

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 22, 2011

Mayor Victor F. Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel, with the following present: Mrs. Bowen, Mr. Nehez, Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Bolek. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Wentz and Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, Village resident Phil Kneziak from 10421 Victory Blvd., said that he was at the Sunoco station the other day and overheard a gentleman talking about not having a job and that he garbage picks and he just got a fine in the Village and he is a resident. Why do we have a police officer give a ticket to a resident for this when he can make money. Mr. Kneziak said that he stopped into the town hall the other day to get a permit and he couldn't get one. Let people garbage pick or let them pay \$20 for a permit. Phil said that a lawn mower, a trash compactor and some cans can bring you about \$45 a week. He said is there anything wrong with that? Mr. Walter said that pickers come where the service department is or the sewer plant and pick garbage. Mr. Walters said that residents have called in and said that they have been picked and made a mess of the stuff on the side of the road. There is a lot of problem with the pickers that come through here, who are not residents. Mr. Kneziak said that if a picker makes a mess at the side of the road then the police can site them for littering. Mayor Milani stated last year, pickers went within 5' of a council member's front door and took a rod iron table and chairs. When the picker was caught, they stated that they thought it was garbage. Mr. Kneziak said that he is talking about a lawn mower at the side of the curb, which he will be sited for because there is no picking allowed. Mayor Milani stated that as long as you get permission from the property owner, you will be ok. Mr. Bolek asked if it was a commercial or residential establishment? Mr. Kneziak said that it was residential. Mr. Bolek said he has known of others picking and have no problems. Mr. Bryan said that it was all generated by a couple of people going from house to house every Thursday. Mayor Milani said, a restaurant in the Village that had freezers that were a couple inches away from their back door were taken by a picker. Mr. Walters said that they took saw horses and castings for sewer projects. Chief Wentz said they took the big clam bake machine from the Moose Lodge. Chief Wentz said, that the problem is they are coming within a couple of feet of peoples houses and taking things off of their lawn. The police then receives the calls that their was a theft of property and they think it was someone garbage picking and the police don't know who did it. Chief Wentz stated that he understands it is hard times and people are trying to make a few bucks. There are people out there making a few bucks off of other peoples property and then those residents have to go and replace those items. Brad Bryan stated that the easiest way to solve the problem is to have something on the books. Mayor Milani said to leave it at the police departments discretion. Chief Wentz said that they normally warn them the first time. Mayor Milani said that this is the first time that council and I have heard of this person. Mayor Milani said, knock on the residents door, as long as they are fine with it, you can take it. Chief Wentz asked Mr. Kneziak if any of the officers had stopped him? Mr. Kneziak said no.

Mayor Milani asked if everyone had heard the good news about the track which is great news? Mr. Bolek asked if everyone had heard of Governor approving two tracks in Toledo to move to Youngstown. Mayor Milani said that from what he heard that Columbus and Toledo can. Mayor Milani said that we are looking at at least a \$200 million dollar investment here in the Village. It will be a boost for the Village and the board of education. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel had Mayor's Court report and Financial Statements for May 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Bolek and carried with 5 aye votes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Chief Wentz said, that the reason this came to light with the TV stations, is that the ATF got permission on Monday, to authorize the reward of \$2,000, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons that planted the device on the officers vehicle. Chief Wentz said that he did bring in a suspect and ATF sat in on the interview. The story wasn't relayed correctly, and that this did occur over a month ago. They are getting the information out to promote the reward. Chief Wentz stated that if nothing comes to light over the next couple of weeks, the ATF will raise the reward to \$5,000. Chief Wentz stated that one of the names that has surfaced is the same person responsible for the signs. Mayor Milani asked, if they are trying to tie in the bombing on Coventry? Chief Wentz said that there are similarities. The tie in may simply be, is who sold or gave the device to this person, or the one on Coventry. Mr. Riedel asked Chief Wentz, if the workers' comp claims would be charged to the task force.? Chief Wentz said he would check. Mr. Bolek said that is for Detective Carlisle. Chief Wentz said that most

likely it would be under the Village is policy, since we lend them out one day a week to the task force. Mr. Nehez asked what was going on with Lowe's? Chief Wentz said that they are waiting on final approval. Mayor Milani asked if the private monetary donation from the local business had come to pass? Chief Wentz said no.

Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters gave his report. (See Attached) Mr. Bolek asked when the business sidewalks are supposed to be completed, before they are in violation? Mr. Walters stated that they all have responded and are handling the request, so they aren't close to any violations. Mayor Milani stated that if we got someone else to do the Kennedy Blvd. storm sewer project, it would have cost \$70-80,000. Mr. Walters said that Mr. Wasosky estimated the cost to be around \$40-60,000. Mayor Milani stated that with us doing the project ourselves, it will cost around \$10-15,000. Mr. Walters said yes, around there. Mr. Bolek asked when Jason would be doing the inspection on the apartments on Lincoln? Mr. Walters said he is moving that way. Mr. Riedel asked Jason if the ordinance to inspect the apartments covers inspections in the motels/hotels? Mr. Walters said he didn't think so. Jason asked Mr. Bryan, if there is a law or can we make a law, where these apartments have a master key? Mr. Bryan said to remind them, that every time you come back a for re-inspection, there is a fee of \$75.00.

Mayor Milani stated, that the On The Go Gas wants to change their business to an auto mart. Is this ok for zoning.? Mr. Bryan said that there are some requirements that may or may not apply. Mayor Milani said, they are talking about buying the house behind the property. Mr. Walters said yes, the property is commercial but the house is residential. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Bryan, when Miller Auto Sales went into business, didn't we put a minimum limit on the vehicles being sold? Mr. Bryan said yes, it went through the planning commission for a variance for a fence and there were requirements and conditions on the occupancy. Mr. Walters said that he would like a copy of that documentation. Mr. Bryan said he will have to go to planning commission and have it reviewed. Mayor Milani said that he received a call from Mr. Greenburg who owns the property across from the track , he asked if the Village would like another gas station? Mayor Milani said he thought not, but gave Mr. Greenburg some names of national restaurant chains that might be a good fit. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Shafron turned in a request for a permit for a sign to promote the casino. Mr. Bryan said that this is a civil matter between Mr. Shafron and the track owners. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Shafron, how do you have an internet cafe without internet hookup. Chief Wentz and Mr. Bryan told him that they need to have the proper paperwork ,regarding Mr. Farley's inspection on the machines. Mr. Bolek said that it doesn't matter how much the inspection costs, until we get the approval, they won't open.

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee had Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2011-41, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of June 2011. Motion made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes.

Mrs. Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report. Chief Wentz asked Mr. Bolek about the red stickers for homes. Mr. Bolek said that the county is giving away a lot of these, so we should check with the county. Chief Wentz said that he thinks this is worth while, when considering the elderly and sick regarding medications. It would be good to have a list and get a copy to the fire department also. Mr. Bolek said that many years ago, stickers used to be placed on the windows.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

Mr. Noack, of Wages and Working Committee was absent. Mr. Bolek stated that on all of the union contracts is a statement, that says, if we do not notify them 60 days prior to the contract expiring, the language in the contract automatically renews itself. One of those components that we have, is that we pay 100% for health insurance for all of the employees. If that is something that we want to look at, we need to notify them by the end of July. Mr. Bolek stated, that even if we end up giving it to them, as is right now, if we don't notify them by the end of July that we are looking at it, then we automatically have it for another three years. Mr. Bryan said that it is the end of August. Mr. Bolek said that talking with Mr. Riedel, Council needs to amend some codified ordinances because they define that the Village is the payor of all health insurance. It doesn't state, that we are sharing it. Council needs to change that ordinance and notify each of the unions that they are looking at a change. Mr. Bryan said that the ordinances only apply to non-union employees. Mr. Bolek said that even if senate bill 5 passes, Mr. Walters said that it won't affect the Village at all. Mr. Bryan said he would like the documentation and Mr. Walters said to get it from Dean. Mr. Bolek said that it really limits the Village, if they choose to not do anything.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report. Chief Wentz said that the News Leader is working on a story about renewing the block watch. Mrs. Greenlee said that Mrs. Bowen has information regarding that and will forward it to Chief Wentz. Mr. Bolek asked if there were signs available through the county? He asked if the block watch would be organized by ward or just for the whole town. Chief Wentz said maybe to set it up by ward, and then have a representative for each ward.

In the new business, Mayor Milani said that the Village received a thank you note from Mrs. Noack for her proclamation. Mr. Bolek stated that he has noticed over the past couple of weeks, a huge increase in young people walking around after 10:00pm. Chief Wentz said that they have picked up some kids for curfew violations, but they have to be under 18 years of age. Mr. Nehez said that he had some discussions with Mrs. Greenlee about everything that is going on at the track, to have the Village to come up with a theme for building codes for Rte. 8. He stated that it would be beneficial, to have landscaping and architectural standards. Mrs. Greenlee said that they could discuss this at the next Council work session, scheduled for July 6th, 2011 at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. following a motion by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council