

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor 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 Police Chief Mark Wentz were also present. Adam Lee represented the Fire Department. Clerk of Council Bob Riedel was absent.

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

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced Larry Shafron, owner of the Plaza, who presented his Mission Statement (attached) outlining his vision of a community based state-of-the-art sports arena to be constructed at Gabriel Brothers Plaza. Construction on the \$2½ million complex, which will include restaurants and a sports shop, is set to begin in late July. Following his presentation, Mr. Shafron answered questions from the floor regarding the proposed arena as well as other businesses in the Plaza.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Charles Weigand of Cambridge Drive claimed that Village ordinances are not being enforced, citing continuing violations involving junked cars and unmowed grass and weeds. He complained that a letter he had written in 2003 dealing with these problems had never received a response.

Mayor Milani had no further report, and there was no Finance Department report as Mr. Riedel was on vacation.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the Beach Avenue and Electric Boulevard Reconstruction Project; the study to eliminate the Steeplechase II and Lowrie pump stations; Summit County mapping of sewer outfalls, which is 90% complete; and Plaza subdivision pavement repairs which will be concentrated on Milford, North Plaza and Huntington at a total cost of \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time. Mayor Milani made an "editorial comment" concerning his displeasure with the News Leader's comments regarding the Village's traffic ticket productivity. His biggest bone of contention was that no one from the Village, including Chief Wentz, had been afforded the opportunity to rebut the statements, while the Summit County Sheriff had been given the opportunity to do so. He stated that he "makes no apologies for our Police Department doing its job."

Police Chief Mark Wentz echoed the Mayor's opinion and added that the article had focused on a particular officer. The Chief wrote a letter to the editor in response, but the paper chose not to publish it. Chief Wentz's report is attached. He congratulated Sgt. John Zoligus for his hard work on a molestation case with the assistance of Sgt. Mackie,

and also commended Jamie for the peaceful resolution of a missing person case. Officer Brian Zambach and Firefighter Adam Lee assisted with this case. Sgt. Mackie received a thank-you note from resident Ruth Kotila for his assistance when she fell at home. Chief Wentz concluded his report with an update on donations for an ATV for the Pitluk Preserve.

At this time, resident Anita Swenson presented Firefighter Adam Lee with a \$100.00 check to be donated to fellow Firefighter Michael James, who was injured last Wednesday in a multi-car accident on Rte. 271. He will be unable to work for six months. The Department is planning a fundraiser in his honor, and donations can be made to National City Bank in Macedonia.

Mayor Milani announced that John Preuer will hold meetings to present his report – one for mayors/trustees on April 17th and another on April 19th for members of council and the public.

A Planning Commission meeting will probably not be needed on April 18th. The Finance Committee meeting is set for April 25th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that potholes need re-patching, and there is enough salt for one more run. The dump truck is out for fuel line repairs. All the banners have been re-shafted and will be re-installed when the weather breaks. Finally, the Service Department secretary has left for another job. There were no reports from Health and Welfare or Buildings and Grounds. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety read a letter from University MedEvac (attached) thanking our Fire Department for their care of a patient. Mr. Barber of Wages and Working asked Brad to read Ordinance 2007-22, an emergency Ordinance setting forth the salaries of the Village's elected officials. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the raises were approved with 6 aye votes.

Next was Resolution 2007-20, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Debbie Breimeier to a new Planning Commission term. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-21, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. for the collection of outstanding court fines and costs. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the agreement was approved with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, the Mayor reported that a donation of \$500.00 toward the purchase of an ATV was made by the Walton Hills Church of Christ in memory of Bea's late husband Charles Greenlee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council