

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Corcoran with the Pledge to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Holly Swenk, Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Jason Jacobs, and Georgia Awig.

(Clerk notes: Martin DeVries attended through zoom as a non-voting member.)

Also present was Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam, CMC and Auditor April Wilkerson.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Corcoran opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to nominate Jason Jacobs as President of the North Ridgeville City Council.

Mayor Corcoran asked if there were any other nominations for President of Council. No additional nominations were offered.

Mayor Corcoran asked the Clerk to take a roll call vote on the nomination.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran congratulated President Jacobs and asked him to take his seat. President Jacob expressed that he is an honored to be the President of Council and he looks forward to working with everyone.

CLERK OF COUNCIL:

President Jacobs opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of Council.

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to nominate Nancy Linden as Clerk of Council for the City of North Ridgeville.

President Jacobs asked if there were any other nominations for Clerk of Council. No further nominations were offered.

President Jacobs took a voice vote and the motion carried to appoint Nancy Linden as Clerk of Council.

Yes – 6

No - 0

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO-TEM:

President Jacobs opened the floor for nominations for President of Council Pro-Tem.

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to nominate Bruce Abens as President Pro-Tem.

President Jacobs asked if there were any other nominations.

President Jacobs asked the Clerk for a roll call vote on the nomination of Bruce Abens to the position of President Pro-Tem.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Bruce Abens is now President Pro-Tem.

AUDITOR:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to appoint April Wilkerson as the Auditor to a 2-year term.

President Jacobs asked if there were any other nominations.

President Jacobs asked the Clerk for a roll call vote on the nomination of April Wilkerson as the Auditor to a 2-year term.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Jacobs announced that April Wilkerson is now the Auditor for a 2-year term.

HOUSE BILL 9 APPOINTMENT FOR COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR:

President Jacobs explained that the reason for the appointment is to appoint someone as the Mayor and the City Council's designee to attend the required Sunshine Law training.

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to nominate Fijabi Julien-Gallam as the House Bill 9 representative for City Council and the Mayor.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Fijabi Julien-Gallam is now House Bill 9 Representative.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES ASSIGNMENTS:

President Jacobs announced the following Committee assignments:

Administrative Committee:

Chair Bruce Abens with members Martin DeVries and Clifford Winkel.

Buildings & Lands Committee:

Chair Clifford Winkel with members Bruce Abens and Holly Swenk.

Finance Committee:

Chair Martin DeVries with members Bruce Abens and Dennis Boose.

Safety Committee:

Chair Holly Swenk with members Bruce Abens and Martin DeVries.

Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee:

Chair Georgia Awig with members Dennis Boose and Holly Swenk.

Utilities Committee:

Chair Dennis Boose with members Georgia Awig and Clifford Winkel.

COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Board of Tax Review:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to appoint Paul Haney to the Board of Tax Review.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Paul Haney was now reappointed to the Board of Tax Review.

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to appoint Todd Eldridge to the Board of Tax Review.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Todd Eldridge was now reappointed to the Board of Tax Review.

Planning Commission:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to nominate Bruce Abens as Council liaison to the Planning Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Bruce Abens was now the Council liaison for Planning Commission.

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to nominate Holly Swenk as the Planning Commission alternate liaison.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Holly Swenk was now the alternate Council liaison for Planning Commission.

Board of Building and Zoning Appeals Liaison:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Awig to nominate Clifford Winkel as the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals liaison.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Clifford Winkel was now the Council liaison for Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

Parks & Recreation Commission:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to nominate Dennis Boose as the Parks and Recreation Commission Council liaison.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Dennis Boose was now the Council liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Board of Drainage & Flood Control:

President Jacobs announced that the Chair of the Buildings and Lands Committee (Clifford Winkel), Chair of the Utilities Committee (Dennis Boose), Chair of the Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges Committee (Georgia Awig) and the Council Ward representatives would serve as members on this Board.

President Jacobs asked for the first appointment to Ward 1.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Paul Balog as the Ward 1 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the second appointment to Ward 1.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Rayborn Ford as the Ward 1 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the first appointment to Ward 2.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to reappoint Ed Dunham as the Ward 2 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the second appointment to Ward 2.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to reappoint Michael Borow as the Ward 2 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the first appointment to Ward 3.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Kenneth Wilson as the Ward 3 representative to the Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the second appointment to Ward 3.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Brendan McCool as the Ward 3 representative to the Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Kenneth Wilson asked for the first appointment to Ward 4.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to reappoint William Gardner as the Ward 4 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs asked for the second appointment to Ward 4.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to reappoint James Cleveland as the Ward 4 representative to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Board of Trustees to govern the use of the Multi-Purpose Room:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to appoint Georgia Awig as Council's representative to the Board of Trustees.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Georgia Awig was now the representative to the Board of Trustees to govern the use of the Multi-Purpose Room.

Tax Abatement Review Board:

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Awig to appoint Bruce Abens as Council's representative to the Tax Abatement Review Board.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs announced that Bruce Abens was now the Council representative to the Tax Abatement Review Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 18, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nancy Linden
CLERK OF COUNCIL