

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2011

Council President, Beatrice Greenlee 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, Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

Mr. Noack told everyone that he appreciates everyone's prayers while he was out sick in Bedford hospital for a week. Mr. Noack said that they had to give him four pints of blood, and that is why he couldn't walk, stand or attend the last council meeting. Mr. Noack apologized for missing the last meeting. Mr. Noack again thanked everyone for their support and prayers. Mrs. Greenlee said that it was good to have Mr. Noack back.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Regular Council meeting. Mrs. Selle asked for a motion to be made to amend the minutes to include all of the names of the fire fighters who were sworn in at the January 26th council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

There was no business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Mayor Milani's Mayor's report. (See attached) Mr. Nehez asked if that payment from Dusk Til Dawn was for two weeks and Mr. Riedel said it was a little less than two weeks. Mr. Bolek said that he noticed recently that the Dusk Til Dawn has added another sign to their sign that says business center. He asked if you can go there and make faxes and buy business cards and things like that? Sgt. Zolcus said that the way it is set up, is that you buy air time on the internet at twenty five cents per minute. You can print things from the internet and pay your bills online. Mr. Bolek said that is like a internet cafe then, and Sgt. Zolcus said yes. Chief Wentz said that all of the 75 machines that are in there are approved and have their stickers on them. Mr. Nehez asked when we would receive the next check from them? Mr. Riedel said it has to be by the end of February because we are always one month behind. Mr. Noack asked what the percentage was that they pay us? Mr. Riedel said that they pay us 5% and pay someone else 25% to rent the machines. Mr. Riedel said if they keep going like that we should get about \$10,000 per month from them. Sgt. Zolcus said that they are busy all day long. Mr. Bolek asked if they arrange senior bus trips to casinos? Mr. Riedel said he doesn't know. Mr. Bolek asked if someone could please proof read and correct all the glaring mistakes in the Mayor's report. Mr. Bolek said that there are at least 10 mistakes in this letter and it is being submitted as a public record and it needs to be correct, because it is embarrassing to have this letter written this way. Mr. Bolek said that the secretary typed it, so we need to have someone else proof read it. Mr. Bolek said it is just a suggestion. Mrs. Greenlee said we will take care of it.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to be made to accept the Financial Statements for January 2011 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 6 aye votes. Mr. Riedel said that last years income tax in January we received \$93,000 and this year we are receiving \$63,000, so just to let everyone know, we are starting off the year with a \$30,000 deficit. Mr. Bolek asked if that was across the board, and Mr. Riedel said he has not received a report yet, so that is all he can tell everyone.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Police Chief Mark Wentz had no report. Mr. Bolek asked if they had received the new cruiser yet and Chief Wentz and Sgt. Zolcus said yes and it was up and running in January. Mr. Nehez asked what was going on with the SUV, and Chief Wentz said nothing, that trial is coming up March 14th.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached) Mr. Bolek said that he incorrectly gave Mr. Wasosky a wrong address of a broken sewer on Kennedy and McKinley, but it was Roosevelt and Monroe. Mr. Wasosky said that Roosevelt and Monroe is where they did the water repair.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush said that they are still running the same amount of calls as last time and will end up with around 950 calls for the year. Chief Vojtush said the new truck is in service.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning commission said that we did advertise for the open position on the Planning Commission but she didn't think that we have received any applications yet. Mr. Bolek asked who quit, and Mrs. Greenlee said Debbie Braemeier, she was on the committee 8 or 12 years here.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that there will be a finance committee meeting at 6:30pm on February 23, 2011.

Mrs. Selle of the Roads and Public Works Committee said that Mr. Walters has walking pneumonia and the rest of the service department employees are trying to recover from their illnesses. Mrs. Selle said that there have been some minor truck repairs but there was one major repair on the 2006 F350. The plow was damaged the other night on McKinley and it had to be rebuilt at just under \$1900.00.

Mr. Bolek of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that he would like to set up a meeting for buildings and grounds committee, possibly some time next week to discuss the sign issue, landscape and architectural standards. Mrs. Greenlee said if it is ok with Council, she asked to convert this meeting to a work session on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:30pm, Mr. Nehez said yes.

Mr. Noack of Wages and Working had no report.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety committee gave her report. (See attached). Mrs. Greenlee said that the fire truck was accepted.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-23, an Proclamation introduced by the Mayor and Council as a whole honoring and congratulating Betty Leonard on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Selle said that there is a typo in the proclamation that needs to be corrected, and put in a folder on top of the mailboxes for all of Council to sign. Mr. Riedel said that he will get her to re-type it. Mr. Bolek said that we really need to take a strong look at all of these. We need to be doing a better job at typing things. Mr. Bolek said that this is horrible, it is not getting better and if we need Brad to proof read things, then that is what we need to do because it is not getting better. Mr. Bryan said that is fine, she can email me the information before the meeting. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen, it passed with 6 aye votes.

In the old business Mr. Nehez asked if we have moved on any issues with the Plaza or the Plaza car wash, and Mr. Bryan said that he did receive the pictures from Lisa Rodriguez. Mr. Bryan said that we need to send them a letter along with giving them the time to comply and if they don't comply, then we take pictures and at that point will be the date of the violation. Mr. Nehez said when he has driven behind the plaza he has noticed that all of the dumpster closures are broken off and he knows that it is \$100 violation per day, according to the dumpster ordinance. Mr. Bolek said not if it goes in front of our Magistrate. Mr. Bryan said to get the \$100 per day you would have to cite them every day. Mr. Noack said that he lives back there and has driven back there, and hasn't noticed it. Mr. Nehez said that they are broken. Mr. Bryan said if it is an issue, then you have to get the unit numbers, and if that is what Council wants him to do he can. Mrs. Greenlee asked Council if that was their desire. Mr. Nehez said he would like something done. Mr. Noack said to Mr. Nehez that it isn't that bad, there might be a little bit of trash, but it is not that bad. Mr. Bolek said that he has noticed a couple times lately, and he knows that it is a function of their work, but Plaza Management pushes that big steel plow going from Peppers to the Plaza and it takes up the entire side of the road. They are doing the best they can, but they are really holding a lot of traffic up. People are crossing the double yellow line to get around them which is very dangerous. They really need to have a police escort, since they are not even going 25mph. Chief Wentz said that he hasn't seen them do this. Sgt. Zoligus said he has seen this happen, they do have flags on for the wide load and also have the slow moving plate. Mr. Bolek said they have an orange light on it also. Sgt. Zoligus said that they try to do it when the traffic isn't heavy. Mr. Bolek said that this is a huge potential problem. Mr. Bryan asked if it is a garbage truck? Mr. Bolek said it is a 15' big box plow. Mr. Bryan asked if it is a contractor? Sgt. Zoligus said that it is Advance Excavating. Sgt. Zoligus said that we could talk with them when they are going to move it. We could then have them call dispatch. Mr. Bolek said if everyone follows the rules and do not cross the double yellow lines, then it isn't a problem, just an inconvenience. Chief Wentz said they might be better suited going down between the two lanes, so that people can't go around them at all. Mr. Bolek said if the police department could figure out a way to make it a little safer, that would be great. Mr. Bolek said that the service department has done a really nice job with the roads. Mr. Nehez and Mr. Noack agreed. Mr. Bolek said that it does take time for the illnesses to heal, with what is going around, for what he has seen at the hospital.

Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to go into an executive session, it was seconded by Mr. Bolek, it carried with 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen to come out of the executive session, it carried with 6 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____
Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council Clerk of Council