

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### January 27, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33PM 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, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service/Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mr. Steve Chaney from Plaza Management was here to address some concerns and give an update regarding concerns with the plaza. Mr. Chaney said that regarding the signs of tenants who previous moved out that need to be removed is being addressed by Dale Caruso when the weather breaks. Mr. Chaney said that the sign at the Market Place is his fault he forgot to get a permit from Mr. Walters and spoke with him today regarding this and has the plans for him, and that they were meeting tomorrow. Mayor Milani asked if this sign was conforming, and Mr. Walters said that he will have to look at the dimensions, to see how many signs they can have up on that property. Mr. Walters said he will have to look into the matter further before making a decision. Brad Bryan said that Mr. Walters will work with Mr. Chaney with the requirements. Mr. Chaney said that he has spoken with Howard Shafron regarding the fascia, with repairing it. Mr. Chaney said that there are some things that can be done to dress up the Plaza and Howard Shafron has agreed to do this come spring time. February 26th is the tentative opening date for the Market Place, and there will be about 70 spaces for vendors. Mr. Chaney said that they are opening with half of those spaces full, and it will take time. Mayor Milani asked what are the hours of business and Mr. Chaney said Friday, Saturday 9a-5p and Sunday, 10a-6p. Mayor Milani asked Fire Chief Vojtush if he was aware of an problems and Fire Chief Vojtush said he saw plans regarding Kim's Kitchen but nothing regarding the Market Place and will check into it tomorrow. Aubrey and Mandi invited everyone to come to the free pancake breakfast at Kim's Kitchen on Saturday, January 30th from 10a-2p with a donation of a canned food item. Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Chaney for speaking.

Mayor Milani said he, Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Bowen were at the grand opening of the Gold and Jewelry exchange and they stated that so far they are doing pretty good business. Mayor Milani said that tomorrow he is going to the NEORSD meeting with Mayor Don Kuchta to be voted in to be placed on the board to represent Summit County. Mayor Milani thanked the Service Department for doing a good job on keeping the roads clean.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court report for December 2009 as submitted. The motion was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report at this time.

Sergeant John Zoligus said that everything has been pretty quiet for the police department and they made their one big purchase for the year which was to replace five of the portable radios which are about 20 yrs old., which was about \$4,000 and Rizzo is programing them now for free. Mayor Milani and Sergeant Zoligus said that there was a resident who lived on Kennedy who was convicted of four counts of rape, four counts of sexual battery and three count contributing delinquency of a minor. Sergeant Zoligus commended Detective Carlile on a great job working with BCI on obtaining all of the forensic evidence. Mayor Milani commended Law Director Brad Bryan for his part on this case. Brad Bryan commended Detective Carlile for all of his hard work on this case.

Service/Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters said that there was 17 days straight of snow fall that had at least 1" of measurable snow. Mr. Walters said to council regarding all of the talks and rumors, please ask him the questions now in person. Mr. Walters said he is tired and upset, he has a job to do and there is one person that he reports to and that is Mayor Milani. Mr. Walters said that he has four people who are full time and he said that he told everyone before this snow season in a meeting and told everyone where he stands on this. Mr. Walters said he has been here since 1995 and he knows the rules and regulations, one winter he worked 43 hrs straight before he left. Mr. Walters said that the 20 hrs he is being questioned on is the least amount in the past five to ten years, we try to get as much rest as possible. He said he can't

run shifts or run two people on one side of town, and then call in two or three more, there is no way this will happen. There are 69 lane miles that need to be plowed. Mr. Walters said he doesn't have all of the answers all of the time, but he said will get them as soon as he can.

At this time Mayor Milani suggested that regarding these personnel matters that Council should go into an executive session. Brad Bryan asked Council if they would entertain the motion and all of Council voted with 6 ayes, and the time was 8:58p.

Mr. Bolek made a motion to come of of the Executive session at 9:37p which was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 aye votes. Mr. Bryan said that during the executive session Mr. Noack left due to illness.

Mr. Bryan said that a motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee to pay John DeBrouse his over time. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

A motion was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee to amend Resolution 2009-65 to authorize Jason Walters to schedule John De Brouse for 24 hours per week under normal circumstances to permit him to exceed that 24 hrs per week limit with authorization. Mr. Walters said even past 40 hrs. Mr. Bryan said also to permit him to work and allow Jason to schedule him more than 24 hrs per week, with authorization from Mayor Milani on anything over the 24 hrs. The motion passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Walters said he apologized for his language and getting heated. Mr. Bolek said he wanted Mr. Walters to congratulate his whole department on the excellent work they have done on the past snow storms. Mayor Milani said that Jason is very passionate about his job.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-02, an Emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of January, 2010. Mr. Bolek made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee It carrier with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee was absent at this time.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee Mrs. Selle worked very hard on the new ward map and it looks very nice. Also she has been working on the letterhead. Mrs. Greenlee asked if we could get rid of the water fountain in the town hall due to it being warm and running all the time and replace it with a distilata cooler. Mr. Walters said that yes it can be done. Mr. Bolek said he has one at home that has never been used and he would like to donate it to the village. Mr. Walters said he would like to just shut the water off instead of removing it in case it needs to be used in the future. Mr. Nehez said he would like to have a work session for the 75th anniversary. Mrs. Selle said she would also like to discuss a programable thermostat for the Village Hall. Mr. Walters said that Dominion told him to pick a temperature and never change it, the more you change it the worse it is. Mr. Walters said the best thing to do is program each office. Mayor Milani asked Council what the would like to do with the door to Council. Mr. Riedel said we are to get two more bids on purchasing one door and removing/moving the steel security door around. Tentatively, February 3, 2010 at 7:30p is when the Council work session is set for.

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 business. In the New business, Mr. Nehez thanks Mr. Walters for his quick response to the situation on his street with the catch basin. Mr. Bolek also thanked Mr. Walters for removing the tree stump on the sledding hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM 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:**

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council