

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 Regular Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mike Pappadakis of 230 Kennedy complained about news that the Village may possibly build a new Town Hall, stating his opinion that we don't need a new Hall when streets are in need of repair. He went on with his annual complaint about potholes. Mayor Milani reminded Mr. Pappadakis that thirteen roads have been rebuilt during his administration and \$200,000.00 was just spent on repairs behind the Plaza. The mayor questioned the wisdom of sinking more taxpayers' money into a crumbling 75-year-old Town Hall versus building a new one.

Mayor Milani reported that Scorchers has again changed the date of its opening to Saturday, March 15th. A new tanning business will replace the former one at the Plaza. The Mayor thanked the Service Department for working round the clock to handle plowing needs during the snow the past two days. He reported further that tentative rough plans for a Town Hall have been drawn up by T and C Architects. The Mayor will meet with Michael Francus to discuss

Phases III and IV of the Retirement Home as well as other possibilities adjacent to the Fire Station.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2008-18, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kelli Jones as a part-time administrative assistant in the Service and Building Departments. Mrs. Greenlee moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. The appointment was confirmed with 6 aye votes, and Kelli was welcomed by the Mayor and Council.

Finance Director Bob Riedel asked for a motion accepting the January, 2008 Mayor's Court report. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to accept the report as submitted, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the motion carried with 6 ayes. Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush's report is attached. The NVFD has already gone on 8 mutual aid calls since starting its 24-7 operation on February 4th. Gary thanked Police Officers Carlile and Jones for their help with an attempted suicide call on the 26th.

Asst. Service Supt. Chris While reported that his Department has received a number of nonsense calls from seniors who receive the Village's free snowplowing service. Some of them are making unreasonable requests, and the problem needs to be addressed. As soon as the weather breaks, cold patching will begin.

There was no Planning Commission report. Mrs. Greenlee reported that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda and that Council members are welcome to go over the budget with Bob.

Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2008-17, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of February, 2008. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works reported that the 1980 salt loader needs around \$20,000.00 of work, and the Village can get \$10,000.00 for it on a trade-in. We paid only \$12,000.00 for it three years ago. The 1997 pickup truck used for plowing needs \$4,500.00 in repairs. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working or Fire and Safety.

In Old Business, Mr. Nehez asked about the former National City Bank building. The Mayor answered that there is no news. Talks with Larry Shafron concerning related parking issues are continuing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council