

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 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. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 Regular Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani extended his condolences and those of Council to Fire Lt. Scott Selle, whose father passed away over the weekend. The Mayor then reported that Scorchers is having "issues" and will probably not be able to hold its opening on February 9th as previously planned.

Finance Director Bob Riedel asked for a motion accepting the December, 2007 Mayor's Court disbursal report (attached). Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had forwarded to him a new schedule of charges, which needs some clarification before being put before Council. The legislation will be ready for the next Council meeting. The Mayor added that the launching of the Fire Department's 24/7 operation is set for Monday, February 4th.

There was no Planning Commission report. Mrs. Greenlee stated that one of the Planning members had come to the Town Hall for a copy of the Ordinance relating to smoking on outdoor patios, whereupon Mayor Milani stated that all Planning members should have copies.

At this time, Brad read Ordinance 2008-10, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of January, 2008. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 5 aye votes.

There were no reports from Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare, Wages and Working or Fire and Safety. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that his committee is looking into an architect for the service garage and an electrical engineer to rewire the Town Hall. The Mayor brought up Jason's January 17th letter to Plaza Management and Howard Shafron's response, which among other statements denying responsibility, claimed that he had never promised a tree buffer zone along North Plaza Drive. Copies of both letters are attached.

Jason Walters reported that he had interviewed a qualified secretarial candidate for the Service/Building Departments. She would work a 24-hour week. Pending passage of a drug screen, her hiring would probably go before Council at its February 27th meeting. Jason then outlined the Department's need for another used bucket truck (2000 or newer at a cost of up to \$35,000.00), as the current one is in need of expensive repairs.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-11, an emergency Resolution authorizing an amendment to the OPBA contract relating to the accumulation of unused sick leave. Mr. Nehez moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. It also carried with 5 aye votes.

At this juncture, Mayor Milani announced that Police Sgt. John Zolgus sustained a broken collarbone and will be inactive for 5 to 6 weeks. There was no Fire Department report, but Gary confirmed readiness for starting 24/7 operation on February 4th, adding that 4 to 6 new firefighters may be hired.

The last piece of legislation on the agenda was Ordinance 2008-12, an emergency Ordinance establishing Section 246.09 of the Codified Ordinances relating to the uniform allowance for firefighters. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It also carried with 5 aye votes.

There was no Old or New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council