

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 14, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:38 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, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes.

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced dispatcher Dennis Rushing and played the tape of a 911 call Dennis answered on March 5th. The Village honored Dennis with a Proclamation congratulating him for his efforts in helping a local family to save their infant daughter's life. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to approve Proclamation 2007-14.

It carried with 6 aye votes. Dennis was congratulated by the Mayor and Council. He related the story of a similar incident he had responded to about a month ago, and attributed his success in large part to the excellent 911 system purchased recently by Sagamore Hills. The Mayor commented that Dennis is currently a part-time dispatcher and that his heroic actions merit full-time employment by Sagamore Hills. He also thanked Northfield Center Trustee Paul Buescher for honoring Dennis Rushing with his presence.

Mayor Milani reported that he has been in constant talks with Jason and the road crew and that he is well aware of the condition of Village roads. Patching and repairs, some of which will be major, will begin as soon as the weather breaks. He reported that the Village's Concert in the Park will take place at Gabriel Brothers Plaza on June 24th. The band is yet to be named.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of February, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to accept them, and Mr. Noack seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Bob then reported on the bid opening for the Magnolia Avenue property. Jeffrey Czerr's bid of \$32,110.00 was the highest. Bob concluded by outlining Oscar Knicely's hours for local income tax assistance at the Town Hall (attached).

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2007-15, an emergency Resolution accepting the bid of Jeffrey K. Czerr for the sale of the Magnolia Avenue property and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the sale. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Nehez made a motion for passage, Mr. Barber seconded, and the sale was approved with 6 aye votes. Mayor Milani stated that the proceeds of the sale will be used toward the construction of new park pavilions.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. Topics covered are: the Huntington Playground property (plat to be submitted at Planning Commission's March 21st meeting); the study to eliminate the Steeplechase II and Lowrie Pump Stations; and the Summit County mapping of sewer outfalls.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report, nor did Police Chief Mark Wentz, who arrived at the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no written report, but stated that the Department has answered 114 calls so far this year. If the current rate continues, last year's total should be surpassed by around 100 calls, reaching close to 600. John Preuer is within two or three weeks of completing the fire consolidation study. Mayor Milani commented that Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills have put off their contract talks pending the outcome of the study. He stated that Northfield Center's Chief Derritt now seems to be very receptive to cooperating in a group effort.

Mrs. Greenlee reported that Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30 PM. She had nothing to report for the Finance Committee. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the banners along Route 8 will be turned toward the inside of the poles to save on wear and tear. Jason and Chris will work on pricing for a salt shed. Village equipment is in good shape, and Jason is planning to purchase a riding mower. The Mayor interjected that departmental budgets must be in by March 21st. There was no report from Health and Welfare. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that new Christmas decorations have been purchased. A Buildings and Grounds meeting is needed for discussion of where to place the proposed park pavilions. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-13, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file, on behalf of the Village of Northfield, an application to the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA) for a Community Recycling Grant. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion was approved with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, the Mayor stated that there was no appreciable damage to Village buildings in Monday's minor earthquake. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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:

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President of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council