

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Mayor Milani with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Mayor Milani presented the head coach of the Nordonia Knights boys varsity track team, Scott Barwidi along with senior members Matt Sitter, and junior Brandon Clark with Proclamation 2010-28. Mayor Milani referred to this team as "road warriors" due to the fact of this team winning the conference title this year which hasn't been won at this school since 1978, and having all of their track meets at away schools, no home meets. Head coach, Scott Barwidi said he is very honored to be here and receive this award. Mayor Milani said that we are truly honored to present the Nordonia Knights boys varsity track team Proclamation 2010-28; A proclamation honoring and congratulating Nordonia Knights boys Varsity Track Team on their 2010 Northeast Ohio Conference River Division Championship and Ravenna district runner-ups.

There were no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that Aldi's met with the Macedonia Planning Commission last Thursday, Howard Shafron said that they have 2 years left on their lease, and that they can buy out the lease. Mayor Milani said that if Mr. Shafron has a year or two to find a proprietor, we would want something like Aldi's or better. Mayor Milani said that there was an act of vandalism over night at Smith park. Some people hung on the basketball rim, broke it in half and it came down. Mayor Milani said that he spoke with Andrew Harris from the Summit County Health Department regarding 154 May Ave. and the animals. Mayor Milani was told that the property was bank owned. Mayor Milani said that the other residents have been living by this property in this horrible state for almost two years. Mr. Wasosky said that the health department would have to deem it uninhabitable, meaning it has no functional bathrooms, no heating system working, gas and electric shut off, etc. Mr. Wasosky said that the health department is very reluctant to condemn a house. Mayor Milani said that he and Jason Walters will be meeting with Andrew Harris from the Summit County Health Department, along with the bank at 154 May Ave, for discussion regarding this property. Mr. Bryan said that we can site the bank for building violation codes. Mr. Bolek said that one of the reasons that the health department is reluctant to condemn houses is due to the city of Cleveland tearing down a wrong house. Mayor Milani said that Andrew Harris from the Summit County Health Department volunteered to field all calls from anyone complaining about 154 May.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Financial Statements for May 2010 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report. (see attached). Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-30, A resolution pledging cooperation by the Village of Northfield with the Summit County Infrastructure Committee and the Ohio Public Works Commission in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement and authorizing Mayor Victor F. Milani, Chief Executive Officer, to submit the application and to execute all contracts with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Infrastructure Funds, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Bolek mad a motion to add Resolution 2010-30 and it was seconded by Mr. Nehez, carried with 5 ayes. A motion was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez to suspend the three-reading rule, carried with 5 ayes. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez, motion passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Wasosky asked for a motion to approve a motion to advertise for bids for State Route 8 curb and sidewalk repairs north of Maple Ave. The motion was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle, it carried with 5 ayes.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Police Chief Wentz said that he did complete the COPS grant that was due for updating. This time they removed our original request for the re-hire of three officers and changed it down to one new hire. Chief Wentz said that we can submit an application for one new hire, that would cover three years, and obtain the officer for one month period at the end of that term. Chief Wentz doesn't anticipate an answer until around September, just like last year. Mayor Milani told Chief Wentz

that the situation at the parks with the basketball hoops beings damaged needs to be addressed. Chief Wentz said that his officers said that more kids are hanging out at Huntington park than at Smith Park. Mr. Bolek asked Chief Wentz if they were ID'ing the kids, Chief Wentz said no not unless they use foul language or such.

Fire Chief Vojtush gave his report. (see attached). Little Caesars' construction is stalled for the moment and has been rejected again through the County. Mr. Bolek asked why there is a sign up for Little Caesars' when they aren't open yet, it should be covered until they are open for business, Chief Vojtush said to ask Jason Walters. Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2010-31, An emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a new Pierce Saber contender pumper fire engine and accompanied equipment from Findley Fire Equipment and Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. through the State's cooperative purchasing program. A motion to add Resolution 2010-31 was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, carried 5 ayes. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, carrier with 5 ayes. A motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek and passed with 5 aye votes. Chief Vojtush said during the Fire & Safety meeting he covered all of the financing numbers on this purchase, and the price on this payment will be right around what they currently pay on one of the squads. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Riedel is putting this financing up for bid like he does for all purchases. Mayor Milani thanked Jason Buss and Chief Vojtush for their hard work on the purchase of this vehicle.

Mr. Bolek asked if Jason Walters has received the new service truck, and Mayor Milani said yes they have received it and they were working on the wood side panels for further expansion.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that there will be a Finance meeting on 6/23/10 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee was absent.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that the two new signs up at the Village hall look nice.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working had no report.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety covered the report from the Fire and Safety meeting at the fire department on June 1, 2010. Chief Vojtush updated everyone about the lightening strike damage that happened at the fire station. Chief Vojtush said that he had some damage to phones, computers, washer, unit on the squad truck and Mr. Riedel said to call the adjuster.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-29, An emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a worksite agreement with Summit County in connection with the Youth Employment for Success Program. Mayor Milani said that this program is for age groups 16 and 20 years of age, for 20-25 hrs per week at no cost to the Village and the County will be paying them \$7.30 per hr., and cover workers compensation costs. Mayor Milani said that Jason Walters is going to try out two of these youth on a trial basis to see how things go this year and the program runs June 21 - August 26, 2010. Mr. Bolek asked if there was a preference give to people who live in the Village, Mayor Milani said that yes, they get a list of all kids from the Nordonia Hills area. Mr. Bolek said what if a kid wants to apply, and Mayor Milani said it is too late for this year and it is for low income families. Mayor Milani said that this is a brand new program and this is the first year it is running. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and Mrs. Selle seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes.

In the Old and new business Mr. Nehez said he has been receiving a lot of phone calls regarding the Plaza. Mr. Nehez is directing those people who are complaining directly to the Plaza Management. Mayor Milani said to give those residents Howard Shafron's phone number so they can contact him directly. Mr. Bolek said he has noticed that lately there are a lot of signs being added on to and many temporary signs and it looks bad. Mr. Bolek said there is no structure plan, it is just done haphazardly. Mr. Nehez said that we should just fine Plaza Management for everything that is wrong and site them into mayor's court. Chief Wentz just received information regarding the damaged basketball hoop, that the people were playing on the court, made a dunk and the hoop/backboard came down on top of them, 18-19 yrs of age, from Sagamore Hills, but nothing other than that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM following a motion by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council