

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 26, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Nowak were absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nehez. There were 3 ayes and an abstention. Due to lack of a quorum, the vote will be retaken at the next meeting.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Greg Mural of 154 Fell Avenue asked about Village reimbursement for flood damage. The Mayor indicated that the Village will definitely make restitution to residents based on receipts and estimates, but the amount of insurance coverage will first have to be determined. Village reimbursement will then be at Council's discretion.

Mayor Milani reported that Chris While is temporarily taking over for Jason, who will be out until April 1st. The Mayor then asked for a motion allowing Vanni and Associates to perform an appraisal on the Town Hall for a fee not to exceed \$500.00. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 4 ayes. Mayor Milani reported further that TC Architects and Michael Francus have not yet been able to get together. Progress is being made toward bringing an anchor tenant to the Plaza, and Scorcher's is now open and doing well.

There was no Finance Department report, as Director Bob Riedel was on vacation. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2008-21, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of March, 2008, was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 4 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report at this time. There was no Engineer's report, but the Mayor announced that \$117,000.00 for the Lowrie Pump Station Project has been approved. It will go up for bid in July.

Police Chief Mark Wentz reported that Ptl. Stepka is completing the interview process with Hinckley and will probably be hired. Sgt. Urbanowicz will go on extended family leave after this week, and Sgt. John Zolcus is scheduled to return from sick leave on Monday. COPS grants will be awarded beginning in April, but will probably go to larger cities first.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report.

Jason Walters' report is attached. Mr. Lewis added that hard patching will start around April 15th, and sewer repairs should be wrapped up in the next 10 days. Signs needing replacing will be taken care of soon. Ryan August has done recent vehicle repairs at great savings to the Village.

At this time, Mayor Milani congratulated Village resident J. Jagers on his recent winning of the NCAA Division I wrestling title. He is a former four-time St. Peter-Chanel champ and a current Ohio State student.

Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 P.M.

There were no reports from Finance, Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working or Fire and Safety. The Mayor and Chief Wentz congratulated Court Clerk Lisa Thellmann for her courage in going through the Vector spray training.

Brad read Resolution 2008-22, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for the provision of community correctional services. Mr. Nehez moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Barber.

It also carried with 4 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2008-23, an emergency Resolution authorizing ODOT to resurface State Route 8 south of Meadow Lane and the Mayor to enter into any agreements with ODOT related thereto. Mr. Nehez made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It also carried with 4 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Lewis stated his opinion that all of Council should have been notified of the Scorcher's ribbon cutting ceremony. A dialogue on the subject ensued. Mayor Milani thought it was rather trivial to be concerned with who appears in photo ops while other more pressing issues rate a higher priority. He reminded everyone that all Council and Village employees had been invited to the "soft" opening. Unfortunately, Mr. Lewis was out of town at the time and thus didn't attend. On Monday afternoon the Mayor was notified of the ribbon cutting on Tuesday. He thought calling six Council members at the last minute wasn't feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council