

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2007 Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that Scorchers is tentatively set to hold a "soft" opening on February 9th and a grand opening on the 11th. World Wine and Liquors will reopen at the former Arby's location within a month, and a new tanning facility will take over the former one. The Title Bureau promises to open in the near future, and the Clark building is for sale for \$300,000.00. There are reportedly prospects for the former Gabriel Brothers and National City Bank spaces. Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed to Council copies of December, 2007 and year-end financial statements and bank reconciliations. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to accept the statements as submitted. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: Houghton Road outlet sewer replacement, to be advertised for bids on January 10th and 17th; Meadow Lane Development, LLC post-construction storm water treatment; Phase II of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, to begin in May, 2008; and Mr. Wasosky's engineering contract for 2008. A motion to put the Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Replacement Project out for bids was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes. A motion to add Resolution 2008-09 (continuing Rich Wasosky's engineering contract) to the agenda was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It also carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mr. Noack seconded, and the engineering contract was approved with 6 aye votes.

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced Summit County Council President Nick Kostandaras, who spoke about cooperation and availability as the means to getting things done and urged the Village to contact him regarding any problems with the County Building Department.

Brad read Resolution 2008-05, an emergency Resolution confirming the appointment of Jason Bocskey as a Part-Time Fire Fighter with the Village's Fire Department. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-06, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Robert Brulinski as a Part-Time Fire Fighter. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It also carried with 6 aye votes. Brad read Resolution 2008-07, confirming the appointment of Vincent Kapsandy as a Part-Time Fire Fighter. Mrs. Greenlee moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was also made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The appointment was confirmed with 6 aye votes. Last but not least was Brian Vollman's (Resolution 2008-08) appointment as a Village Fire Fighter. A motion to suspend the rules and a motion for passage were both made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. Both carried with 6 ayes. Chief Vojtush administered the oath of office to the four new Fire Fighters, stating that they will be an asset to the Department, and they were duly congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

Police Chief Mark Wentz reported that the Department is still looking at possible part-time candidates and that he anticipates donations to the Department from the Moose Lodge and from Northfield Park. There were no reports from the Fire or Service Departments

There will be no Planning Commission meeting in January. The Finance Committee is set to meet prior to the Council meeting at 6:30 PM on January 23rd. There will be a Council work session on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 PM. The purchase of a Police cruiser will be discussed at that time. Bob and the Mayor urged completing 2008 departmental budgets as soon as possible, and the Mayor stated that purchases must be tempered, as a 24-hour Fire Department is the first priority and its cost is an unknown. There were no reports from Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare or Fire and Safety. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that his committee is discussing improvements to banners and to the Service garage. He will contact Bedford about the banners. Mr. Barber of Wages and Working reported that Resolutions 2008-02, -03 and -04 dealing with wages are on tonight's agenda. At this time, Brad read Resolution 2008-02, an emergency Resolution approving a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the OPBA. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the agreement was approved with 6 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-03, an emergency Resolution pertaining to the rate of pay for certain employees. Mrs. Bowen moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the raises were approved with 6 aye votes. Last was Resolution 2008-04, pertaining to the Director of Law's hourly rate. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the hourly rate was approved with 6 aye votes.

The last piece of legislation on the agenda was Resolution 2008-01, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Finance Director and Law Director to renew the Village's agreement with the Legal Defender's Office of Summit County for indigent representation in Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court. Mrs. Greenlee moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was also made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 aye votes. There was no Old or New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council