

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 09, 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: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan and Village Engineer Rich Wasosky were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It carried with 5 ayes and an abstention by Mrs. Bowen. A motion accepting the March 26, 2008 Council minutes was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. These minutes were approved with 5 ayes and an abstention by Mr. Noack.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances. Mayor Milani reported that Northfield Park will honor Arch Milani on Wednesday, April 30th with an induction into their Hall of Fame. He invited all of Council to attend the dinner and celebration. The Mayor went on to report on a meeting he and Bob held with the Summit County Port Authority. They will send Bob a list of various options for securing financing for a new Town Hall, but as the Village would have to pay out \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 up front, we will probably research other avenues. Bob continued with a warning that Village employees should never admit the Village's liability in accident cases, as by law we are liable only for the individual's insurance deductible. The Mayor commented that we try to do right by residents and give them the benefit of the doubt as long as it is financially feasible.

At this time, longtime Village resident Anita Swenson presented Police Chief Mark Wentz with a Certificate of Excellence recognizing the entire Police Department for their outstanding achievements on a day-to-day basis. She then presented to veteran Councilperson Beatrice Greenlee a certificate honoring the Mayor, Council and staff for their outstanding achievement.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed to Council copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of March, 2008. A motion accepting them as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Bob then asked for a motion approving the disposal of several pieces of outdated Police and Finance Department equipment (list attached). The motion was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It covers: the commencement of the Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Replacement Project; His recommendations to accept Carron Asphalt Paving's bid for the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project and Rath Builders Supply's bid for the catch basin and manhole frames and castings (legislation for both on tonight's agenda); plans for the Lowrie Pump Station Elimination Project; State Route 8 resurfacing and repair; the Ledge Road

sanitary sewer repair; and repairs to the sanitary sewer between Kennedy Boulevard and Fell Avenue.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time. Police Chief Mark Wentz had entered the meeting after the roll call and had no written report, but noted that Dave Stepka is completing the interview process with Hinckley, and Ryan Kaetzel heard from the Wooster PD that they are holding off on hiring until mid-summer. Sgt. Mackie will be making rounds with the Service Department related to spring cleanup. Sgt. Zolcus has returned to work and is doing well, and Sgt. Urbanowicz has gone on extended family leave from which he will probably not return.

Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 P.M. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on April 23rd prior to the Council meeting. The Mayor and Bob reported that the Village has received a great deal more than expected in inheritance taxes this year due to the passing of several Village residents.

There were no reports from Finance, Roads and Public Works, or Health and Welfare. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds noted the need for a cleanup at the Pitluk Preserve, and the Mayor suggested it would make a good community service project. Chief Wentz added that high school students might volunteer to help with the effort for service hours. There were no reports from Wages and Working or Fire and Safety. Chief Wentz invited members of the Health and Welfare Committee, as well as any other interested Council members, to attend the Police departmental meeting on Sunday April 20th at 9:00 AM. It will feature a presentation by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office on the "Take Me Home" program, which is aimed at helping children and adults suffering from mental illness, learning disabilities and alzheimer's who might wander away from home.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2008-24, an emergency Resolution accepting the bid of Carron Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Nehez moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2008-25, an emergency Resolution accepting the bid of Rath Builders Supply, Inc. for minority business enterprises supplying of catch basin and manhole frames and castings for the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Noack made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Nehez seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Barber. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nehez, to donate \$100.00 to Concerts in the Park. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen followed with a motion to donate \$200.00 to the After-Prom Committee. Mr. Nehez seconded, and the donation was approved with 6 aye votes. In Old Business, Mr. Nehez brought up the mess at the Redi Wash, and Mrs. Bowen noted the need for a cleanup at the Chinese

restaurant. Mr. Nehez ended with a comment that he considered comments made to Mr. Lewis at the last Council meeting to be “uncalled for.” Chief Wentz announced that he is a grandfather for the fourth time. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM on a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council