

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2006

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. Stewart, 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 May 24, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes and an abstention by Mr. Lewis.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read a Proclamation honoring and congratulating Richard Probiega for 40 years of distinguished service with the United States Postal Service. Both the Mayor and Arch Milani spoke in glowing terms about Mr. Probiega, and he was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani thanked Council President Bea Greenlee for taking over for him at the May 24th Council meeting when he was recovering from minor surgery. He then reported that due to County permit issues, the Sunoco station has not yet opened. He stated that we should see some progress at the Burger King property in the next month.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for May. A preliminary budget for next year will be issued to the County next month, so any needed appropriations should be turned in before that time.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: bidding on Ledge Road resurfacing, preliminary plans for Birch Avenue reconstruction, the Storm Water Pollution Control Phase II permit, the Willie Trowsdell sanitary sewer, and asphalt repair work on the Chestnut and Rosewood project.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that Lia Withrow-Calalesina has withdrawn her termination appeal.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report, but commented on the excellent response time of his Department at the most recent house fire.

Mrs. Greenlee reported that Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 7:30 PM. The Finance Committee meeting is set for 6:30 PM on June 28th, prior to the Council meeting. There will be a Council work session on Monday, June 26th at 7:30 PM. Mayor Milani stated that the Village's income tax receipts are up 71% from last year.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the Pitlock parking area is in, and signs will be up by the end of the week. The Houghton hillside problem will be dealt with beginning next week. Three retention basins have been replaced, and 98 yards of playground mulch has been installed. The tire machine is in, and the lift should be in and installed by next week. The truck used for road patching will be back from repairs next week, and patching will begin shortly after. Jason is looking into a cost-effective way of remedying the Pietrocini fence problem. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2006-22, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Cameron Wade as a Temporary, Seasonal Employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2006. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2006-23, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Stephen Wentz as a Temporary, Seasonal Employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2006. Mr. Barber moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Stewart seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2006-24, an emergency Resolution retaining Attorney Raymond Powell to represent the Village in the McConville Workers' Comp. claim. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, The Mayor reported that his son Nicholas is volunteering with the Service Department this summer. His only compensation is lunch from his Dad. Mr. Nehez reported that there is graffiti on the south side of the Aldi building, and the Mayor said he would talk to their maintenance man.

Mrs. Bowen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, to go into Executive Session at 8:10 to discuss a matter of personnel and possible litigation. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:38 PM was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mr. Stewart. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council