

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 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. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek, Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 Regular Council meeting as revised. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

There were no business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.

Mayor Milani asked Mr. Bryan to read Resolution 2011-45, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Cacioppo as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-46, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Keith Faron as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-47, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Cody Klein as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-48, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kristopher Kormos as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-49, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kevin Kulesa as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-50, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Paul Wojtkiewicz as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire dept. 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 Mrs. Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Fire Chief Vojtush now administered the oath of office to the five new fire fighters.

Howard Shafron of New Plaza Management welcomed back Mayor Milani and thanked Mr. Walters and Mayor Milani for helping him with his new signage. Mr. Shafron introduced Dave Barna from Morning Star who is interested in opening a business in the Village. Mr. Barna said that they are looking at two or possibly three tenants for the plaza. A fitness center and wellness center which would be moderately priced, a 24 hr facility with complete security. They are looking to begin the build out immediately, after the plans are approved and the lease is finalized. A soft opening around the end of September and be fully operational October 1st. Mr. Barna said that the second business is a high end resale boutique. He said that with the economy the way that it is, they have done studies throughout the county that show that pawn shops and resale shops do well. Mr. Barna said they want to have their business on the line of a boutique. He said that they have mixed emotions with regards to firearms. They might do guns in the lines of antiques. Mr. Barna said that they would work with local gun shops if something does come in. They will contact the other shops and get these guns off of the streets. Mr. Bolek stated that with the FFL, he is concerned with the school and daycare being so close. We need to make sure that it is within the state statute. Mr. Barna agreed. Mr. Bolek said with the FFL license, we need to make sure that the construction isn't just corrugated metal so someone can break through it. Mr. Barna agreed. Mr. Bolek asked if they were looking at making the existing space bigger? Mr. Barna said that the fitness center will go into the old Bilt-Rite and the boutique will go in the Jiu Jitsu space. Mayor Milani asked if there was talk of replacing the old tanning place with a new tanning facility? Mr. Shafron said that there was an interested party, but they changed their mind. Mr. Barna said that he has a potential lead for a tanning facility. Mr. Nehez asked if Aldi's was leaving? Mr. Shafron said that he hasn't been notified officially by them. Mr. Nehez said that he has heard that they are working on their property in Northfield Center. Mayor Milani said that the word is out that they plan to open the new Aldi's by the first of next year. Mr. Nehez asked Mr. Shafron if he had some leads for the Aldi's space? Mr. Shafron said maybe Save A Lot, once he gets the official word. Mr. Bolek said that there are some problems with these soft openings. Mr. Bolek said that the International Food Market has a sign that says open, and they are not open. Mr. Bolek said that this has been ongoing for a long time. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Shafron when he thought they would be open and Mr. Shafron said in about three weeks. Mr. Shafron said that there were some problems with the freezers. Mr. Barna said that they will be doing a soft opening with the fitness center. They try to pre-sell the facility with mailings and fliers. Mr. Barna said that with Council's approval, they would like to set up a trailer for 30-60 days before opening to be able to pre-sale some memberships. Mr. Bolek asked Mr. Barna if he knew about how many employees

would be at the fitness center. Mr. Barna said about half a dozen employees, but they do partner with the hospitals, physical therapists, masotherapy and personal trainers. Mr. Bolek asked if the antiques place was charity? Mr. Barna said no, and it will have about two employees. He said they are going to target Twinsburg, Hudson, Walton Hills and even pulling some Brecksville residents in to the fitness center. Mr. Bolek asked if the memberships was month to month or like how Scandinavian used to be? Mr. Barna said you can do month to month, but they also do a pay-matic for about \$18 per month.

Mayor Milani spoke with Mr. Bryan about the sign that is on a van that is parked in the National City lot. It is on Shafron property and Mr. Shafron is going to have that vehicle moved. Mayor Milani praised the police department for catching the bomber. Mayor Milani said that during the July 4th holiday there were a plethora of fireworks going off. The police tried to determine where they were. The block watch would be good in this capacity to help catch them. Mayor Milani said that hearing the fireworks is one thing, seeing them is another, but catching them is hard.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept Financial Statements for June 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 aye votes.

Mayor Milani had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-42, an emergency resolution adopting the budget of the Village of Northfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1 2012 and submitting the same to the county fiscal officer. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It passed with 5 ayes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached). Mayor Milani stated to Mrs. Selle that he did contact the Funk's. He told them the circumstances. He hasn't heard back from them so they seem to be happy.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Mayor Milani said that we put on six new fire fighters and there were four that had resigned or left. We continually look to put more fire fighters on asap due to being understaffed.

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee said that there will be a finance meeting on July 27, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

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

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee said that he is requesting approximately 500 stickers for the seniors to identify their houses. He said that once he receives them, he will figure out the best way to promote them within the community. Mayor Milani stated that Mr. Bolek might want to work in conjunction with Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Bowen and the rest of the Fire and Safety Committee so that they may help him with that effort.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report. The Planning Commission will be looking over the architectural and building standards.

Mr. Noack, of Wages and Working Committee was absent. There was no report.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report. She stated that Police Chief Wentz will be writing a letter to the community thanking them for their help and information regarding the arrest of the bomber. Mrs. Greenlee said that Chief Wentz is actively seeking candidates for part-time patrolman positions.

Mayor Milani had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-43, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for renewal of the Village's insurance policies with Argonaut insurance company through Government Underwriters of America, Inc. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle and it passed with 5 aye votes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-44, an emergency Resolution approving a new collective bargaining agreement with the OPBA. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez and it passed with 5 aye votes.

There was no old business. In the new business, Mrs. Bowen asked what the dates of the circus were? Mayor Milani stated that it would be August 5th in the grassy area at Northfield Park. Mr. Bolek asked if the Plaza was having the amusement rides again this year? Mayor Milani stated yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee 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