

# **The Village of Northfield**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **January 13, 2010**

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 5 ayes, Mrs. Bowen abstained.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani said that there is a ribbon cutting ceremony next Wednesday, January 20th at 10a at the Gold and Silver Exchange if Council would like to attend. Mayor Milani said that everyone should have the finance report and last year we carried over \$610,000 in the general fund, and this year we are carrying over a little under \$500,000.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the the bank reconciliations and financial statements as submitted for December 2009. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report at this time. (See attached) Mr. Wasosky said that regarding the carry over monies, the contractor's first bill for the Lowrie pump station came in December and it was approved and forwarded to the state in December, but they didn't pay it until January. The same went for the Electric Blvd/Rosewood fourth invoice. The person at the state that handled it was off on maternity leave. Mr. Riedel said that is the reason for the increase in the appropriation for this year, even though it should have gone against last year. Mr. Nehez asked if the road and the telephone pole going to Lowrie pump station would be removed, Mr. Wasosky said for now it is used, it makes it easier to access the pump station. Mayor Milani asked which project do we not have the money to move forward on, and Mr. Riedel said that it is the Beech to Houghton Rd, and we will get the grant, but the Village doesn't have the money this year to proceed. Mr. Wasosky said he will try to hold the grant back for a year.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Mayor Milani said that there is an issue on Vincent Ave. Chief Wentz said that 74 Vincent Ave., has been vacant for awhile. A member of the planning commission contacted Chief Wentz regarding a group home going into 74 Vincent for recovering alcoholics. Chief Wentz said that today he drove to the residence and there was someone there since he saw tire tracks and a person in the window. Chief Wentz contacted Jason Walters today to see if the point-of-sale violations were taken care of and if an occupancy was requested and Mr. Walters said no. Chief Wentz spoke with a man at the residence who said that there are five men living there, and they were given permission by Jim Adams to live there. Chief Wentz told them that they needed to contact the owner regarding him obtaining an occupancy permit. Chief Wentz said that Lisa Rodriguez explained to him that Jim Adams, did contact her, regarding coming in to the office on Tuesday to assume the violations and apply for an occupancy, after she received all of the information on who is living there and what the purpose of the group home, at Jason Walters request. Mayor Milani said that he spoke with Jim Adams this afternoon regarding this property, and Mr. Adams told Mayor Milani that he owns properties within the Village. Mayor Milani asked him if on any of these other properties, did he ever have a point of sale inspection or apply for an occupancy? Mr. Adams said, no all of these properties were purchases during Mayor Consolo's term. Mayor Milani explained to him that we do things by the book. Mr. Bolek suggested with an individual such as Mr. Adams, we should not issue an occupancy permit until all of the violations at cleared up. Mr. Bolek also asked if there is a statute that there is a penalty for someone who occupies a house without an occupancy permit. Mayor Milani said, sure. Mr. Bolek said that we should go after him on each of these other properties. Mr. Bryan said you have to be careful with certain situations, but don't issue the occupancy until we meet with him on Tuesday to discuss. Chief Wentz said that the Eaton Estate residents were complaining about a resident on May Ave. setting up a cardboard box for their kids to play in. The resident that lives right by it, was complaining that it was on Eaton Estate property and it is in between the common area. So Chief Wentz told them that they need to move this and they did. Chief Wentz said that the new cruiser is in and on the road, which replaced #838 and now is #832. The white care is going to Mayor Milani, and a buyer is setup for either the white car or Mayor Milani's current

black car which ever one that they mayor doesn't want. Mayor Milani asked how much would we be selling the car for and Chief Wentz said no more than \$1,000.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report at this time.

Mayor Milani gave thanks to Jason Walters and the service department for the excellent job they have been doing with snow plowing working around the clock.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that there will be a Finance Committee meeting at 6:30p on January 27, 2010. Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2010-01, An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the 2010 temporary appropriation ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee said that the minor vehicle problems that Ryan August fixed. They have used about 300 tons of salt and the guys have done a great job. As of yesterday, Jason said that they have 25 tons of salt left and he has been calling the salt company every day and giving him the run around. Mr. Bolek said how much do we get when we get it and Mr. Noack said he's not sure. Jason keeps calling every day to try and get the salt delivered. Mayor Milani said his only concern would be the freezing rain that is forecast over the next couple days.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee asked for a motion for to purchase three frames from Pat Catan's for \$306.03 for the three documents for the wall at Village Hall, 6 ayes and motion carried. The 75th anniversary seals are in and Mrs. Selle is working on letterhead. Mr. Nehez also asked for a work session to discuss the 75th anniversary celebration, maybe before the next council meeting.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working had no report at this time.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

There was no Old or New business. Mrs. Greenlee wanted to commend the Plaza barber shop, Northfield Inn and Nemeth Plumbing for being in business for 50 years. Mayor Milani said that we should do a proclamation to honor their achievement. Mr. Bolek said that while he has been driving around the Village he has noticed that there are many signs up for businesses that are no longer there and their signs need to be taken down. Mayor Milani will address the situation with Jason Walters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

**Respectfully Submitted by;** \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

**Attest:**

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council