

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall caucus room, 13834 Ridge Road on **January 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: President of Council Vincent Gentile, Council Representatives John Nickell, Gary Petrusky, Don Willey, Mike Farrell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Dan Kasaris, Legislative Services Director Laura Haller, Mayor Robert A. Stefanik, Law Director Thomas A. Kelly, Finance Director Karen Fegan, Building Commissioner Rito Alvarez, Wastewater Supt. Timothy Tigue, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Fire Chief Michael Fabish, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Service Director Kris Kamps, Recreation Director Ed Swim, Office on Aging Director Judith Willey.

Agenda reviewed.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road on **January 20, 2009, in regular session.** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President of Council Vincent Gentile and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Vincent Gentile, Council Representatives John Nickell, Gary Petrusky, Don Willey, Mike Farrell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Dan Kasaris, Legislative Services Director Laura Haller.

Administration: Mayor Robert A. Stefanik, Law Director Thomas A. Kelly, Finance Director Karen Fegan, Building Commissioner Rito Alvarez, Wastewater Supt. Timothy Tigue, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Fire Chief Michael Fabish, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Service Director Kris Kamps, Recreation Director Ed Swim, Office on Aging Director Judith Willey.

ABSENT: Police Chief Paul Bican, Community Development Director Thomas Jordan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of minutes: January 6, 2009.
- b. Legislation:

RESOLUTION 09-01

Introduced by: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF KURT MCKEE.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 09-02

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF VICTOR BULL AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 09-03

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL F. MCCARTHY AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 09-04

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF NEIL E. PRICE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 09-05

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN RANUCCI AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 09-06

Introduced by: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JEFFERY A. SKOCZEN AS A POLICE OFFICER IN THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

ORDINANCE 09-07

Introduced by: Petrusky, Willey, Kasaris. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINDA M. ADAMS, OWNER OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 12000 EDGERTON ROAD, PPN 483-16-007 FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF A SANITARY SEWER CHECK VALVE LOCATED ON SAID PARCEL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

- No one in the audience wished to have a legislative item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.
- No one on Council wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **excuse Mr. Farrell from voting on the minutes of January 6, 2009.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None.** (Excused: Farrell). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Willey to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee for those legislative items on the Consent Agenda.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **adopt the Consent Agenda as presented and read.**

Mr. Kasaris said that with the passage of Resolution 09-06, we will now have replaced two of the five police officers who retired between 2005 and 2007. Mr. Kasaris wished to commend the Mayor and Council for recognizing the importance of safety in our community and in beginning to bring our Police Department back to an appropriate level of protection so that North Royalton can continue to be a safe community in which to both live and work.

Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stefanik stated that beginning in February, the Administration is going to present Council with the 2009 budget for their consideration. It is hoped that with the help of City Council we will be able to search for areas in the budget where we will be able to save money due to the financial situation facing all communities this year. We are taking this very seriously, and we are going to continue to run as lean as we did in 2008. There were quite a few cost saving measures implemented in 2008, one example being the Law Department. We asked them to do more in-house and they responded in a big way and have saved us approximately \$50,000 by keeping the legal work in-house and not farming it out to outside firms. Also, we began a few internal audits last year, such as our phone system, printing services and computer systems. We have already implemented changes to the phone systems resulting in cost savings and we hope to continue this with the printing services and computer systems early this year. Our Finance Department is looking at a new software upgrade early this year that will enable us to do business within departments more efficiently and at a lower cost to the taxpayers. Mayor Stefanik said that with the help of Council, we will work through this budget process and by the end of 2009 we will continue to run in the black.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: No reports.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mr. Gentile stated that today we witnessed the inauguration of a new President and a peaceful change of power. He hopes that we all get behind this President and move our great nation forward in the face of the trying economic times to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets Committee – Mr. Nickell welcomed the boy scouts who were in attendance this evening and gave a brief overview of the Committee/Council meeting process.

All Committees, Boards, and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings. All meetings are held at City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road, unless otherwise noted. A complete meeting schedule is available from the Council Office. ***Any changes to the regular schedule of Council or committee meetings are noted below.***

LEGISLATION

THIRD READING CONSIDERATION: No Action: 07-107.

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 09-08

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF SOUTH SHORE ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE YORK ROAD FIELDS EXPANSION PHASE 2, LIGHTING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,000 AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Certificate of Availability of Funds has been signed by the Finance Director stating that funds are available or are in the process of being collected in the **Recreation Capital Improvement Fund #31.**

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Willey to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **adopt Ordinance 09-08.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 09-09

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AREA DETENTION BASIN PROJECT, CHESAPEAKE AREA GREGORY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, CEDAR ESTATES SEWER REPLACEMENT/UPSIZING PROJECT, PAMELA AND PARKDALE SEWER PROJECT, AVALON AREA CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, BIRO DITCH PROJECT, CADY ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT, AND STATE AND ROYALTON GOODMAN DRIVE CULVERT PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

The Fiscal Officer's Certificate has been signed by the Finance Director, was presented to Council prior to their consideration of this Ordinance and is on file in the Council Office.

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Willey to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adopt Ordinance 09-09.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Paul Marnecheck, 13811 Oakbrook Drive, Apt. 312, North Royalton addressed Council. Mr. Marnecheck commended the city administration for the job they did in keeping our roadways clear during the recent snow event. He felt that North Royalton's roads were much better maintained than those in surrounding communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to adjourn the January 20, 2009, City Council Meeting.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Council Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED /s/ Vincent A. Gentile DATE APPROVED: February 3, 2009
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES