

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky, Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes. - Revised edition.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances, Dave Clementi from Consumer Choice Marketing spoke regarding saving the Village and it's residents money on natural gas. He said that they would like to put together a free proposal and then you can decide if you want to go with this program. Residents do have the option to OPT out of Nopec as well as the Village may have the same option. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Clementi needs to meet with Mr. Riedel concerning these issues.

Mayor Milani said that the Dolphin Restaurant is doing fabulous business. There was a meeting at the Plaza regarding Plaza Fest which would be held on July 24th & 25th, Chief Wentz and Chief Vojtush were present also. There is a concern regarding the parking. They tentatively have schedule will have animals, vendors with food and bands. On April 16th Mayor Milani said that he is going to Summit County to meet with Sarah Kusner from the Ohio Family and Job Planning Services. The door has not been shut on that project yet in regards to the relocation of that business to the Plaza. Mayor Milani met with Michael Francus, who is the owner of the Northfield Village Retirement Community who said that there is a possibility by the end of 2009 there will be 25-30 beds added to the retirement home, which equates to about 55-60 medical jobs which would be great. Arthur Treachers is closing as of April 11th. There is a possibility of a new tenant, which can't be confirmed at this time. Church of The Hills is planning on moving into the Plaza next to the daycare and Mayor Milani is meeting with Reverend Chestnut.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements for March 2009 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky covered his report at this time. (See attached). Regarding the Beach Avenue/Houghton Road Outfall sewer Project, the Village received a Contract on March 13, 2009 for a grant of \$210,450. The Village's share of this project is \$210,450. Project would not begin until December 2009 and the first contractor would

not be paid until January 2010. The contract must be signed and returned by April 24, 2009, otherwise the Village will lose the money. Mayor Milani asked Finance Director Mr. Riedel what he foresees, and he said that we would have to borrow the money from the bank, and he isn't sure that we would get the money from the bank due to the fact the Village has to show that it can pay the monies back. Right now the Village just purchased a \$160,000 Vactor truck which is \$35,000 per year out of the sewer account over the next five years. In the sewer department out of the general fund we will transfer around \$80,000 to cover the 2009 sewer projects, so more will have to be transferred out of the general fund in 2010 to cover that. Mr. Lewis said that if there is any possible way for us to get a nickel of it, this is it. Mr. Wasosky said yes, that if there is any way to get some money free, this is the way to get 50% free money. Mayor Milani said sometimes the squeaky wheel gets the oil, regarding when he went to the regional meeting, he said that this isn't the County of Akron, this is the County of Summit. Mr. Riedel said that there are too many variables and you don't have a way to repay the monies. If you get the COPS Grant then fine, but due to the fact of the general fund being depleted, and the sewer fund is almost depleted due to the road projects, where is the money going to come from. Mrs. Greenlee asked what was the availability of a loan through a bank to acquire the funds for the project. Mr. Riedel said you can increase the sewer maintenance fees and you can tell the bank that those monies are allotted for that. Mr. Lewis suggested that they should have a work session at 7p right after the Finance meeting on Wednesday, April 22. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Riedel is correct, that there are many variables to consider along with many different added costs. Mr. Bryan said the government is not going to care if we give the money back, and Mr. Wasosky said they will just give the money to someone else. Mr. Lewis said would you say our chances to get another grant like this are few and far in between. Mr. Wasosky said that they would look at this and say why should we go through all of this effort just for them to give it back. Back in 1992 we had a grant on Chestnut and we didn't have our share so we had to turn it back. Mr. Wasosky said that this grant is through the Small Government program, not the District Aid Office, we compete against all of the small government's through the State of Ohio, we competed and scored high. Mayor Milani said this is the necessary evil if we have another 100 year rain. Mr. Wasosky said that the sewers would not be able to handle it and the water would build up at Beech Avenue and fill up the box and would have problems. Mayor Milani said that at the work session at 7p on April 22, 2009 we will discuss this in further detail. A Motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee to authorize Mayor Milani to sign the project for Beech Ave/Houghton Rd Outfall Sewer Proposal, and was seconded by Mr. Barber, it carried with 6 aye votes. Mayor Milani asked how much we would have to raise the sewer rates. Mr. Riedel said he would have to get with Mr. Wasosky to see how many properties we would bill at 100% and how many we would bill at 50%, and then get with Bond Council, along with additional fees.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Police Chief Wentz read his report at this time. (See attached).

Fire Chief Vojtush had a call so he left his report. (See attached). Mayor Milani said that he thinks that April 20th might be the conclusion of these Fire District talks. The

indication he gets from Sagamore Hills is that they are not happy with paying 15% of the total bill for the Fire District, so that might be brought up at the April 20th meeting. By the end of next week there should be something definitive with Macedonia for mutual aid to cover certain parts of their town, but this is just in the talking stages. Mr. Noack wanted to give praise to the Chief Vojtush and the fire department regarding the squad call that was at his neighbor's house. Mr. Noack said they were very professional and quick. Mayor Milani said that the ambulance billing is up to be on track to be \$30,000 above the number that was budgeted in revenue.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report at this time.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee said that there will be a Finance Meeting on 4/22/09 at 6:30p.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission had stopped down to talk with Mr. Walters and he said that they had to replace the transmission on the 1997 pickup and they used the last of the cold patch, but no other major issues.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee spoke with Mr. Walters regarding the flooring on the stairs in the Village Hall and it will be installed over the next three weeks. The security window is installed in the Village hall, the key pad and entry button in Lisa's office will be finished shortly.

Mr. Barber of Wages and Working had no report at this time. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Noack if he had heard anything more regarding the part time helper at the Service Department and the union. Mr. Noack said he has heard nothing.

Mr. Lewis of Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-21, An emergency Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 1996 Vactor Model 2110 combination sewer cleaner mounted on a Ford LN 8000 chassis through the state's cooperative purchasing program. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, it carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay from Mr. Lewis. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. It passed with 5 aye votes and 1 nay from Mr. Lewis.

There was no Old Business. In the New Business, Mr. Lewis asked in regarding to the Consumer Choice Marketing, are there any other companies out there that we can check with to get a second opinion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council