

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2009

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes .

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani had Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-08, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Kozar as a full-time Patrolman with the Village's Police Department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Lewis, it carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Noack, it passed with 6 aye votes. Chief Wentz said that Mr. Kozar is perfect for this job and this department. Chief Wentz administered the oath of office to Daniel Kozar entering into the Police Department as a full-time Patrolman with the Village and he was congratulated by Mayor Milani and Council.

Mayor Milani said that the Goodwill opened last weekend and there were a lot of people there. He also wanted to compliment the road crew for keeping up with the snow with it being overwhelming.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel asked to have a motion made to pay Dave Predovic 49.5 additional hours for the pay period ending 1/17/09 for which he was already paid for. Mr. Barber made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and passed with 6 aye votes. Mr. Riedel asked to have another motion made to allow Dave Predovic additional hours for snow plowing and/or general duties as the Mayor deems necessary. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Riedel asked for a motion to be made to accept the Mayor's Court report for December 2008 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Police Chief Wentz left a copy of his yearly police report for all of council to read. Mayor Milani said that the police department did write 500 tickets more than the prior year.

Fire Chief Vojtush covered his report. (see attached) Regarding the Fire District Chief Vojtush said that once you form this and you have your idea of what you want to do, it is just a starting point. Mayor Milani said that they can't fathom how we do this for under \$500,000, when Northfield Center is \$900,000. Chief Vojtush said that they did mention if they do this with a 2 mil levy, they would save \$120,000 by doing the whole district. Chief Vojtush said that we will see what happens at the next meeting. Mayor Milani said that Macedonia offered Boston Hts the same dispatching offer that they gave us.

Service/Bldg. Dept. Superintendent, Jason Walters said he just finished up the Service/Bldg. department's budget but is waiting for the electrical at the Village Hall. He said that he budgeted the sewer for the Village Hall at \$20,000 which we should come in under that amount: around \$10,000 for inside and less than \$5,000.00 for outside, unless other things come up when they start to dig outside. Mr. Walters said that some time in the future maybe we need to check into getting a gabled roof on the Village Hall for storage. Mr. Walters said that he has three options for the jets. Equipment wise, you need: the truck, with the vactor, the camera and the jet. They do make a trailered one, but it has to be pulled and the F550 would be close to pulling it when it is full. These pieces of equipment are large to store. A brand new jetter and trailer for a remanufactured 1996. This piece of equipment is half the cost of a new one which is \$300,000 and rebuilt is at about \$150,000 for the camera, jet and vactor system. The other option is to just replace the jet, which is around \$50,000 and they are bigger than what we currently have. The rebuilt is \$35,000 per year for five years, this is the lease with the buyout in the end. The new brand new trailered sewer jet with camera is \$25,000 for five years. On the new F350, when they are plowing, the snow gets sucked into the air filter and shuts the truck down, and he took it into the shop. They do make a kit, but Ford hasn't recalled this yet on these vehicles. Mayor Milani asked about the salt that was ordered. Mr. Walters said that of the 75 tons he ordered he will get about 69 tons and we should be alright. Mr. Walters and Mayor Milani said what a good job that Ed Spencer has been doing with the senior snow plowing program. Mr. Walters said that he has only had to replace three mailboxes this season. Mayor Milani thanked Jason for the job that he and the service department do. Chief Vojtush wanted to commend the service dept. He said the fire department was on a call at a house on May Ave that had unbelievable amounts of snow, and when they turned around Chris While was there clearing out the snow. Mr. Walters said to Mr. Nehez that Mr. Chaney called the gentleman regarding the shed and gazebo in the plaza and told him that they need to remove them. Mr. Noack said if they leave it there, we will ticketed and remove it from the plaza.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report at this time.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had Mr. Bryan read the Ordinance 2009-07, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of January, 2009. A motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee to amend the Ordinance to read 2009-07 instead of 2008-07 and it was seconded by Mr. Noack, which carried with 6 ayes. It passed with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission had no report at this time.

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

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report at this time.

Wages and Working from Mr. Barber said that he and Mr. Noack had a discussion regarding part time employees . Mayor Milani said that in Mr. Walters budget he budgeted the part time seasonal help pay to be raised from \$9.00 per hour to \$9.25 per hour and also for Mr. Predovic to receive another \$1.00 per hour. Council unanimously denied this pay increase request. Mayor Milani said that he told Mr. Walters that it could not be put in the budget unless Council approves of this. Mr. Riedel said that when he gets Mr. Walters budget he will adjust it.

Mr. Lewis of the Fire and Safety Committee said he had not report at this time. Mr. Lewis said that the Fire District meeting is on Monday, February 16, 2009. Mayor Milani spoke about the accident on Rte 8 and Ledge last week. He feels that the whole matter could have been handled better. Mayor Milani said that Chief Vojtush and Chief Wentz need to sit down with Sgt. Mackie and Fire Captain Jason Buss in discussion to iron out what happened at the scene and see what could have been done better, to alleviate some errors.

In the Old business, Mr. Lewis said that there was discussion regarding the building on Ledge Rd, the purchasing of the sewer jet and the gabled roof Mr. Walters has proposed for the Village Hall. Mr. Lewis feels that a work session needs to be had. Mr. Lewis said, we are out of space for files, we can't build on the land we have, but we keep on buying equipment. Mr. Nehez agreed we should discuss this at another work session. Mr. Riedel said that you do not have to keep records forever, Mr. Bryan has given us a list of how long certain reports have to be kept. Mayor Milani said that it would be huge if we get the grant money for the Presidential streets, which we need around \$100,000-\$150,000. The only other thing that needs to be worried about would be behind the plaza.'

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk
Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council