

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:36 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, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Jim Daugherty of 214 Magnolia complained about children, many of whom do not even live in the Village, vandalizing the park, fighting, using foul language, and trespassing on his and his neighbors' property. He asked that something be done about the problem at the parks before someone is seriously injured. Mark Bartos of 9274 Cranbrook also complained about the parks and in particular, about the offensive language. The Mayor concurred about the problem, but stated that we can't just give up and let the 14, 15 and 16-year-olds take over. Greg Mural of 154 Fell Avenue questioned why the reimbursement check he received from the Village for damages from the sewer backup was for \$430.00 less than he had requested. The Mayor stated that the labor cost had seemed very high and that he thought the Village had been more than fair and accommodating.

Mayor Milani had nothing to report at this time. Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had submitted to Council copies of bank reconciliations and financial statements for the month of April, 2008. A motion to accept them as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Bob further reported that the Village will save \$60,000 annually on our Workers' Comp. premium beginning in 2009 (payable in 2110) by going through the Ohio Municipal League group rather than the State.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the Houghton Road sewer outlet set to be completed the first week of June; the status of the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project; the Lowrie Pump Station Elimination Project, which is awaiting easements from Walton Hills; Issue 2 submittal for the Electric Blvd. Reconstruction Project; and an invitation to join the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners. A motion to join the group for a fee of \$500.00 was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time, nor did Fire Chief Gary Vojtush.

There is no need for a Planning Commission meeting on May 21st. The Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 28th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works reported that the Service Department will take bids on the old bucket truck, which is probably worth around \$1,500.00. The new truck should be delivered in a week or so. New signs are going up behind the plaza, and road repairs, starting with Stratford, will begin soon. A Council work session is set for Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 PM. The Mayor stated that he and Bob have been crunching numbers to determine the feasibility of a new town hall, and have come to the conclusion that the Village can't afford the expenditure at this time. Doubling the size of the current salt shed is a priority, as is getting new trucks and equipment on the road.

There were no reports from Health and Welfare or Wages and Working. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that Jason will get estimates for repairing the fence at the park. Jesse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Noack, to purchase flowers for the Town Hall at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety expressed the need for a meeting, and it was decided to combine it with the work session on May 21st at 7:30.

At this time, Brad read Ordinance 2008-27, an emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 290 of the Codified Ordinances relating to court costs. Mr. Nehez moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

Ordinance 2008-28 was put on First Reading following a vote of 6 ayes to do so.

There was no Old or New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM following 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