

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-13, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Frederick D. Jones as a Part-Time Police Officer with the Village's Police Department. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-14, confirming the appointment of Leonard C. Roman III as a Part-Time Police Officer. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and this appointment was also approved with 6 aye votes. Chief Mark Wentz administered the oath of office to the two new officers, and they were congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Joe Finley of Akron, a candidate for the Summit County Executive position, introduced himself and voiced his concerns that the Summit County budget is in danger due to the large number of current projects. He believes that County dollars must be distributed equitably among all Summit County communities.

Mayor Milani reported that Scorchers now plans to hold its "soft" opening on Saturday, March 1st. The Mayor has been in talks with Mike Guggenheim about putting a national chain restaurant at the former National City Bank property. Nick Kostandaras has assured the Mayor that a 7-year agreement for the title/license bureau will be passed at County Council's first meeting in March. Talks between a prospective anchor tenant and Plaza Management are continuing. The Fire District meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled due to the weather, and no new date has been set. The Mayor went on to report that the medical building next door has raised its asking price, probably now over \$400,000.00. T and C Architects have agreed to do Town Hall drawings and renderings for \$1,000.00. Mr. Nehez made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, to use T and C

Architects to do the renderings at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Joe Bosze will do drawings for the Service garage at no charge. The execution of all these plans would mean substantial debt for the Village.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of January, 2008 financial statements and bank reconciliations, as well as copies of the proposed departmental budgets. Mayor Milani questioned the Service Department's need for two \$40,000 trucks.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report (attached). The contract for the Houghton Rd. Outlet Sewer Replacement Project was awarded to J&J Enterprise Service, Inc. Mr. Wasosky's report also covered the Phase II Stormwater Management Annual Report, the NEORS 2007 Compliance Report, and the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project. A motion by Mr. Noack to bid the project was seconded by Mr. Nehez and carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report, nor did Fire Chief Gary Vojtush. There was no Planning Commission report. Mrs. Greenlee reported that the Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on February 27th (prior to the Council meeting). She urged everyone to study the departmental budgets before that meeting.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works reported on the purchase of a 1995 Ford F450 bucket truck for \$14,750.00. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working or Fire and Safety.

Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2008-15, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 246.065 relating to Ambulance Emergency Squad Service. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It also carried with 6 aye votes. Fire Chief Vojtush explained that this is a countywide measure agreed upon by all the Summit County fire chiefs.

A motion to add Resolution 2008-16 to the agenda was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes. Brad read the resolution accepting the bid of J&J Enterprise Service, Inc. for the Houghton Road Outfall Sewer Replacement Project. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Nehez asked about the former Adams property on Magnolia. The Mayor answered that Joe Bosze tore the house down and that the property is owned by a gentleman who plans to build a house for his daughter. There is space for two homes on the property. Mayor Milani reported that the old Arby's is under construction to become the new World Wine & Liquor, and the Clark station is under new management. John Zolgis is recovering at home and will not return to work for at least six weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johanson

Cheryl Johanson, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council