

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:37PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Assistant Service and Building Department Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2010 Special Council Meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances, Mrs. Anita Swenson of 146 Huntington Dr. in Northfield Village presented awards to the following people: Karyn Selle for all of the help she gave at the Village Halloween Party; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spencer for the outstanding job they do with the senior snow plowing; Administrative clerk, Lisa Rodriguez for being so helpful with Anita and anyone who comes to the town hall for help; Linda Bowen accepted the award on behalf of Mayor, Council and staff for outstanding achievement; Fire Chief Vojtush and fire department for the excellent job that they do; Jason Walters and service department for leaf pickup and keeping the roads clear; Police Chief Wentz and the police department for their outstanding job.

Mayor Milani reported that Friday, April 16th at noon is the grand opening ribbon for The Market Place and Council is invited. Mayor Milani said that there was an announcement in the paper that a Thrift Nation moving in. Bob met with the owner and he said that there is a possible June grand opening at the Plaza in the old Big Lots. The owner told Bob said that they are a non-profit organization. Mayor Milani said that when he spoke with Pierre from Plaza management about Thrift Nation, he couldn't confirm if they were a 501c3 or not. Mayor Milani said that he has been told that Little Caesar's will be opening within 30 days. Chief Vojtush said he has received the plans from the county and the same with Thrift Nation. Chief Vojtush said that the tenants that are moving into the Thrift Nation is using their own personnel for the installation of the sprinklers. Mrs. Greenlee and myself have received calls from residents regarding the Thrift Nation and Market Place. We know it isn't what we hoped for in the Plaza, but the residents think that we have control of which tenants move into the plaza. Mayor Milani said that if the tenant meets the criteria of retail there isn't much we can do. Mr. Noack said that the Village receives the taxes from those tenants and Mayor Milani said that they bring in jobs.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements for March 2010 as submitted and Mayor's Court reports for February and March 2010 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report. (see attached) Regarding the NEORS D workshop on storm water Fee Credit Reduction, all businesses and property owners will be eligible for a reduction in the monthly fee that they are going to charge. For the school it is possible to get a 100% deduction, businesses at least get 75%, which is a big factor for Northfield Track and the Plaza, homeowners get 25%-50% reductions for certain things like rain barrels and rain gardens. Law Director Brad Bryan asked Mr. Wasosky if he knew that we were involved in the lawsuit, and Mr. Wasosky said yes there are 2 lawsuits, Summit County and Cuyahoga County. Mr. Bryan said that the property owners have intervened in the Cuyahoga County case and this might likely get put off. Mr. Bryan said that he has pre-trial Friday, and if this does get resolved we will see if the sewer district can take over the EPA paperwork for us.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (see attached) Last year the Village made an application to the COPS Grant to put new officers on, covering their salaries and benefits up to three years, cover officers that we currently have. Last year they gave it to Cleveland and Akron, who still laid off officers. Chief Wentz received an email today that his application is on file this year for the next round of decisions. Chief Wentz said that Ryan Kaetzel might be leaving to go to Middleburg Hts. Mrs. Greenlee asked if Mr. McFeely has been put on the roster, and Chief Wentz said yes and he is happy to be back.

Assistant Service and Building Department Superintendent, Chris While covered Jason's report at this time. (See attached) Mr. Nehez mentioned that the crosswalks on Ledge Rd are really faded and wondered when they would be painted, and Chris said normally at the beginning of when school starts they get painted. Mrs. Selle received a call from a resident

saying that at Magnolia park the drop from the end of the slide to the ground is high, maybe some of the mulch need to be replaced. Mr. While said that there has been a lot of vandalism again at the park. Mr. Nehez asked if they were going to do a lot of grinding this year, and Chris said that they always grind. Chris said that when they grind a patch out, do some sealing and keep going. Chris said that they use all of the equipment that they purchase. Mr. Nehez and Mr. Noack said that they feel the melting kettle and pour pot are good purchases for the road maintenance program. Mayor Milani said that Resolution 2010-17 is a continuation on employing John DeBrouse in the service department. Chief Wentz said that he will have some kids that have to do community service that will over the summer be helping the service department. Brad Bryan read Resolution 2010-17, confirming the Mayor's reappointment of John DeBrouse as a temporary, part-time, seasonal service department employee John DeBrouse. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Nehez. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and Mrs. Selle seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Nehez said that John is going to be a good fit for the service department and Chris thanked all of Council. Mayor Milani asked Chris if they were bringing back CJ Timm and Danny Orrill, and Chris said yes. Mr. Bryan said that they will have the legislation at the next Council meeting. Council decided that they should take a drug test before being re-hired and Chris said he would handle that.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had stepped out for a moment and he left the report for everyone. (see attached) Mayor Milani said that he got a call today regarding the cost of the Elm Croft situation. The unconfirmed total bill was \$131,000, 75 people, search and rescue, trained dogs and during this whole time she was in the facility. Mayor Milani said that our fire department was there and the police department was there for about 5-6 hours.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that there will be a Finance Committee meeting at 6:00pm on April 28th. Council decided to have a Council work session at 6:30p on April 28th.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that the planning is going well for the 75th Anniversary celebration and Council is looking for volunteers to help with that event. Council wants to do a letter to local businesses seeking donations. Mayor Milani said that we received a \$250 donation from Plastic Process, Ed Kuchar towards the 75th Anniversary. Mr. Nehez and Mrs. Greenlee discussed composing a letter to put in the News Leader regarding the 75th Anniversary looking for volunteers.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working said that the committee met tonight and we recommended Ordinance 2010-18 for recommendation by Council.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety Committee had no report. Mrs. Greenlee said that her and Mrs. Bowen went over the lieutenant test results thoroughly for both candidates and Jamie Mackie got the Lieutenant position. Mr. Nehez asked how long has Mr. Mackie been with the Village and Chief Wentz said since 1994, for 16 years.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-14, An emergency authorizing the Mayor, Finance Director, and Law Director to renew the Village's agreement with the legal defenders office of Summit County, Ohio for indigent representation in Stow Municipal Court. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Nehez seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-15, An emergency Resolution permitting the use of internet auctions to dispose of certain property owned by the Village and no longer needed for municipal purposes, was put on first reading. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-16, An emergency Resolution authorizing the Village of Northfield, Ohio to purchase services or supplies by reverse auction in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.314, was put on first reading. Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2010-18, An emergency Ordinance amending Section 244.02 of the administrative code relating to the addition of the position of police lieutenant. 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 Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Bowen seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes.

There was no Old business.

In the new business Mr. Noack said that one of daughters is getting married this June and the other daughter is getting married next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM following a motion by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council