

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor 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, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present. Finance Director Bob Riedel and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes.

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced Courtney Murray, an 11-year-old Lee Eaton student who suffers from muscular dystrophy and serves as a goodwill ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Mayor and Council presented her with a check for \$100.00 and congratulated her for her efforts in behalf of the organization. There were no other Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

A motion to accept Finance Director Bob Riedel's report as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Mayor Milani reported that he had taken a tour of Village neighborhoods with Chief Mark Wentz and was embarrassed by the condition of some Village properties. He noted in particular the unsightly properties at 171 and 175 Magnolia, which have since been mowed by the Service Department at his request. The Mayor asked for diligence in reporting and taking care of such conditions in the future, and Chief Wentz added that he has been photographing abandoned vehicles, another eyesore needing to be remedied.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It covers: the Houghton Road outlet sewer replacement; the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project; the Lowrie Pump Station Elimination Project to be bid in July; Electric Boulevard reconstruction plans to be submitted to the Issue 2 committee this month; Issue 2 funding for 2009; the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program – Phase II; and storm water compliance services provided by the Summit County Health Department. A motion allowing Mr. Wasosky to apply for an Issue 2 grant for the Houghton Road sewer replacement was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that Jason is working on Plaza dumpster citations for units not in compliance. He reported further that an Ordinance relating to truck access at the Plaza needs further consideration and "tweaking" to ensure that it can be properly enforced.

Police Chief Mark Wentz's report is attached. It includes an update on Department personnel and enforcement comparisons for the past four years. The Mayor stressed the possibility of the impending urgency of the full-time promotion of two of the Village's current part-time officers.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report at this time. A Fire meeting is set for next Monday, June 16th, at 6:30 PM in Macedonia.

Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30 PM. The Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 25th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works reported that the Service Department needs a new salt loader at a cost of around \$40,000.00 after trade-in, and the one-ton dump truck needs \$3,000 to \$5,000 in repairs. Two part-time Service workers are set to start work next week. There were no reports from Health and Welfare or Fire and Safety. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that the mulch is down and the swings and fence up at Smith Park. The Mayor reported that funds for electric repairs at the Town Hall may be partially taken from the court computer fund, thereby preventing depletion of the general fund. Mr. Barber of Wages and Working reported that two resolutions related to hiring are on tonight's agenda.

Brad read Resolution 2008-34, an emergency Resolution confirming the appointment of Lisa Rodriguez as the Village's Administrative Clerk. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Nehez made a motion for passage, Mr. Noack seconded, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-35, an emergency Resolution appointing Lisa Thellmann as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Nehez made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

The last piece of legislation was Resolution 2008-33, an emergency Resolution requiring the County Fiscal Officer to certify to the Northfield Village Council the amount a 1.5 mill continuing additional levy would yield for the Northfield Village Fire Department. Mr. Noack moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It also carried with 6 ayes.

There was no Old or New Business, The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 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