

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2011

Mayor Victor F. Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Mayor Milani, with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack and Mr. Bolek were absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Asst. Service/Building & Zoning Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances Mr. Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Vice President stated that in September, he will be appointed to the Vice President of the County Commissions of Ohio. Mr. Kostandaras said that it should give us greater input on what goes on in the State of Ohio. He said that in the County, they have reduced the budget over the past three years by 21 million. He is sure that the local government will begin to feel it, due to the fact that they will receive less funds. Mr. Kostandaras said that he has received some calls regarding having a senior center in the area. He said that the county owns the old city hall in Macedonia, and that the County is willing to give the building rent free to the Village of Northfield, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills and Macedonia are willing to absorb the costs of operating the facility as a senior center. Mr. Kostandaras said that he is looking into some statistics on what the center would cost the municipalities. He said he is 99% sure, after speaking with Russ Pry and Jason Dodson from the County, that there will be no rent at all. Mr. Kostandaras said he is going try to get grant money from Steven LaTourette and try to get this going if it is financially feasible. Mayor Milani stated that when the casinos were on the border of being put to pasture, he contacted Nick Kostandaras. Hhe went to Columbus and lobbied for the Village and spoke with the governor. Mayor Milani stated that Nick has put in many hours lobbying for the Village. He just wanted everyone to know that County Commissioners of Ohio plays an active role on the Village's behalf, and he represents Summit County. Mayor Milani said that he knows the Village has always had an ally in Mr. Kostandaras and he has always been very helpful. Police Chief Wentz asked Mr. Kostandaras if that facility has enough room for youth to share it with the senior citizens for programs? This way the youth can interact with the with the elderly! Mr. Kostandaras said he will check into this and get back to Chief Wentz.

Fire Chief Vojtush entered the meeting at 7:33pm.

Mayor Milani reported that he did meet Saturday night at Northfield Park with Mr. Milstein. He gave an estimate of the hotel/casino being operational late in 2012. There have been rumors about Thistledown. Mayor Milani said that he and Mr. Kostandaras have worked on this for years.

Lisa Rodriguez asked for a motion to dispose of Mr. Riedel's broken pc. Motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carried with 4 aye votes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (See attached). Mrs. Bowen said that she and Mrs. Greenlee had a meeting with Chief Wentz regarding the block watch and they will have an information package together by the end of August. Mrs. Bowen said that they will be looking for people to donate towards getting the block watch started. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Kostandaras if there are any funds available to help this program? Mr. Kostandaras said he will check into this. Mayor Milani asked Mrs. Bowen when the program will be up and running? Mrs. Bowen said that at the last council meeting in August they will have the information packets for Council to look over and then they will advertise in the paper for a community meeting. Chief Wentz said he has put feelers out with the residents that we are re-instituting the block watch, such as Lorenzo Lewis to get involved. Chief Wentz said that there was a minor car accident when someone drove their car through the Dolphin Restaurant . There were no major injuries. Mayor Milani commended Lt. Mackie and Sgt. Zolcus for handling the loose dog situation. Chief Wentz said that they are working on a case where a lot of tools were found in a dumpster behind a business in the Village. He stated that they have a possible suspect. Mayor Milani asked Chief Wentz the value of these tools? Chief Wentz said thousands of dollars.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush gave his report. (See attached). Mr. Nehez asked Chief Vojtush what the status was on the fire truck behind the station? Chief Vojtush said that he has had some leads and is following up on them. Mayor Milani asked how many times Walton Hills has asked us for mutual aid? Chief Vojtush said we have not had to mutual aid anyone, except Maple Heights one time this year. Mayor Milani said that is a great record. Mayor Milani asked where ambulance billing is? Chief Vojtush said he will have to check into that. Mayor Milani stated that due to the addition of fire fighters, they are able do more

inspections and permits? Chief Vojtush said he does all of the new inspections. He is arranging that four other fire fighters to do the yearly inspections and re-inspections. Chief Vojtush said he is going to check into everyone's backgrounds to see if they have the inspection certification. Chief Wentz asked Chief Vojtush if he was aware of the problem at 9005 Cambridge? Chief Vojtush said yes he talked to Officer Jones. Chief Wentz asked Chief Vojtush if he could send some guys to go to that address along with the police and service department to tell him he needs to clean up the property.

Asst. Serivce/Building and Zoning Superintendent Chris While gave his report. (See attached). Mayor Milani said that he has seen the guys go out and patch streets in the 90 degree weather and they are doing a great job. Chris While stated that they have used 90 ton so far for the year, and use 9 – 10 ton daily. Mayor Milani said that they are doing a great job!

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee had Mr. Bryan read Ordinance-2011-51, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of July 2011. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and it passed with 4 aye votes. Mrs. Bowen said that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on August 24, 2011 at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee was absent.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

Mr. Noack, of Wages and Working Committee was absent.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee stated that Chief Vojtush and Chief Wentz are doing a great job.

In the new business, Mrs. Selle said that one of the part time fire fighters was injured in the line of duty on July 9th. She said that there is going to be a benefit for him, held on August 6th. For further information contact the fire department. Mrs. Greenlee asked for a motion to be made to cancel the August 10, 2011 council meeting. Mrs. Bowen seconded the motion, it passed with 4 ayes. Mr. Nehez asked if Council could set a date for a Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Greenlee said that is would be August 17th. Mr. Nehez said that they will discuss the architectural standards and landscaping.

There was no old business.

Mayor Milani said that he has been in contact with Mr. Noack and is no longer able to serve on Council due to health and personal matters. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Noack will be sending an official letter of resignation the beginning of August. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Noack will be greatly missed, he was a great addition to Council. Mayor Milani said that once he receives the official letter, Council will proceed with the replacement process. Mayor Milani said that on August 5th at Northfield Park the Kelly Miller Circus will be performing on the grass to the right of the main parking lot. Chief Wentz said that the elephants will be putting up the tent at 9:00am on August 5th.

Mrs. Bowen said that at the August 24th Council meeting they are going to present two proclamations to a young girl and young boy who saved their parents lives.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council