

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 25, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33 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. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters.

The April 11, 2007 Council minutes were amended (page 1, paragraph 4) to change "Charles" Wiegand to "Harold" Weigand. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mike Pappadakis of Kennedy Blvd. complained about potholes needing repair. Jason replied that the worst potholes have been patched, and the Mayor added that holes previously cold-patched had reopened due to harsh weather conditions.

Mayor Milani reported that he had met with Larry Shafron, who gave him an update on plans for an athletic complex at the Plaza which include a restaurant and mezzanine, a 1,000 to 1,500-seat arena, basketball, soccer and bocce ball courts, weightlifting apparatus, and a running track. Activities for children and seniors will be offered. The Gabriel Brothers store will tentatively be open through August 31st, and Mr. Shafron projects completion of his project by the end of the year. This may be unrealistic, but the Mayor emphasized that he gives credit to anyone who is interested in investing \$3+ million in the Village and hopes Mr. Shafron's plans come to fruition. They will be presented to the Planning Commission on May 16th. Mayor Milani went on to say that Handel's and Mixer's are reportedly close to reopening.

At this time, Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to make a \$250.00 donation to the National City Bank fund for Firefighter Michael James, who sustained serious injuries in a recent traffic accident. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Also to benefit Michael James will be a fundraiser at the Beer & Belly Deli on April 30th and another at Scoreboards on May 19th (fliers attached). Chief Vojtush reported that Michel's recovery is progressing well and he is in good spirits.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of March financial statements and bank reconciliations, as well as Mayor's Court reports. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to accept all three, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 aye votes. Bob then asked for a motion to approve the payment already made to Chris While for a 3-hour call-out on April 14th (during Jason's absence) involving a contractor/neighbor dispute. The motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time, but stated that Engineer Rich Wasosky had requested a motion allowing him to advertise for bids for Plaza road repairs. The motion by Mr. Lewis was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 6 ayes. Brad then explained the cable legislation on the agenda (Resolution 2007-25). It supports the local cable franchising process and preserves home rule. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 5 ayes and an abstention by Mr. Nehez. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and this motion was also approved with 5 aye votes and an abstention by Mr. Nehez.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report at this time. A Fire and Safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th at 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. Mayor Milani commented that John Preuer's Fire report was very well done and that Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills are very receptive to Mr. Preuer's recommendation of shared services, at least on a trial basis.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters had no written report, but stated that banners will be reinstalled next week and that some minor cold-patching may yet be done. Landscape equipment is being readied, and snowplows are being put away for the season. Mrs. Greenlee announced that a Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 16th at 7:30 PM.

At this time Brad read Ordinance 2007-23, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of April, 2007. Finance Department chairwoman Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Noack seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the Service Department's new mower should be available in about ten days. Discussion regarding the condition of Village roads ensued. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-24, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Bob briefly explained the changes. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Noack seconded, and the amendments were approved with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old or New Business, The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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