

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 23, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan Village, Fire Chief Vojtush and Chris While, standing in for Service/Building Dept. Superintendent Jason Walters was present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstain by Mr. Noack.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances Mr. Jim Lacy at 9423-F Preakness Dr, spoke concerning the increased level of noise coming from the Northfield Racetrack, along with increased traffic due to the car show at Mr. Chicken. The mayor stated that this is not a regular occurrence, and that these are private properties Mr. Bryan stated that this isn't any type of activity that they need any type of license for as long as it is on their property. Mr. Lacy said he would like to see more police patrolling the area and Mayor Milani said that can be handled. Mr. Lacy stated that when the car show finishes around 9p, the residents can't get out of their street due to the traffic and that also the loud music is disrupted. Mayor Milani also stated that he will stop by these establishments and speak with them about keeping the music to a lower level. Mayor Milani asked Sergeant John Zolgus about making more of a presence at the condo's behind Mr. Chicken and also on Sagamore Rd, on Friday nights when the Car Cruise lets out around 9p to help with the parking/traffic situation.

Mayor Milani reported that Goodwill is opening where the old Party Station used to be. Last Wednesday, July 16, 2008 World Wine and Liquor opened for business. The Title and License Bureau continues to make changes and now has moved the date to the middle of August

Finance Director, Bob Riedel asked to have a motion made to accept the Financial Statements for June 2008 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mayor Milani asked for a motion accepting the Mayor's Court report for the month of June, 2008. A motion to accept it as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that he gave a letter from Mr. Jeffrey Snell about the dumpsters of the Plaza and it should be taken care of but we will keep an eye on it.

Fire Chief Vojtush covered his fire department report, please see attached. Mayor Milani also stated that regarding the house fire on Rosewood Ave, Assistant Service Department Supervisor, Chris While played a key role in that situation due to the fact that the

occupant of the house that was on fire, Mr. Wolf, ran next door to Chris's house for help. Chris immediately called 911 and went over to the scene of the fire and tried to put it out, but it was beyond the realm of help. Mayor Milani stated that Chris is to be commended. Mayor Milani said that Mayor Kuchta wanted to personally thank our Fire Department for helping at a fire on Ledge Rd. in Macedonia. Mayor Milani and Fire Chief Vojtush were talking about how they provided mutual aid 42 times and only needed to provide mutual aid 5 times, and Chief Vojtush stated we actually only needed to provide mutual aid 4 times. Chief Vojtush stated about the levy that the Firefighter's Association wants to work with everyone. He contacted Twinsburg and they made the signs, and he will call them back about the options on the silkscreening. Mayor Milani stated that Hy-Ko would do the signs at a great price. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Bryan if we could put a sign in front of the Village Hall, and Mr. Bryan stated that it would be unethical. Mr. Barber asked Chief Vojtush about the situation at the station at voting time, in regards to the parking problem. Chief Vojtush would like to have an alternate location for voting due to this fact, maybe at one of the open locations at the Plaza. Mayor Milani talked about having a shuttle for parking. Mayor Milani also stated that if we did change the site we would have to notify the Board of Elections.

Assistant Service Department Superintendent, Chris While now covered the Service Department Report. Please see attached report. Chris wanted to commend the Fire Department on their excellent handling of the fire on Rosewood Ave. Especially to Brian and Matt for trying to save the dog in the house. All did an outstanding job. Chris talked about maybe listing the Bucket Truck on Ebay. He went to Hudson to look at the wheel-loader that we are considering buying and it looked like a good piece of equipment. They are giving us \$10,000 for the old machine and charging us \$40,000 for the new. Chris thanked Mayor Milani, Mr. Riedel and all of council for the time and effort that has been put into the Service Department. Mr. Noack asked Chris about the spraying of the weeds at the playground and the harm to the children. Chris stated that they rope off the area. Mayor Milani asked about the damaged plastic picnic table being repaired. Chris said that they can't be repaired due to the children skating on them. Mayor Milani said that it is rather discouraging due to the fact of damages since we have put thousands of dollars into this park for numerous equipment. The Police Department is constantly monitoring the area.

No Planning Commission meeting during the month of August 2008.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had Mr. Bryan read the Ordinance 2008-45, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of July, 2008. A discussion ensued about the payment of 3 bills slated to be paid for: 2 polo shirts purchased for the Clerk of Courts; coffee lids purchased for the Service Dept., and business cards purchased for Clerk of Courts and Administrative Assistant. Mayor Milani and Council members came to a decision to approve the payment of the 3 bills. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carrier with 6 ayes. It was stated that the August, 13, 2008 Council meeting is cancelled and there will be a Finance meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 6:30p.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission stated that the Service Department is doing an outstanding job.

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

Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that the Service Department has done a great job with the landscaping this year. He also stated that the gentleman came and worked on the electrical at the Village Hall and Chris While said it will cost around \$1400 to fix everything outside. Mayor Milani said that council is going to have to approve that due to the fact that there was a cap of \$1000. Chris said that the \$1000 was for the company to come out and address some of the problems at the Village Hall and they will look into giving us an estimate for what is wrong inside the building. The \$1400 is to fix the lighting on the roof, the sockets and things of that nature. Mr. Riedel stated before the company works on the electrical an additional PO has to be done for \$400 to make up the difference. Mr. Lewis said that we definitely need the inside of the building addresses, especially the Police Department. Chris is going to contact the company to see what the cost is. Mr. Riedel said that we also have main computer issues to where we are backing up the system daily.

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

Mrs. Bowen of the Fire and Safety Committee said that there were reports.

Mr. Bryan read and explained Resolution 2008-46, An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Noack moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Nehez seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Lewis. This was approved with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old Business.

In the New Business Mr. Riedel made a motion about the bids made for the 1988 GMC 350 1-Ton Bucket Truck. Mr. Riedel said we received 2 sealed bids: 1 for \$611 and the other for \$760. The motion to reject the bid was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. Carried with 6 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mr. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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President of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council