

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan Village, Engineer Rich Wasosky, Fire Chief Voytush and Police Sergeant Zolgu standing in for Police Chief Wentz were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstain by Mrs. Greenlee. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that World Wine and Liquor is having their grand opening next Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 10a. if anyone would like to attend. The Title Bureau tentatively set to open on August 1, 2008. But in speaking with Fire Chief Voytush it looks more like the middle of August. When this does occur it should be a great crowd drawer for the plaza. Mayor Milani is currently working on a deal with National City bank involving Mr. Marotta and Mr. Shafron and there are some issues over the land that need to be ironed out. In speaking with Chief Voytush, he said that Red Rooster is closing and he isn't sure at the time if another tenant is moving in.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel stated that he is having a problem with the computer program and that is why the financial statements are not finished as of yet, but will be by next council meeting. Mr. Riedel asked for a motion to add Resolution 2008-44 to the agenda regarding to place an additional 1.5 mil continuing Fire Department tax levy on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot due to receiving it late. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen, and carried with 5 ayes. A motion to waive the 24-hour notice was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes.

At this time Village Engineer Rich Wasosky gave his Engineer's report regarding Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Replacement, Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project, Lowrie Pump Station Elimination Project, Electric Blvd Reconstruction & Rosewood Ave/May ave Outfall Sewer Replacement and Beach Ave/Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Project, please see attached. Regarding the Lowrie Pump Station, Mayor Milani did state that it is costing us more money, time and effort we will need to take to get easements for Walton Hills, since they don't have the time. Mr. Wasosky did say we are going to pay for this either way. Mr. Barber questioned if they will be backfilling and Mr. Wasosky stated we will have to pay for the easements. Brad Bryan added that Rich Wasosky is saying that it is cheaper to pay the small amount for easements then to go through Eminent Domain. Brad also stated that we have an easement over one of the properties and we can build over that easement, but the cost of building it, with a house, driveway,

trees existing on it currently will cost more than \$5,000-\$10,000. We signed the contract July 1, 2008 and they have two years. Brad said that we gave them the paperwork in March for the easements and will check in August how it is coming along.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that as of today he has finished drafting up the citation to Plaza Management regarding dumpster/enclosure issues. He will have his office type up the citation and get the appropriate signatures. Mayor Milani stated that we received pending litigation in the mail. Law Director Brad Bryan stated that the village was being sued for a wrongful death suit by a family of a mother who was killed by an ambulance last year. It has been forwarded on to insurance company. Sagamore Hills Police Department and the Summit County Sheriff's Department investigated this and found that the Village and the Firefighter were not a t fault for the accident. Mr. Barber asked Mr. Brad Bryan if he had see the article in the paper regarding the dumpster issue. He said the the newspaper stated that we didn't have a deadline, in which we did and it was May 20th. Mr. Bryan stated he did not see it.

Speaking in place of Chief Wentz was Sergeant Zolcus. Sergeant Zolcus said that the new cruiser came in a couple of weeks ago for the Police Department, unfortunately it won't be ready until the beginning or middle of August 2008. Car #1803, which is the oldest car, will be taken out of the fleet. Once that car is retired, the next oldest car would be a 2004, which should be taken out of commission in 2009. The mayor stated this is a major improvement over the eight or nine year old cruisers we used to have. Mayor Milani asked Sergeant Zolcus about the graffiti situation at Smith Park. Mayor Milani stated with his own eyes he has seen some improvement there, they fixed the basketball hoop at Smith park. Sergeant Zolcus stated he spoke with Mr. Dougherty and he hasn't had an issue over the past couple of weeks. He also said that there is less children and skateboarders at the plaza. Sergeant Urbanowicz has returned to work on permanent midnight shift per his request.

No reports from Fire Chief Voytush. No Planning Commission meeting during the month of July 2008.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee stated that there will be a Finance meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 6:30p.

Mr. Nehez spoke on behalf of the Roads/Public Works stating that the lettering on the new truck came out very nice. He also said that maybe we need to think about adding lettering to the other village vehicles.

Mr. Barber stated that there were no reports from Health and Welfare at this time.

Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that he spoke with Jason Walters about the electric in the Village Hall. He is going to have a contractor come and look into the situation and was just waiting on the purchase order from Jason. Mr. Nehez said he was speaking with Mr. Barber about the playground equipment at Smith Park being in need of paint badly. They both suggest to have the Service Dept. summer help do the painting.

Also the basketball court needs to be sealed. The mayor said last time it was completely paved was at least 10 years ago. Mr. Barber wanted Mr. Wasosky to guess at what the cost would be to seal the court, and he said about \$2 per square yard or about \$1.90 per gallon. We would use about two-tenths of a gallon per square yard, maybe about \$1,500 total cost. Mr. Wasosky will contact Carron for an estimate. Mayor Milani suggested maybe we want to do something else with the space, tennis courts on half and basketball on the other half and also council needs to take notes on this information to include this in the budget for next year. Over the next 6 months we will see what monies we have and where we are with the budget. We are holding our own where the budgets are concerned, sewer account is a little low. Everyone is within budgets as long as they follow their budgets. We are below where we were last year at this time, but this doesn't include June 08. Mayor Milani states that we are doing well considering Northfield Track having a bad year and the lack of a Plaza anchor. Mayor said for example the electrical, which could be around \$50,000-\$60,000 which we want to budget for next year, beginning with these plans this year.

There were no reports from Wages and Working from Mr. Barber.

Next was Mrs. Bowen of the Fire and Safety Committee reports that at her Fire and Safety meeting tonight they discussed the Fire District and came to a conclusion that we are not going to pursue the grant at the present time. But in the future hope that the communities can work and communicate together. She also said that some day hopefully we can cross those boundary lines and come together as a whole.

Mr. Bryan read and explained Resolution 2008-41, authorizing the Mayor to contract with the City of Macedonia for the boarding of prisoners in connection with Cuyahoga Falls court imposed Driver Intervention and Multiple Offender programs. Mrs. Bowen moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. This was approved with 5 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-42 regarding the Mayor's appointment of Shawn Schuster as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2008. Brad read Resolution 2008-42. Mr. Barber made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It also carried with 5 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2008-43 regarding adopting the budget of The Village of Northfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and submitting the same to the County Fiscal Officer. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 5 ayes.

In the Old Business Mr. Nehez wanted to thank the mayor for contacting the Redi Wash today regarding the trash and pallets behind the dumpster. Mayor Milani talked to Mr. Chaney, Plaza Management about the Amish buildings at the Planning Commission meeting. He received a call from Mr. Chaney that they were renting in the arcade to elevate transient label. Mr. Chaney wanted to know if by doing this that we no longer fall in to the transient? Mayor Milani said absolutely not, they came in under the guise of

being a transient vendor. If every 15 days the council finds issue what is there, then they can deny the next 15 day period. They can take up to 4, 15 day periods, for a total of 60 days when they show Mayor Milani the lease, then all is fine. They are transient for 60 days. The dumpsters have taken them 1 year, and at the most \$15,000-\$16,000 cost to the Plaza to enclose these dumpsters. Mr. Barber and Mr. Lewis said that was the quote from an outside company and Mr. Chaney said he would do it for less cost. Mr. Lewis said they have had enough time.

In the New Business Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to run a full page ad for the Nordonia Knights Fall/Winter Program at the cost of \$250 like the prior year. Seconded by Mrs. Bowen. Carried with 5 ayes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowen to postpone the regular council meeting on August 13, 2008 for a later date to be announced. Seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, and carried with 5 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mr. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council