equipment in perfect condition and believe me, they work really hard to do what they have to do with that crummy old building. We really do need something new.

Councilman Keenan: I know that I am a descending opinion, but it isn't about the value of the fire department. Since I have joined this Council, I have championed the need for a new fire house. That is not my issue. My issue is I desperately want it to pass when it comes forward and for us to start talking about rolling out a new fire house with a new tax, which a tax is going to be a bitter pill for the public to swallow and in my opinion, that anybody who thinks this is an easy slam dunk because people will have suggested that we need one, I think is missing a sediment of the City. So, what I want is for us to have an excellent plan. A plan that communicates to the

public where this will be built, when it needs to be open and why these two things and then the talk of what is in the building and a presentation by Council by the architectural company or whoever is championing the plans. I want this building. I want no one to misunderstand that I think we need it, but I want it to win. When it comes to the people, I want it to be successful and unless we roll this out in a top flight manner, I don't think it will. So, I will vote to move it forward to get the County to establish the funds based upon an \$8.2 million dollar budget. The next time it comes up, I will not vote for it unless I think it has a chance to succeed and so, that is my two cents.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President. I too will be voting to move this legislation forward. I did not sign on to introduce this legislation with some of the others because I did not know all the details. I still don't know all the details and I think that being able to sign on, you should know all the details and there are a lot of details that I'm not aware of. I'm not exactly sure where we got the \$8.2 million. I know that we have been talking about this for a number of years. This has come up in appropriations as a side conversation for a number of years, but I think we need to make sure that all of our ducks are in a row before we move forward with the public. We have had a very poor record recently of trying to pass new tax items with the voters, with the defeat of, though narrowly, the Center Ridge Road widening twice and the income tax once. When we last put those two items on the ballot, I asked what the plan is. In my business and in my personal life, I like to plan for success not hope for it and though there is a lot of good things that we have done both times to try to move that forward, we weren't successful. So, let's learn from our non success and let's try and put something together that is going to be successful. A lot of residents are just now getting over the initial shock of paying hundreds of dollars in additional property tax that I think they weren't used to with the new school being built. I think that was part of the issue the last time when we tried to put more taxes on. I am one in this room that totally believes we need to have a new fire station. I've also championed for that to have the people that work in that department to not only have to work in those conditions but to live in those conditions is horrible and unacceptable. On the other hand, we need to convince the majority of voters in that election that, that is the case. I also have no issue with something being built that will be good for the next twenty to twenty-five years and beyond because you have to be forward thinking. We need that space, we need the amenities that are not only going to do our firefighters service and justice, but the residents that they support. So, I am all in favor of the issue of building a new fire station, I would like to know where; I would like to know how; I would like to know what is in it and how better are we going to communicate what we all think is best to our residents that are going to vote on it. I think that is going to be the key. We need to make sure that they have the same passion; the same knowledge about the project as we do. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Anybody else? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.  
Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 111 has been added to first readings. T 112.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 112-2015** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR, AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to give T 112-2015 a first reading.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 112 has been added to first readings. T 113.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 113-2015** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO APPROVE, ADOPT, ENACT AND PUBLISH NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: That is the end of new business.

**RECESS:**

President Corcoran: Would anyone 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. First up we have T 101.

**FIRST READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 101-2015** A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PRIORITIES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 102.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 102-2015** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LORAIN COUNTY  
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 102.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President. I would just like to make a comment and then ask a question. I looked at that plan and it is an extremely thick, detailed document. I will quickly admit to not reading every page of it because it is about that thick. Although I did look through it, I just wanted to have the Administration comment on our City's participation in that plan so that everybody understands that we were actually a part of the formation of that plan.

Mayor Gillock: When the county was putting the hazard mitigation plan together, lots of that is dealing with the county and the townships and their storm water management, fire protection and it is all inclusive. Then there are certain sections that deal specifically with the municipalities and they did come out and meet with us. They sat down with Jeff and I and the Engineering Department. We went through various items on their list and we identified ways we would deal with it. For example with the storm water, part of it is establishing a storm water utility to pay for certain improvements and how those would help address those issues. So we were very involved in the North Ridgeville portion of it. That is how we were involved. We met with them and discussed our issues.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Specifically, if you to 1.7 and it talks about storm mitigation of homes, beyond that it goes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and there are specific items for North Ridgeville that the Mayor stated that was discussed. 1.7 is the mitigation of homes that meet the criteria of FEMA and the obligation of the City to move that forward as we've discussed for years to do. We now have that opportunity to try to move those kinds of mitigating circumstances forward using FEMA's criteria, which is a very complex application.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President. One question, was there anything that we wanted to have included that they didn't include?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: No, not that I'm aware of.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 102.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Olesen: Mr. President, in reference to all the people who may be affected by this, is this something that we want to get started quickly?

Mayor Gillock: This is not a specific mitigation plan for the homes that you are talking about. This is sort of a master plan for all natural hazards and how we would deal with them. Like all grants, you need a master plan to start before you can move to the next step. That is what this does. This gives us a baseline and from this we can proceed to the next step in dealing with FEMA.

President Corcoran: Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Resolution 1358-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 104

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 104-2015** 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 SUBBASIN 11, 12 AND 13 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$690,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings for T 104.

President Corcoran: 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 Olesen to adopt T 104.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to add the emergency clause for the health, safety and welfare of our residents in the community.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions on the emergency clause? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Ordinance 5263-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 108

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 108-2015** 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 THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A STUDY AND REPORT NECESSARY FOR THE CREATION OF A STORM WATER UTILITY, NOT TO EXCEED \$293,300.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings for T 108.

President Corcoran: 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 Olesen to adopt T 108.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to add the emergency clause for the health, safety and welfare of our residents in the community.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions on the emergency clause? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Ordinance 5264-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 109.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 109-2015** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER FOR COST OVERRUNS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN DESIGN AND STREAM MITIGATION COORDINATION FOR THE LEAR NAGLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00.



(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 109.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or 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 109.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Ordinance 5265-2015**.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 111.

Clerk of Council Smith: Excuse me for a second.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, while we are in a pause, I would just like to thank the Engineer for his details that he provided in the process and the details for T 110. It was helpful. Thank you.

City Engineer Wangler: T 109.

Councilman Keenan: T 109, that one too, thank you.

President Corcoran: T 111, please.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 111-2015** A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION AND ACQUIRING, PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR ITS SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock and Councilwoman Butkowski)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 111.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 111.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency in order to get this to the County in a timely fashion.

President Corcoran: All those in favor on the emergency clause say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Resolution 1359-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: Finally, we have T 112.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 112-2015** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR, AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

*(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)*

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 112.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 112.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency in order to meet the filing deadline with the County.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, all those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Ordinance 5266-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings - we have two. First up is T 96.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 96-2015**      AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4980-2012 REGARDING  
THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY.

*(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 06/15/2015)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the third reading for T 96.

President Corcoran: 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 Johnson to adopt T 96.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency as we have pending investment opportunities.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, all those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously with one absentee. It becomes **Ordinance 5267-2015.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: T 97.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 97-2015**      AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS  
LOCATED IN THE HAMPTON PLACE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AND  
DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

*(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 06/15/2015)*

President Corcoran: There are no third readings.

**THIRD READINGS:**              None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

President Corcoran: This brings us to our second lobby session of the meeting.

**LOBBY (Q&A - REGARDING ANY CITY BUSINESS):**

President Corcoran: This is your opportunity to address Council with something that is on your mind that is related to City business. You will be given three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice and when you approach the podium, state your name and address for the record. Is there anybody that would like to address Council this evening?

John Vrtachnik, 5553 Main Avenue: stated in the June Council meeting, Ordinance T 91-2015, part of it was to seek quotes for the purchase of a new Kubota utility vehicle for the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated he was a little confused that they were specific in a particular brand of utility vehicle and that there is more than one brand out there and also, one would consider where we have a company in town up on Lorain Road that sells those in the City and one would think that we would support the businesses in the City and asked why we wouldn't consider a Bobcat.

President Corcoran: There is a good reason. You guys want to say why?

Mayor Gillock: That is probably where we will go buy it.

Elaine Schroeder, 7416 Avon Belden Road: spoke regarding the parking situation on July 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked the Administration.

Theone Tsantes, 6602 Pitts Blvd.: asked what could be done for flood prevention stating that she lives on Pitts Blvd. She spoke her concerns of the number of floods and is glad that there have been some improvements made. The biggest concern for her is if the big pile of dirt isn't going to be removed from the back, what is going to be done right now before a flood happens again.

Mayor Gillock: To address the pile of dirt, we have expended \$2,500.00 in taxpayer dollars to retain a professional to look at it and see if it is contributing or not to the issues down there. We can't say, well they want a pile of dirt moved, which we don't own and is not on our property and spend tens of thousands just to remove it and so, we are having it looked at as far as the pile of dirt. If it is a problem as far as flooding then we have a lot of other issues that have to be addressed. We don't own it, EPA is involved, Army Corp of Engineers is involved, but we are trying to see what we can do with the pile of dirt if it is part of the problem. We have done other things besides cleaning ditches and keeping basins open. We met with the newspaper and they asked the same question. It took us an hour and a half with Max to explain to him some of the things we are doing. For example, we recently received a \$350,000 grant to redirect all the water that comes off the turnpike that goes right into that area. There is no retention on the turnpike. It comes down to Schaffer Ditch and makes a couple of turns and ends up at Pitts and Gina. That is millions of gallons that will be redirected to the Westfield detention or West Point detention.

Last year we completed restoring the Earthen Dam at Hersey Circle, which last Tuesday proved its worth. I was on Lear Nagle during that three inches of rain and Mills Creek was out of its banks and it was getting near Lear Nagle. It didn't go over Lear Nagle, but it did not go over to the Gina and Pitt's area as it always did in the past. They put the dam back and stopped that torrent of water going in that direction. This year we are also raising the rear where it discharges from the West Point Detention which will help in the same area. That is just a few examples of things that have been done and things that can be done. The bigger picture and the reason you saw legislation for the storm water utility is a Master Plan which redirects a huge amount of water from the French Creek to Mills Creek without causing flooding over there. That is a \$4 million dollar plan. We have to buy some land and install some tunnels and there are a lot of things that have to be done and as you point out, we don't have the money to do that and that is why we are looking at a storm water utility. There is a lot being done and as you said it is a long answer, but that is as brief as I can make it.

President Corcoran: It is something that we have been spending a lot of time and energy and effort on and there are multiple plans to deal with different storm water; whether it is sanitary, water or storm water and it is something that has consumed most of the time, energy and effort of all the City departments. It is something that is constantly being worked on. Is there anybody else that would like to address Council?

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. President. That did work out really great the way they blocked off traffic on Aurensen and made it much safer for everyone combined and I walked to the same area and it was amazingly different and a lot safer than it has ever been.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, I would like to just add to that. We have a planning meeting before the fireworks with the Police and the Fire because we knew the overflow of parking was saturated and we would not be able to park there and we knew the concerns on Aurensen, so we worked with the Police and the Fire Department to delineate some areas and put some signs up and I really appreciate what they did, but I really appreciate our residents understanding and we had no arrests or tickets on Aurensen. We didn't have to pull any vehicles out of the overflow that were stuck. So, I appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Councilman Boose: The Mayor mentioned in his remarks about the repaving of South Central parking lot and I have to tell you that if you haven't been down there, you have to see that. That is something that we have wanted to do for a number of years and as a matter of fact, the gentleman that used to sit in the back row here for a number of years, Bob Slovak, pushed for that for many, many years. We were finally able to get it and if you have not been down there to see how our City crews did that, please do so, it is amazing. Second thing I want to do is thank the City and Council for all that we have been doing in regards to the storm water management. A week ago, last weekend, when we had the rains on Friday, Saturday and into Sunday, my rain gauge measured three and a half inches and I started getting calls at four in the morning that Saturday and from four in the morning to about five in the afternoon, I was out there cleaning ditches with people. I want to say two things about that. One, I want to thank the people that were out there helping and already doing the ditch cleaning and making sure that the culverts and

the streets were clear. I can't tell you how many culverts I cleaned and I cleaned the same culverts over and over again, because I went down the streets throughout the afternoon, but there was a group of residents on Cornell at the north end by Lewis who took it upon themselves after they called me to clean about four ditches and when I got there because I was cleaning up somewhere else, when I got there it was almost done. I want to thank the residents who took it upon themselves to make sure that they were part of the process and not just sitting back waiting for the City for something to do. As we now, on the weekend, City crews are somewhat limited in getting out there to do everything that they can do during a normal work day. The other thing I want to say is we need to talk to those residents who don't do that. The Engineer makes comments almost every meeting about making sure that you don't put grass clippings in the ditches and that you don't put things near ditches that are going to accidentally fall in them and clog up something else because that really causes some problems. There were two places where we looked at the obstruction that was in the pipe, water flowed right through. What would it take, if we have a ditch on our property or if we know an elderly person that can't get down there, call the City. They will send someone out to take that obstruction out because they don't want that problem to take place. A lot of good things happened during that storm and I want to thank the City and the residents who helped take care of it.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President. A question to the Mayor. With respect to Aurensen and the Aurensen neighborhood; Aurensen being Noll and concerns about the connector road into the proposed Valore project, is there any kind of update you can share?

Mayor Gillock: Only that he brought in an alternate plan and we are discussing and negotiating where that might go.

Councilman Keenan: No timeline.

Mayor Gillock: No. He hasn't responded to my last contact yet.

Councilman Keenan: The other thing is I was contacted last week by a resident in Meadow Lakes who was talking about a neglected property where the property owner had moved out. I went out and took a look and followed up with the Administration and had responses back from Paul Blanchette and from Chief Freeman. The people moved out and the house is probably going back to the bank and they left a cat behind. It's a mess frankly and so, I've gotten back to the people and they understand that the neighbors need to contact the Animal Protective League, but really the underlying issue there is what do we do, as a City, to enforce these dilapidated or left homes that they just let go to hell? The interesting thing that absolutely startled me was Paul Blanchette's response was that in the last eight days he received nearly 220 calls on violations and Paul is one man who has the task of following up on the zoning enforcements. One guy answering 220 claims in eight days is a pretty tough mountain. What I think we need to do is figure out what our resources are and how are we going to skin this cat? I believe it is a priority for the citizens. How are we going to solve this problem? It is really resources. We are going to have to figure out a way to respond and then put some teeth into these people who are not maintaining their property. A specific thing for me personally is I drive around and I see where

people own vacant parcels and they let them go to weeds and the people on the right and the people on the left have this weed overgrown lot and I know personally, in my ward, who is a developer of residential properties and these are lots that didn't sell; you know, he owns a whole bunch of them all over the place and I think we need to take action to crack down on the people who are basically holding investment properties but not spending the money to maintain their investment and so, who is left behind suffering, is just the average homeowner on that street. I have a few ideas on this, but I think it is something that we need to take on as a Council and work with the Administration and think how we can support the Administration with creative solutions to be more responsive on claims, but not staff up and add eight more people. We can't do that and so, if you have any comments to that. I just want to share my concerns.

Mayor Gillock: Years ago, when I was on Council, it used to be the City would send a certified letter and give them ten days to clean their property. Now we give them five days to get it mowed. We do have the ability that when the City mows we add that cost to their real estate taxes. It is a long arduous process, a lot of paperwork for Paul as you pointed out. He is getting 220 calls in a short period of time and he is one man. We could certainly use another man, but we all know we can't afford that. If we had another man, we could address more of these property code violations, which we did adopt the National Property Code, which lets us address issues from peeling paint to gutters falling off, but we only have one man doing it. You did hit on an issue that is really beyond our control and that's when someone who has a mortgage and abandons the property. When that happens and we know that for sure, we can go in and board it up and begin the mowing process so, some day when that structure goes to Sheriff's sale or weed through the Lorain County Land Bank and sometimes we will tear them down if they are really that bad. There is a point where somebody takes off and they aren't paying the mortgage or they mailed the keys back or whatever and the bank is not taking ownership back, it still belongs to that missing person. We are caught in the middle where we have nobody we can contact or go after. In those cases, it is typical that we would go in and for safety board up the doors and we will do minimum mowing. We won't go in and manicure it, but try to keep it mowed and then go through the process of putting it on their taxes, which takes up more of Paul's time. So it is a problem. That one issue there like the one we are talking about, they are still the legitimate owner, but we can't get a hold of them and we do what we can with it.

Councilman Keenan: I did share that feedback back to the neighbors and they appreciated it very much. I guess what I think is that somebody has to take care of that property and if it is a case where that becomes a City burden until such time as some ownership or entity is identified and we can collect from them, that is the sort of thing that is in the City's best interest to preserve neighborhoods and neighborhood values, City values, City reputation, etc., etc. I do think it deserves our attention and that is really why we are bringing it up. It is a significant issue for many people in this City.

Councilman Olesen: Sometimes we have to know why a property is not being maintained. I ran into a heartbreaking case in my ward where a veteran with that syndrome; I can't remember what it is called, and lost his job and couldn't do the work around his house. In that case what do you do? You tell the caller to call the VFW to see if they can help. You call the Veterans

Association to see if they can help. This happens for various reasons and you can't always jump on a person and say you are in trouble; you are neglecting your property. I have had many lawns mowed through Paul and it was put on the tax duplicate which has to be paid before they move. But, you need to know where you are going on these things often.

Councilman Keenan: I agree.

Councilman Boose: Yes, Paul does a great job. Whenever I call on an issue; whether it is a lawn or a hanging gutter, they take care of it. As an example to what Terry just talked about, Jeff and I were in discussions about a property on Center Ridge Road that was in disarray by the ownership. Some were owned by the state and some were owned by the property owner and some, who knows who they were owned by and in the meantime, grass is growing and we need to do something with BP right now as that looks terrible up there, but in this conversation with Jeff, I said at some point someone has to take responsibility for it. I don't care, in trying to find who owns it, I don't care if the state owns it, if we own it, or the previous owner who has left now owned it because they were forced to leave, the City took responsibility and they took care of it and I appreciate that. That just goes to show that is one thing that we could maybe work on for the residential side of it as well.

Mayor Gillock: I just wanted...Bob is right, but there is no more compassionate employee in this City than Paul Blanchette when it comes to dealing with these people. He is really good, but you have to do what you have to do. You mentioned BP and I'm glad you did. We are aware of that situation. Safety-Service Director Armbruster got into an argument with BP ownership two weeks ago over that same issue. We met with ODOT last week to ascertain when we get ownership of that corner. As soon as we get it, those bushes are coming out.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: I would also like to...yes, I did kind of lose my cool. I'm in the business and you all know that and it is maddening to me to see a facility like that in such a beautiful area of the City and it is not maintained and that is my statement on that. Going back to Paul, even though there are 220 or how many you saw that he had, rest assured when Paul Blanchette is in the field, there is an absolute written record of everything that is out there and I want you to know that 220 or 300, you can go now to Zonepro and actually see the written record of how many times and who he spoke to and all the way through that process because we absolutely need that if we ever have to go to court as Andy is looking for that process of it and knowing what Ordinances, he does and he does just an outstanding job. We are certainly not asking for anybody else, just recognize that we have one person down there and he does a great job.

Councilwoman Johnson: I'm sorry something just popped in my head when we were giving out kudos to people. I wanted to make a comment about our cameraman here and I wanted to say that and I just thought it should be noted that he took everyone's picture for the wall and I just thought it was kind of neat that he made sure he had a coupon to use for the matting at Michaels. He wouldn't go without this coupon. I just want to say that is commendable.



David and Michelle Dudik, 33942 Gregory Avenue: thanked Paul Blanchette and Council member Dr. Ron Arndt for helping resolve their concern with a neighbor who is attempting to have an excavation business. He gave his appreciation of all that has been done and is looking forward to an inspection that is coming later this week. He expressed the concern of his neighbors regarding his incident.

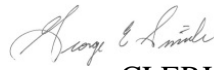
**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: Thank you. All right, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53P.M.

Approval of minutes:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL