

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Lieutenant Mackie, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service/Building Department Asst. Superintendent Chris While were present.

Under Old Business, A motion to remove from table the June 23, 2010 minutes from was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle and carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstain. A motion to approved the minutes from June 23, 2010 council meeting was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle, it carried with 6 ayes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Mayor Milani had Mr. Bryan read Proclamation 2010-44, Introduced by the Mayor and Council as a whole. A Proclamation honoring the Nordonia Hills Garden Club for their 1st Community Beautification Project in the Village of Northfield. Mayor Milani said when this project was brought to his attention he thought it was very nice, but exceeded all of his expectations. Fire Chief Vojtush presented Kerry Wichert and the Nordonia Hills Garden Club. Chief Vojtush said that since the beautification project has been done the fire department looks beautiful. Kerry Wichert and everyone present from the garden club, thanked Mayor Milani and Council.

Mayor Milan had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-46, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Adam Yandell as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire department. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion and Mrs. Bowen seconded, to suspend the three-reading rule, it carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and it passed with 6 ayes. Chief Vojtush administered oath of office to Adam Yandell and welcomed him to the fire department. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-45, an emergency Resolution appointing Eric Moss to the position of Lieutenant with the fire department. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion and Mrs. Bowen seconded to suspend the three-reading rule, it carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and it passed with 6 ayes. Chief Vojtush said that Eric Moss is a very strong person to fill this position. Chief Vojtush administered the oath of office to Eric Moss and congratulated him on his promotion.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani spoke with the owner's of Little Caesar's and they should be opening next Tuesday. Mayor Milani said that all of council should have received another letter regarding 154 May Ave which gives them two more weeks to get the work done that needs to be done.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court report for June 2010 as submitted. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, it carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Riedel said that the audit was released on the 27th and anyone can view it on the state auditor's website. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Riedel won't brag about himself, but the audit was impeccable again, and Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Riedel and all department heads.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report.

Lietenant Mackie had no report.

Assistant Service and Building department superintendent, Chris While gave his report. (see attached). Mr. Riedel said if we are going to spend all this money on this truck bed, and it can break tomorrow. Mr. While said that they are looking at replacing the bed with the new style hoist. Mr. Bolek said it should have a safety lockout. Chief Vojtush said that the dates for the narrowband are 2012 for completion. Mr. While said that he has a change order for the Plaza sewer job. The catch basin in the corner of National City parking lot is our sewer main, and it is collapsing and is a very dangerous situation, there is about a 6' wide hole. J & J gave a quote of \$3,875.00 to replace it while they are here, Mr. While said we need to consider it quickly because once they finish with the job and leave the job site, the price most likely will go up. Mr. Riedel

said that maybe we can do it through the permissive tax. Mr. Bolek asked about the property owners since it was their water runoff. Mr. While said technically no, it is the Village's storm main. Mr. Bryan said that we would have to show that they did something to the situation. Mr. While said that they are looking into getting rid of the 1995 1 ton Chevy and they have someone who is interested. Mr. While said that anything sold for \$1,000 and under you don't need to get bids on it, and they have someone who is offering \$1,000 to purchase the truck. Mr. While said that he discussed this with Mayor Milani earlier and if it is Council's decision that we can sell it and have it out of here by the end of the week, or if not then we can contact the Cleveland Auto Auction to sell the truck. Mr. Noack said he agrees with Mr. While on selling it to someone who knows what is wrong with the vehicle already. Mr. Noack made a motion and Mr. Nehez seconded it to sell the 1995 dump with plow to Ryan August for \$1,000.00, motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bolek asked Mr. While if a motion was needed to pay J & J to do that extra work. A motion to accept bid for J & J Enterprises Services, Inc. was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mr. Nehez and motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. While said that in regards to the comment that Mr. Bolek made at the last council meeting with the rules being enforced for signage. Mr. While said that if there is ever a problem please contact us directly, no matter how busy we are we can always discuss something.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-42, an Emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of July, 2010. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Bolek. It carried with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee thanked Council for all of the prayers that they had for him during his tough times. Mr. Noack had no report.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee read a list of many local businesses that donated towards the beautification project at the fire station that the Nordonia Hills Garden Club did.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working said that there was short meeting today, and they are going to continue to look at the contracts and negotiations as they go forward. Mayor Milani told Lt. Mackie that he has noticed a lessened amount of kids out and about at night, maybe due to the police department, but he feels that the word is out. Lt. Mackie said that what is being done with the men about what he wants them to look for and how to handle it, he wants the police department presence felt. Mayor Milani asked Mr. While if the vandalism at the park has been less, and Mr. While said yes including the trash at the parks, and he thanked the police department for their help.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety committee had no report.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-35, An emergency Ordinance amending Chapters 804 and 892 of the codified ordinances relating to amusement devices. Mr. Bryan apologized on the wording on the legislation for the misunderstanding. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to table the ordinance and Mr. Bolek seconded it, and motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-43, an emergency resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. 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 Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Greenlee, it carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2010-47, An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Northern Ohio, Inc. for residential rubbish and garbage disposal. Mr. Nehez said that he really likes what they have to offer to the Village, but in the future he would like a recycling program. Mayor Milani said that he had a conversation with Rumpke and they are offering us the same recycle bins like we have at the service garage and at the fire department. 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. Mr. Bolek said that he just wanted to state that it is a tremendous thing that we can save our residents 24.8% \$14.97 down to \$11.25 and the senior citizens will save 28.1% down to \$10.75, which is a remarkable savings of \$52 per year. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan said that he will send out a signed copy of the contract with the signed copy of the legislation tomorrow. Mr. Bryan said that he will add the fire department recycle bin to the legislation since it wasn't in the original contract. Rich Chandler from Rumpke said that we will see their employees doing an audit over the next couple of months. Mr. Riedel said that we are giving them a list of sewer billing and quarterly listing of occupancy permits. Mr. Bolek thanked Mr. Bryan for his detailed report of the bid packages. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Bryan made it very easy to read. Mayor Milani thanked BFI, Waste Management and J & J Refuse for submitting very good bids and being very professional. Rich Chandler said that October 1st is their first day in the town and will keep everyone updated every step of the way. Mayor Milani welcomed Mr. Chandler and Rumpke to the Village. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-48, an emergency Resolution authorizing the advancement of funds from the general fund to the

permissive license tax fund. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle and it carried with 6 aye votes.

In the Old business, Mr. Nehez said thank you for reading through the minutes, and thank you for everything that the service department does. Mr. While said call any time, call me, or call Lisa Rodriguez and she can get a hold of us. Mayor Milani said when Jason Walters is on vacation, don't feel for any reason Mr. While can't handle what is going on, because he can. Mr. While said he would rather Council call him immediately instead of waiting until the meeting to discuss it. Mr. Nehez said that sometimes he feels that he is stepping on the Mayor's toes by calling. Mayor Milani said that he is not like that, if there is anyone that you have an issue with please feel free to contact them directly. Mr. Bryan said that Council can request something to be done, but they can not issue an order. Mr. Bolek said to Mr. While said that they are looking at ordinances to restructure them with the signage, it was nothing towards the service department. Mr. Bolek said they are looking at eliminating temporary signs permanently. Mr. Bolek asked Mr. While, structurally how does Little Caesar's get the sign from the car wash. Mr. While said that when the car wash was owned separately they came to some kind of easement agreement. It is their property and they can deem who gets one sign. Mr. Bolek said it doesn't appear that there is any link between the size of the sign and the square footage that the business occupies. Northfield Tire is a huge business in this town and their sign is very small, two doors away from them there is a business with very few employees and their sign is bigger than Northfield Tire. Mr. Bolek said that is why we are taking a look at our ordinances because any of it doesn't make sense at this point. Mrs. Selle reminded everyone about the photo opportunity with Congressman LaTourette at the fire department August 9th at noon to give us a large check for the \$260,000 grant. Mr. Bolek said that a correction needed to be made in the local paper regarding the 75th anniversary that we are not inviting village residents to the luncheon. Mrs. Selle asked if a similar ad run next week or will it be changed for the 11th, Mayor Milani said the correction has already been made and next week's ad will indicate the changes.

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

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council