

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2011

Council President, Beatrice Greenlee called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Wentz, Fire Chief Vojtush and Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Selle. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2011 Special Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Selle. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrance, Nicole Occhionero, a first grade teacher from Ledgeview Elementary, returned to speak, regarding the May campaign for the school levy. She asked Council to vote yes on Issue 8. She stated that she and many others are struggling as to why they can't get their elected officials to endorse something as important as a school system. Mr. Bolek stated that he is amazed, the levy failed by 80% last time. Mr. Bolek stated that the superintendent is trying to leave the district. Ms. Occhionero said his contract is up. Mr. Bolek said that the superintendent is a finalist for another job. Ms. Occhionero said that she know that he is. Mr. Bolek said that the superintendent isn't even willing to stay, he is trying to bail! She said no he's not. Mr. Bolek said you don't apply for jobs if you are willing to stay. Ms. Occhionero replied, do you blame him, maybe he is ready to take on a new challenge. Mr. Bolek stated, that you wonder why the communities aren't supporting it, when 80% of the voters voted no! Ms. Occhionero stated that it didn't fail 80% in November, but in February it did. Mr. Bolek said that Council represents the people that elected them and 80% said no. Mr. Bolek asked, what local official has endorsed your school district levy? Ms. Occhionero said none. She asked Mr. Bolek if he thought that Nordonia Hills School District is not fiscally responsible? Mr. Bolek said no, that is not what I am saying at all. Ms. Occhionero said, she is just astounded that something as important as the school district wouldn't rank a little higher as a priority, and there are many people that are thinking the same thing. Ms. Occhionero asked Council if they could use last years salary and make it last for two years. Fire Chief Vojtush said that there hasn't been a pay raise here in years. Mr. Bolek stated that they still have a public relations person who does next to nothing for the district, who gets paid \$75,000. Ms. Occhionero stated she disagrees. Mr. Bolek stated that the school district hasn't done everything they can to cut costs.

Council President, Beatrice Greenlee stated that Mayor Milani came home yesterday. Mr. Nehez said that is good news. She stated that Mayor Milani would have loved to have been here tonight. Mr. Bolek stated that he looks forward to seeing him again. She stated that she attended the cemetery meeting and it was very interesting. Mrs. Greenlee said that there is another meeting on May 12th for all of the communities at Macedonia at 7pm. Mr. Nehez asked if it was at Macedonia town hall? Mrs. Greenlee said yes, and she thinks that is when they are going to pass the budget.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept Financial Statements for March 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Bolek and carried with 5 aye votes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached). Mr. Nehez asked if the storm sewers were in on Sunset Ave.? Mr. Wasosky said that there is one outlet pipe on Sunset that goes into Greenwood Village in Sagamore Hills. Mr. Wasosky said that there is a pipe from Rosewood that goes into that pipe, but no pipes going north from there. We do need some drainage up there! Mr. Bolek said that Chris was telling them that there are 17 sewer catch basins that collapsed that have to be rebuilt. Mr. Bolek questioned whether to rebuild them or do we just put in the concrete ones in that will last forever. Chris and Jason said that if we put concrete ones in, they will not line up when we rebuild the roads. Mr. Bolek said it seems like we will have to pay to do it twice. Mr. Wasosky said to put in one concrete manhole in it costs around \$4,500. He stated if you do multiple manholes then they would be about \$2,800-\$3,000 each. Mr. Wasosky said the problem is that all of our original manholes are brick, and in time the mortar disintegrates and the bricks push in. He stated that there are more problems with our catch basins. They have almost rebuilt all of the ones behind the plaza! Mr. Wasosky said he recommends that our crews just rebuild them instead of putting in new concrete ones. Mr. Bolek said that Chris and Sam are good with concrete and bricks. Mr. Nehez asked about the laterals on the storm drains and what happens if one of those collapses? Mr. Wasosky said that the builder connected three houses to a header pipe in the front yards and then connected that to the main. They are having a lot of problem with tree roots blocking the header pipe in front of the houses which are the property owner responsibility.

Police Chief Mark Wentz said that he did give everyone a copy of the paperwork regarding the two new part-time officers that he would like to hire. Mrs. Greenlee said she would like to have a Council work session on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30pm. at which time they can interview them. Chief Wentz stated that Lowe's selected the Village of Northfield as their 2011 Community Project. In about two months Lowe's will be bringing in volunteers to do the work. They said that they would still need a project manager to oversee the work, which would be a cost to the Village. This project manager will be Taylor Construction. Lowe's is also donating \$1,500 in supplies and materials to this project. Chief Wentz said that he is trying to keep the costs at a minimum. Mrs. Greenlee said that Chief Wentz has received some great donations. Chief Wentz said that he did get turned down for the grant for the new cruiser, but will receive a \$1,700.00 grant for the police department to use on technology, since Chief Wentz has been so persistent on reapplying for grants. Sgt. Zolgus had knee surgery and is doing well and should return in four to six weeks. Chief Wentz wanted to give some accolades to Officers Zajac, Jones and Kaetzel in connections with the kidnapping situation in the Village regarding resident, James Rodriguez.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report.

Fire Chief Vojtush stated they have all the equipment in and have 2/3 of everything switched over to new keys for the knox boxes in Walton Hills. Mr. Nehez asked if the ladies garden club were at the fire department. Chief Vojtush said they did do some work out front. Mrs. Greenlee said that she heard that they want to have a get together for the garden club this spring. Mr. Bolek thanked Chief Vojtush and his department for the help that was needed a couple weeks ago.

Mrs. Greenlee, of the Planning Commission stated that she interviewed one lady, that lives behind the Plaza, for the open seat on the Planning Commission. She stated that she is waiting for one more application and will have these applicants at the work session, so that everyone can meet them.

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee said that there will be a Finance Meeting at 6:30PM on April 27, 2011.

Mrs. Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee, stated that the post will be up today, and the sign will be put up some time next week on Ledge Rd. Today they were working on the trenches and she didn't know if it was completed or not. She said during Council's next work session, they will discuss the two part time service department positions for summer help.

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee stated that Chief Wentz is doing an amazing job on the re-do of the police department. He said it is incredible.

Mr. Noack, of Wages and Working was absent. Mrs. Greenlee asked Mr. Bryan if it was necessary to pass legislation so that Jason may bring on the two part time positions for summer help. Mr. Bryan said that he will draw up the legislation for the next Council meeting on April 27, 2011.

Mrs. Greenlee, of the Fire and Safety committee said that both the police chief and fire chief gave complete reports.

Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2011-31, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Summit County and other communities throughout Summit County for job creation and retention and tax revenue sharing. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. Carried with 5 ayes.

In the new business, Chief Wentz said that if anyone is interested, he does have the Resolution that was presented to the State House regarding Internet Cafes. They are trying to limit the number of locations based on the county population. Mr. Bolek saw something on public television, that Mike DeWine is going after these doctor's that are writing prescriptions for people who are abusing pain drugs. He is also trying to make the boards and pharmacies be responsible. Mr. Bryan said with the new technology, it makes it easier to track these people that are getting multiple subscriptions. There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council