

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 25, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor with the following present: Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Greenlee had an excused absence. Law Director Brad Bryan Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Bob asked for a motion accepting the Mayor's Court report for May, 2008. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes. Next was a motion by Mr. Barber to approve the addition of Resolutions 2008-37, 2008-38 and 2008-39 and Proclamation 2008-40 to the agenda. Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

At this time Village Engineer Rich Wasosky explained Resolution 2008-38 regarding the Rosewood/May Outfall Sewer and Electric Blvd. Reconstruction Projects and Resolution 2008-39 for the Beach Avenue/Houghton Road Outfall Sewer Project. Brad read Resolution 2008-38. Mr. Barber made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 5 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-39. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Nehez made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 5 aye votes.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-37, authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Mrs. Bowen moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Noack seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. The transfer was approved with 5 aye votes.

Mayor Milani reported that Reilly Sweeping picked up a great deal of debris today and will be back for another day or two. Jason hopes to keep the cost at \$2,000.00. There is a potential tenant for the former National City Bank building. Details will follow at a later date. Jason sent out 36 grass and building code violation letters, and the Service Department is gearing up to do the mowing at \$100.00 per man hour.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that as of May 20th Plaza Management had been given a year to correct dumpster/enclosure issues, but has not complied to date. Plaza Management will now be cited for violations. Brad reported further that as regards possible legislation governing truck access to the Plaza, he and Chief Wentz have concerns about safety and traffic backup issues. Brad sent a letter to Plaza Management outlining his concerns, and the matter will have to be researched further.

The Mayor presented Mrs. Greenlee's Planning Commission report of the June 18th meeting (copy attached). No approval is needed for displaying Amish-built structures on Plaza property on Route 8 (four 15-day permits) provided the firm agrees to setbacks. Planning Commission recommended Council approval of a lot split of the Hemminger parcel on Houghton Road from a 5-acre parcel to (two) 2.4 and 2.6-acre parcels. Mrs. Bowen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, approving the lot split, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

Brad read Ordinance 2008-36, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of June, 2008. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the payments were approved with 5 aye votes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works reported that the new Service Department truck has been delivered and road signs are being put up. At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Nehez to approve the hiring of Shawn Schuster as a part-time seasonal employee with the Service Department whose main duty will be mowing, not to exceed 24 hours per week. The appointment was confirmed with 5 aye votes.

There were no reports from Health and Welfare or Wages and Working. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that he and Doris Wolfe have planted flowers at the Village Hall and the Fire Station. The Mayor thanked Doris for doing a great job and suggested more flowers could be planted at the Town Hall. Jesse then brought up the issue of flags. Mr. Lewis stated they cost \$52.00 each to replace and that a better solution made by the Mayor would be to use only 6 flags (2 at the entrance to the Village, 2 at the exit, and 2 in the middle) year round. Mayor Milani suggested the same be done with the welcome banners. Jesse ended his report with a comment about the condition of the awning and dumpster at the Redi Wash. The Mayor said he would have another talk with Mr. Salemi. The Mayor then reported for Fire and Safety on the June 16th John Preuer work session. All five communities agreed at the meeting to pay Mr. Preuer's fee for an operational blending and radio dispatch plan. A grant would pay for 70% of the \$8,000 per community fee. However, Northfield Center voted at its meeting the following day to opt out of the agreement and the grant. Sagamore Hills also opted out because Northfield Center provides their Fire service. Apparently Boston Heights has since opted out, leaving only Northfield Village and Macedonia. It was the consensus of Council that we should not back out, but perhaps put it on the back burner. There may be other options. The matter will be discussed at a Fire and Safety meeting on July 9th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting. Resident Anita Swenson suggested the Village purchase a night vision camera for security at the parks. Chief Wentz will look into approaching WalMart or some other business for a donation of such a camera.

At this time, Brad read Proclamation 2008-40, a Proclamation thanking and congratulating Cheryl Johansen for her years of dedication and service on behalf of Northfield Village. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Noack seconded, and the motion carried with 5 aye votes. Mayor Milani commented that although Cheryl had been

an asset and will be missed, he is sure her replacement Lisa Rodriguez will do just as good a job.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, the Concert in the Park is scheduled for July 6th at 6:00 PM at the Plaza. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council