

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 12, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, and Mr. Lewis. Mrs. Bowen had an excused absence. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 5 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Renell Noack spoke on behalf of the VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary, inviting Council to attend a POW/MIA ceremony next Friday at 6:30 PM at the VFW Hall on Olde Eight Road. Larry Boley of 116 Summit Avenue thanked Chief Vojtush and the Fire Department for their speedy response and professionalism last Saturday when his wife was taken to the hospital. Rozella Reardon of 9134 Cranbrook voiced her displeasure at Larry Shafron's failure to bring new business into the plaza. Mayor Milani stated that although he can't speak for Mr. Shafron, he is doing his best to attract business to the Village.

Mayor Milani reported that the first soccer game of the NHSA was held last weekend. He congratulated Jason, Chris, and the road crew for an excellent job of preparing the field. The Mayor announced that the Bicentennial parade is scheduled for this Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate should meet at the old Fell Lake parking lot at 1:00. The burying of the time capsule will follow at 4:00 PM at Northfield Center Town Hall.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of bank reconciliations and financial statements for the month of August. A motion by Mrs. Greenlee to accept the statements as submitted was seconded by Mr. Noack and carried with 5 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the near-completion of the Beach and Electric Reconstruction Project; the completion of the Plaza Subdivision Road Repair and Resurfacing Project; the impending Houghton

Road outlet sewer replacement; Birch Avenue Reconstruction to be advertised for bids in October; and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program legislation involving 4 separate ordinances recommended by the EPA.

Fire Chief Vojtush had no written report, but expressed his thanks for a successful Fire and Safety meeting on Monday night. Discussion at the meeting involved the possible purchase of a demo squad to replace the ambulance involved in an accident and \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00 in funds needed for repairs to one of the fire trucks. Gary completed his report with a reminder about the Fire Association Clambake on Saturday, September 15th at 6:00 PM.

Police Chief Mark Wentz reported that the Department responded to 556 calls in August. Patrolman Joe McFeely's premature baby daughter is coming home from the hospital tomorrow. The hiring of a new full-timer is being delayed until the Chief hears about possible funding from a COPS grant. New portable radios have been purchased for full-time officers. Lastly, the Chief stated that problems at the Lagoons Island Grille are being monitored by the Department.

Mrs. Greenlee reported that there will be no Planning Commission meeting in September.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 26th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting, and there will be a Council work session on Monday, September 24th at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported on residents' concerns with conditions on May Avenue and commented on the problem of open dumpsters at local businesses. Mr. Noack of Health and Welfare had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds announced that the playground equipment is in and should be installed around the 25th. Mayor Milani thanked him for displaying the new picture of U.S. Presidents in Council chambers. There was no report from Wages and Working, but the Mayor invited Council to be a part of union negotiations set to begin on October 23rd. There was no report from Fire and Safety.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Proclamation 2007-47, a Proclamation honoring the 2007 Bicentennial Celebration of Olde Northfield Township and sending our good wishes to future generations. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by

Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 aye votes. The Proclamation will be placed in the time capsule on Sunday.

Last on the agenda was Ordinance 2007-48, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 290 of the Codified Ordinances relating to court costs. Mr. Noack moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the motion carried with 5 aye votes. Brad then stated that at Mr. Lewis's request, he had drafted an Ordinance relating to smoking on outdoor patios at local establishments. It will be referred to the work session on September 24th.

In New Business, Mrs. Greenlee announced that Mrs. Bowen had surgery today. It went well, and she hopes to be home tomorrow. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mr. Noack.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council