

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 25, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel, with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Lieutenant Scott Selle, and Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Larry Boley of 116 Summit Avenue asked about Village payment to a contractor for drain and downspout work at a residence on his street. Assistant Service Supt. Chris While answered that the Village had paid for the drain because it had been promised by a previous administration and because the repaving of the street had created a water problem. Chris assured Mr. Boley that the homeowner had paid for all the downspout work himself.

Mayor Milani stated that reports in the local newspapers that the Village has rescinded its offer to Sagamore Hills for fire/EMS coverage are true. He explained that Paul Schweikert had used a front-page article in the Sun paper as his vehicle to turn down the Village's offer without having the courtesy to inform the Village first. The Mayor feels that Sagamore trustees never had any intention of seriously considering our offer, and thus he took it off the table.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed to Council copies of the Mayor's Court report (attached) for the month of June, 2007. A motion by Mrs. Greenlee to accept the report was seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carried with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report at this time. Police Chief Wentz had no written report, but stated that the new cruiser #834 is up and running. Scott Selle of the Fire Department voiced his disappointment with Sagamore's refusal of the Village's fire coverage offer. Mrs. Bowen read a letter from Debbie Breimeier thanking the Fire Department for their quick response and professionalism when responding to a call to attend to her son's broken arm on July 1st.

Chris While submitted the Service Department report (attached). He reported that paving behind the Plaza is nearly complete. The parking area at Smith Park should be completed on Thursday, and basketball courts have been striped. Service workers have pressure-washed and stained the gazebo and performed regular maintenance on Village equipment.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2007-40, an emergency Resolution appointing Adam Lee to the position of Lieutenant with the Fire Department. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the appointment was confirmed with 6 aye votes. Adam took the oath of office and was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2007-39, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of July, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

Mrs. Greenlee reminded everyone that the August 8th Council meeting has been cancelled.

A Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 15th at 7:30 PM, and the Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 22nd at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that fire hydrant painting is in the final stages. Mr. Noack of Health and Welfare had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that the new Christmas decorations have come in and improvements at the parks have been very successful. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety, but there was further discussion of Sagamore's turn-down of our fire coverage offer. The Mayor stated that a joint (fire) work session is tentatively scheduled for August 2nd in Northfield Center, but word is that trustee Paul Buescher refuses to attend unless Mr. Preuer (author of the Fire Study) is also in attendance.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2007-41, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for renewal of Package policy, public officials liability, police professional liability, and umbrella coverage through Public Entity Risk Management Specialists. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the contract was approved with 6 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-42, an emergency Resolution accepting a bid for rubbish collection services and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Rubbish Collection Contract. Mr. Barber moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and Waste Management's bid was accepted with 6 aye votes. Tony Discenza of Waste Management thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, the Mayor requested Council's permission to allow him the use of decommissioned Police cruiser #834 for Village business only. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nehez, to authorize the Mayor's use of the vehicle. The motion carried with 6 aye votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council