

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 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 and Mr. Lewis. Mrs. Bowen was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances. Mayor Milani applauded the road crew for doing a tremendous job removing snow from the weekend storm. Remarkably, there were no accidents or disabled vehicles in the Village, due in large part to the Service workers' efforts. Scorchers will open to the public on Tuesday, March 18th and plans to hold its "soft" opening for Village officials on Saturday, March 15th beginning at 6:00 PM. There is some concern on the part of the Mayor and Chief Wentz as to whether liquor permits and required background checks will be completed by that time. There is usually a 30-day wait. Mayor Milani stated that the Clark station seems to have ceased operations again. The Title/License bureau hopes to move here in June or July, but Chief Vojtush doubts that is possible. Larry Shafron is negotiating with Half Price Books as a possible tenant for the plaza, and an upholstery store may also open there in the near future.

Finance Director Bob Riedel asked for a motion accepting the February, 2008 financial statements and bank reconciliations. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to accept them as submitted, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

At this time, Brad read Ordinance 2008-20, an emergency Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. Mrs. Greenlee moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. It also carried with 5 aye votes.

Mayor Milani gave an update on plans for a new Town Hall. He and Chief Wentz met last week with Michael Francus, who says he can build it for \$85.00 per square foot, as opposed to T.C. Architects' price of \$115.00/square foot. It would be an 8-month project. The Mayor is "cautiously optimistic," stating that we need to find out what we can expect to make on the sale of the current Village Hall property and how much debt the Village would ultimately incur.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with the Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Replacement Project, for which we received a check for

\$26,270; the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project with a bid opening on April 4th, the Lowrie Pump Station Elimination Project to begin after July 1st, and the Phase II Stormwater Management requirements for 2008.

Police Chief Mark Wentz's report is attached. It covers an update on Police personnel, an outline of the Take Me Home program, 4-year enforcement statistics, and thanks to the Service Department for their plowing efforts and to Fire Chief Gary Vojtush for upgrading three AEDs.

The Mayor congratulated Sgt. Jamie Mackie on having been appointed as second-in-command of the Police Department, effective March 30th.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time, nor did Fire Chief Gary Vojtush.

Mrs. Greenlee announced that the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on March 26th prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works had no report, but reiterated congratulations to the Service Department for their excellent plowing job. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working or Fire and Safety.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-19, an emergency Resolution confirming HY-KO Products, Inc.'s compliance with the terms of its CRA Agreement with the Village. Mr. Nehez made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Noack seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Barber. It also carried with 5 aye votes.

In New Business, Mayor Milani welcomed back Anita Swenson who has been recuperating from injuries sustained at her home. Mr. Lewis commented on the fact that like other local communities, we are very low on road salt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council