

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 28, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Sergeant Jamie Mackie, Fire Department members Adam Lee and Matt Sarka, and Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes.

At this time, Mayor Milani welcomed members of the local Moose Lodge, who graciously presented the Village with a check for \$1,000.00 to be used toward the purchase of an ATV for patrolling the Pitluk Preserve. The Mayor and Council thanked the Moose for their generous donation, whereupon the Moose stressed their belief that "Charity begins at home."

Next, Mayor Milani introduced Vonda Ward, winner of the first ever WBC Women's World Heavyweight Boxing title in a bout at the Wolstein Center on February 10th. The Mayor played a tape of the fight and presented Vonda with a Proclamation honoring and congratulating her for garnering her third world boxing title, as well as framed photos taken the night of the fight. Mrs. Greenlee then made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to approve Proclamation 2007-10. It carried with 6 aye votes. Vonda was congratulated by the Mayor and Council, and she spoke briefly about her background and growing up in the Village. A photo session followed.

Last in presentations, Village resident Anita Swenson had certificates for Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and NVFD Paramedics, honoring them for their outstanding service in saving the life of her best friend.

Mayor Milani had nothing to report at this time. However, he thanked Jason, Chris, and the road crew for doing a fabulous job on the roads, working 36 hours around the clock during the recent snowstorm.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of January, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to accept these items along with the Mayor's Court report for January, 2007. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. Topics covered are: the NEORSD Compliance Plan for 2006; the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Annual Report; the AMATS Year 2030 Transportation Plan; the study aimed at eliminating the Steeplechase II and Lowrie Pump Stations; The Beach/Electric

Reconstruction Project; and completion of final plans and bid documents for the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report, but distributed copies of a piece of legislation (not on tonight's agenda) outlining a proposed contract amendment to the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. This will be discussed at a Council work session on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30 PM.

Police Sgt. Jamie Mackie presented Chief Mark Wentz's report (attached). It deals with 2006/2007 traffic and criminal statistics, updates on several Department members, and details regarding the purchase of a new cruiser. At this time, Brad read Resolution 2007-12, an emergency Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to purchase a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria police sedan. 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 then made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the purchase was approved with 6 aye votes.

Asst. Service Superintendent Chris While reported that salt use for the season is at 700 tons, and Village equipment has survived the winter well. The condition of Village roads as it relates to patching will have to be discussed at a later date. Mayor Milani added that Ed Spencer has done an excellent job of plowing 130+ senior citizen's driveways this year.

Adam Lee expressed the Fire Department's appreciation for Mrs. Swenson's awards and thanked our Police Department for assisting with the landing of a life-flight helicopter for a Sagamore Hills resident. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing coverage by the Fire Department to be expanded to 8:00 - 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The Mayor stated that consultant John Preuer's final report has not been completed as yet and may not be forthcoming until the end of March.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee stated that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. At this time, Brad read Ordinance 2007-11, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of February, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the former Huntington Playground parking lot property may be resold for the construction of 3 new homes. Jason is unhappy with insulation quotes for the service garage and is looking into the cost of construction of a new building. This will be discussed at the work session on March 7th. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working, or Fire and Safety.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-09, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for the provision of community

correctional services. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the contract was approved with 6 aye votes.

In Old Business, the Mayor stated that the Sun Newspaper president is aware of the mailbox problem and promises to correct the situation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council