

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 28, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service/Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances Aubrey Tufts of 10333 Northfield Rd, Northfield OH 44067 spoke regarding an issue they are having at the day care. On the evenings and weekends there are people going onto the day care playground and dogs are playing in there and also doing their business there. Ms. Tufts said that they contacted Fire Chief Vojtush immediately to see what could be done, since they are not allowed to lock the fences around the playground. Chief Vojtush said that they discussed this about removing the entire fire lane when the playground was first done. Chief Vojtush said that they did a set of drawings and turned them in, to leave a certain amount of space on each end so that they could get a fire truck in for emergency access. They talked about leaving the gates open for fire truck access, but half of the time there are cars parked there, and they are to be kept clear for access to the building. Ms. Tufts asked if the police patrol a little more, Chief Wentz said that they are. Sergeant Mackie said maybe a motion light. Ms. Tufts said last time they were at the council meeting they discussed Kim's Kitchen and how well it was doing, and one week later a tax man showed up at their business. Ms. Tufts said she wanted to assure everyone that they are paying taxes on their employees. Mayor Milani said that there was an inquiry and Mr. Riedel and himself looked into it and that they are doing everything correct and that there is no problem.

Mayor Milani has been meeting with an physical therapy business that is looking to move into the Bevan building the January or February of next year, and he met with Tom Bevin and the deal is almost 99% done. There is an interest in the National City bank building. Scorchers has a new owner, Joe Lang and Mayor Milani will be meeting with him tomorrow afternoon. Mayor Milani and Mr. Riedel have been crunching budget numbers and they can only work on what they have and not predict what the Village businesses will do in the future. Mayor Milani said that after going through the department heads 2010 budgets, \$300,000 needs to be cut out of that budget. Mayor Milani told all department heads to try and cut back as much over time as possible, even if it is in the budget. Mayor Milani said if everyone can do without purchasing, and the more we can carry over to next year, the better. Mayor Milani said that the economy is finally catching up to us, and we need to be as fiscally prudent as possible. The ambulance billing is over what we thought it would be so that is good. There was talk of purchasing carpet in the Village Hall for this year and obviously that is a luxury and that purchase will be put off. Mayor Milani said over the next 6 months we need to be as fiscally prudent here as possible.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Financial Statements October 2009 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Police Chief Wentz said that the trick or treating is on October 31st from 6p-8p, and the police department fright night at the Village Hall will be from 5:30p-8:30p, and he received many donations from various people. The department has been frequently on Vincent Avenue due to spray painting again. Mr. Walters asked if the cameras caught anything on tape, and Chief Wentz said no. Chief Wentz said that he and Sergeant Mackie have been down there frequently. There have been problems at the bus stops on Vincent also that they have been dealing with.

Service and Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters said that the leaf pickup program will start on November 4th and run through December 2nd. They are dedicating one week per each ward this year. Some wards might get one pickup per week or multiple depending on how time goes, but we will pickup no later than December 2nd. Mr. Walters said that Electric Blvd and Lowrie pump station projects are started. Electric Blvd is going real well and he is real happy with that crew there. He has been spending a lot of time at both projects. They are on Vincent right now for the Lowrie project. They will be doing that phase first and then cross over to Walton Hills and working there and then moving back to

Lowrie pump station and move everything towards Vincent to finish. Mr. Walters said that he spoke with Mayor Milani regarding putting on a 5th full-time man in his 2010 budget. Mr. Walters said that he understand monetarily that this is not feasible, but we have to do something. There is no way that four employees can take care of the Village with the snow plowing, the sewer and other projects going on. Last year Mr. Walters said they had five men last year, with a part-timer. Mr. Walters said that he has a resident who works for Hertz currently who is interested in this position. What Mr. Walters asked for approval to have a man in place who can help, because it is not possible for 4 employees to cover the winter snow. They have a rule for working 12 hrs and you are finished for the day, unless he gets approval. Mr. Walters said that just like the finances for the Village can't be predicted, he can't predict the winter weather. Mayor Milani asked what Mr. Walters budgeted the part-time man at for plowing. Mr. Walters said 24 hrs per week, part-time man making \$12 per hour and we used him for the full 24 hrs unless we had approval from Council to exceed those hours to 30 or 40 hrs if snow storms arose. Mr. Walters was hoping to move one of the summer employees into this position. The summer employee that is left, will be gone once leaf pickup is done until next year. Mr. Riedel said that if Mr. Walters budgeted for a part-time seasonal snow plow employee so he can still do that for \$12 per hour. Mr. Walters said that with talking with people regarding this position, he needs a experienced snow plower. Mayor Milani said that this needs to be done soon. Mr. Walters said that it is time to replace the carpet, so he talked to Carpet Country regarding commercial carpet to get a quote and they suggested commercial carpet tiles. Mr. Walters said he asked Mr. Riedel if the money was in the budget at the end of the year can we do this, and he said yes if it is there. Mr. Lewis asked what the cost of cleaning the carpet is. Mr. Walters said last January the traffic areas were cleaned and it didn't really make a difference. Mrs. Bowen asked if the outside of the building at the top of our list, and Mr. Walters said yes there are many things on the list. Mr. Lewis asked what was the quote, and Mr. Walters said around \$3,100 for carpet tile. Mr. Barber said that in his work place they have the carpet tiles, and when there were bad spots you change out the tile and remove and replace them and then they don't match. Mrs. Bowen that in the beginning of the summer a few residents on May Ave requested to have patch work done in front of their driveways and they are still waiting to have it done. Mr. Walters said yes they are, and he is trying to do more than just patch since it won't hold. Mr. Walters said he is still patching the roads, and was over there with Mr. Wasosky the other day. Mr. Walters said that tomorrow he would go to 142 May Ave and put patch down. Mayor Milani told Mr. Walters that over the next week or so if he could get the name of the person he would like to hire for the part-time season plow man.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush said that the fire trucks will be out during trick or treating and the information regarding santa is on the website. Mayor Milani asked if Chief Vojtush had heard anything regarding the bid for Walton Hills. Chief Vojtush said that all bids were rejected and they will be re-listed and he heard that they might do their own EMS with fire only. Chief Wentz asked when Walton Hills wanted this done, and Chief Vojtush said by the first of the year they have to have a contract in place. Mayor Milani said that heard Walton Hills, Oakwood Village and Glenwillow are talking about doing a fire and safety district.

Mrs. Greenlee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance-2009-52, An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of October, 2009. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carrier with 5 ayes.

Mr. Walters said to Mrs. Bowen said if anyone on Council asks him to do something and he doesn't do it right away, he said to remind him again and don't wait.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the website is up and running and have had many comments so far. Jason and Lisa said that many contractors have been using it for the forms. Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Nehez all of his hard work that he put into the new website.

Mr. Barber of Wages and Working has no report at this time.

Mr. Lewis of Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-53, An emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 290 of the Codified Ordinances relating to court costs. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis, it carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It passed with 5 ayes.

In the New business, Fire Chief Vojtush's twins, Addison and Andrew were born on October 17th. Mayor Milani and Mrs. Greenlee suggested that Council move the November 25th council meeting to November 24th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. A motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

In the Old business, Mr. Nehez said that Mr. Bryan had given changes on the building codes. Mrs. Greenlee said that she hasn't even gotten a chance to look at them. Mayor Milani said that with new Council coming in he feels that we need to put off decisions until after the new year. Mayor Milani sent condolences to Police Detective Ed Carlile's family also.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council