

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Lieutenant Jamie Mackie, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service and Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstain.

In the business of business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances Mayor Milani introduced Kerry Wichert from the Nordonia Hills Garden Club regarding the beautification at the fire department. She raised about \$2,000 from local Village businesses towards these plans. She said that they are planning to keep it under budget and she passed out the plans to all of Council to approve. Mr. Bolek said that there is an issue with that area that when it rains, the whole area floods 2-3 feet at times in heavy rain. Chief Vojtush said that the flooding is down the side, and he thought they were putting trees down that side. Ms. Wichert said that the landscapers were thinking of putting in a base of clay, then netting and drainage pipe underneath, and she is waiting on their cost for that. Ms. Wichert said that her basic plan is to get the beds in first. Mr. Noack said as everyone knows that the economy is bad right now, and we are doing better than most cities are right now and we don't know what is coming up for the rest of the year and Jason and the service department guys replaced all of these damaged street signs, which have to be replaced again and that isn't in the budget. Mr. Noack said, what is more important, do we make the place look better or do we replace signs that are damaged. Mr. Noack said he is not sure which way we need to go so he asked everyone to convince him that this is what we need. Mr. Noack said he knows that the service director, Jason Walters knows which way we need to go, he knows what we have to do and he knows they will have to replace the bent and broken signs, replace basketball hoops and those kinds of things aren't in the budget. Mr. Noack said he wants to hear out the garden club, and he wants to hear them out and not being disrespectful but he wants to make sure they know where he stands. Keri Wichert said that the garden club is donated \$2,000, the Preservation Association donated \$1,500, she said that she has collected \$2,000 in donations within the Village. Ms. Wichert said that they are going to make a go of it, and Mr. Noack said that it is pretty good. Ms. Wichert said that Mayor Milani offered to donate some money on behalf of the Village. Mayor Milani said he told her he would like to offer up to \$500, contingent on Council's approval. Mayor Milani said that maybe the Fireman's Association could make a donation, Chief Vojtush said they would have to check into the treasurers account. Mr. Noack said that the Garden Club did make a good effort on collecting the donations and Mr. Noack said that he personally is for the Village donating \$500, he just wanted to give his opinion. Mr. Nehez made suggestions to use heartier shrubs and bushes to help them survive the salt over the winter. Mr. Nehez said on behalf of himself and Council they are glad to have the garden club in town working on this beautification project. Mr. Walters said that his department will handle the roto-tilling of the areas, and they could add some clay/dirt to the eroded areas, but he would like to look at the areas first. Motion made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack to donate \$500.00 to Nordonia Hills Garden Club. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bolek asked what fund will the monies be coming out of, Mr. Riedel said from the Council out of their donations. Bill Roemer who is running for Summit County Council at-large stopped by to introduce himself, and said that he is going around to each town in Summit County to listen to concerns or issues.

Mayor Milani met this morning with Chris Cupples who is the Governor's regional director. The topic of video lottery terminals was discussed and Mr. Cupples seems to think that the making of the Ohio Gambling Commission might be the answer to the video lottery terminals. He is hoping that through that governing body they will allow it by the end of the year. There is a move on now to put a referendum to the referendum on the ballot to oppose what the public just put in for the gambling outlets. Mr. Cupples said that the fastest way for us to accomplish what we are trying to do is to go through the Ohio Gambling Commission to legalize video lottery terminals at the track before the end of the year. Mayor Milani met the other day with Howard Shafron, and told him that there was a great deal of concern on what businesses he is putting into the Plaza, Mr. Shafron said he will discuss this further with me in detail after his vacation. Mr. Bolek asked if Mr. Shafron had an answer to why there were signs up for businesses that were not open yet. Mr. Walters said if they were referring to Little Caesar's, they do have a permit and they are registered with us at least 2 months ago and we don't have an ordinance in place for that. Fire Chief Vojtush said that from what he knows last week the County approved their plans. Mr. Bolek said that it is unconscionable that there is a sign up and the business isn't open, and people stop their

purchase pizza and they aren't open. Mayor Milani and Mr. Noack said that Little Caesar's put the horse before the cart, just let it go.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court report for May 2010 as submitted. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bolek, it carried with 6 aye votes.

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

Fire Chief Vojtush had no report at this time. The fire department has open house this weekend June 26th 10a-2p.

Service and Building Department Superintendent, Jason Walters covered his report at this time. (See attached) Mayor Milani said that the bank came out to 154 May Ave and secured the property, by changing the locks. Mr. Walters said that we did send a zoning violation letter. Mr. Walters said that they just replaced some streets and now this morning the street signs on Route 8 were bent all up. Mr. Noack said to Lt. Mackie, that he needs to get on the officers regarding this matter. Lt Mackie said that they are having a meeting tonight regarding the issue, and they are just as upset regarding this matter. Lt. Mackie said that this problem is going to shift all around town.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-32, an Emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of June, 2010. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Bolek. It carrier with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

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

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working we haven't started anything with negotiations yet, the revenues are down.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety said that the fire department is having an open house from 10a-2p on Saturday, June 26th.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-33, An emergency Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 1064 of the Codified Ordinances relating to playgrounds and parks. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Selle and seconded by Mr. Nehez. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Selle seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Walters suggested to everyone to think about rules on reserving the pavilion, for what they would like to have in place. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-34, An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. Mr. Riedel said that it is to increase for \$14,500 for the energy efficient traffic signals. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Noack, it carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2010-35, An emergency Ordinance amending Chapters 804 and 892 of the Codified Ordinances relating to amusement devices. Council put this on the first reading, and will be on the July 14th agenda for the second reading.

There was no Old business. In new business Chief Vojtush reserved the pavilion and used is last weekend and had nothing but complements about the condition of the park and how the Service Department keeps up with it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council