

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2006

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. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Stewart was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2006-11, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John Mullin 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 5 ayes. Mrs. Bowen then made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the appointment was approved with 5 aye votes. Chief Wentz gave a glowing report of Mullin's credentials, following which he administered the oath of office. Officer Mullin was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mike Pappadakis of 230 Kennedy Blvd. complained that the Sun Newspapers have been strewn around streets and driveways. He then congratulated Jason for doing a good job and commended him for all the road patching done by the Service Department since Jason took over. Mr. Pappadakis asked about his rubbish bill, and Mayor Milani explained that the new contract rate of \$11.68 per month should have taken effect last August, but due to a clerical error on Waste Management's part, most residents had still been paying the old (lower) rate until the latest billing when the company became aware of their error.

Mayor Milani reported that the Krusty Krab restaurant opened on Monday. The Mayor will be one of 25 mayors making the annual Mayor's Association trip to Columbus next Tuesday in the interest of working to return home rule to municipalities. Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of a letter requesting disposal of obsolete Village equipment (4 items). Mrs. Greenlee made a motion approving disposal of the equipment, Mr. Barber seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no written report, but commented that he had attended the Fire consortium meeting last night and that he wants to work toward a more cost-effective method of combining services of the Village, Macedonia, and Sagamore Hills. Mr. Preuer's survey costs should be available at the next meeting in about three weeks.

Asst. Service Superintendent Chris While presented Jason's report, a copy of which is attached. The new dump truck will be available next month, and the cost of installing the new lift, tire machine and balancer is being negotiated. Applications are being taken for part-time summer help at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. The Pitlock Preserve parking area will be completed in the next week or two, and quotes are coming in for the Houghton hillside project.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Greenlee reported for the Finance Committee that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. Brad read Ordinance 2006-12, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of March, 2006. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 5 aye votes. The Mayor commented that the bill total was unusually high this month as a result of a large payment to Workers' Comp. Payment of the full premium amount will earn the Village a \$5000 refund.

There were no reports from Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, or Wages and Working Conditions. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety reported that her committee had met Monday night and discussed destroying old Village records that have become damp and moldy in storage over the years. The Daytime Loitering Curfew legislation was discussed by Fire and Safety and is on tonight's agenda. Brad read the Ordinance, which establishes Section 648.095 of the Codified Ordinances regulating daytime loitering by juveniles. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the motion carried with 5 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Nehez stated that he is happy to hear that the vacant white building on Meadow Lane will finally be occupied (pending county permit approval). Linda Bowen will be working for Bruce Baum & Associates in the building, and other tenants are a patio enclosure company, WW Development, and Clear Channel Satellite.

Mayor Milani reported that the Village has turned away numerous businesses dealing in video arcades and "games of skill." Another may appear before Planning Commission at its next meeting. The Mayor reiterated the Village's stance that these facilities are illegal, stating that we will continue to try to keep them out until we are told they are legal. Brad commented that the main problem lies with the State.

Also in New Business, Mr. Lewis reported that Jesse has been working diligently on a new decorative flag program for the Village along with Jason and Bea. The Mayor expressed condolences to Jason and his family on the death of Jason's grandfather.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and a second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council