

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 24, 2008 - REVISED 10/1/08

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Jason Walters Service/Building Dept. Supervisor were present.

Mayor Milani made note of the new United States flag in Council chambers. Mayor Milani wanted to commend Renell Noack from the Ladies Auxiliary, Ted Nastor from VFW 6768 and resident Anita Swenson for their generous donation of the flag and pole.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 Council meetings was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 5 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee abstained.

Under Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances, Jeff Garvas from 9821 Firestone Lane, in Macedonia spoke to council about an non-profit organization he created in 1999 called Ohioans for Concealed Carry. They are a statewide organization that is responsible for passing the concealed carry laws. Mr. Garvas went on to say that we need to take a look at our Village Ordinances to see which ones conflict like ordinance 678.021 which prohibits unconcealed weapons in public places. (see attached information) Mayor Milani and Council stated that this would be discussed at a work session which will be on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Mayor Milani now introduced Chris Nielson, Mark Johnson and Shirley Tomacello from the Cleveland Water Department. Mr. Nielson gave a presentation to council regarding some of the agreements they proposed to the Village and some surrounding communities that would amend the Village's water service agreement and introduce an economic development agreement between Northfield and the City of Cleveland and also would include an acid transfer agreement. Mr. Nielson stated that the basic idea of these agreements is that the Village would turn over their local water main's to the Division of Water and they would assume all of the Village's capital investment responsibilities during the term of the agreement and the Village would be expected to enter into an Economic Development Agreement with the City of Cleveland. Mr. Nielson stated that the Water Service Agreement Amendments will stay the same except it will be a 20 year agreement, the Village will transfer the water mains to the City of Cleveland, maintenance and repairs of water mains will remain the same. The agreement can be cancelled given 5 years notice, but cannot be done until 15 years into the agreement. If after 20 years the Village decides to bow out of the agreements, the assets revert back to the Village and things continue on as they were under the existing agreement. Mayor Milani asked how many cities have agreed, and Mr. Nielson said that there are currently

16 out of about 54 cities that are eligible. (See attached information) Mayor Milani and Council decided to discuss this at the work session on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 7:30p with the Village Engineer, Rich Wasosky.

Mayor Milani reported that Ice Cream Social/Clambake is Friday, September 26, 2008 from 5p-10p at Smith Park. Q104 will be talking the event all day on September 26 on the radio. Mayor Milani also thanked Jason Walters and the Service Department for the excellent job they have been doing with the setup and preparation work for the social. Mayor Milani also wanted to thank Council members for helping with the social. Mayor Milani stated that Babushka's restaurant might be moving into the plaza where the old Lagoons' Restaurant was. He also said that the Title/License Bureau has moved in and they are handling about 500-600 automobiles per day, which has been bringing a lot of traffic into the town.

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

Law Director Brad Bryan stated that he had nothing to report at that time.

Mrs. Bowen stated that there will be a Fire & Safety Committee on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 7:30p. Which then later turned into a Council work session.

Service/Bldg. Dept. Superintendent, Jason Walters now gave his report. Mr. Walters covered the list of duties that the Council had given him the prior week for the Service Dept. to work on throughout the Village. Mr. Walters thanked Council for the list, that it was very helpful. Mr. Walters stated to everyone that in the future if they could mention things in a more timely manner that they observe that needs work on throughout the Village, instead of waiting and accumulating a list. Smith Park basketball court and the Fire Department parking lot are scheduled to be sealed next week. Mayor Milani also stated that everyone needs to decrease the amount of calls to Jason after 6p. unless it is an emergency and then Jason will respond. Mr. Walters continued to speak about the Cleveland Water Company. Jason is going to check into the reimbursement of the work done throughout the Village that the Village previously paid for going back over 2 years. Mr. Nielson stated that they can be reimbursed. Mayor Milani also discussed how the Water Company would deal with specific builders and also Mr. Bryan mentioned the tap in fees. Mayor Milani said he has had talks with the Village Engineer, Rich Wasosky concerning these matters. Mr. Walters now discussed the Lowrie Pump Station, saying that pump 2 needs to be rebuilt again. Jason reminded everyone that about 2 years ago there was about \$10,000 put into that pump, even with regular maintenance. Mayor Milani asked Jason since the catch baskets were put in by Northfield Race Track have there been any problems. Jason stated that there has been minimal problems, which are normal maintenance issues and the traps get emptied daily, except during the weekend. Mr. Walters spoke of the Service Dept. bucket truck to be sold. He said he would like to get about \$1,000 for the truck. Jason said that Greenline Landscaping came and looked at the truck again and he offered \$1,000 for the truck. Mr. Walters opinion is to sell the

truck. A Motion was made by Mr. Noak and seconded by Mr. Nehez to sell the old bucket truck to Greenline Landscaping for \$1,000.00. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Walters stated to Council that he is looking at 199 Ledge Rd which is a 2 acre piece of property to utilize for storage space of equipment, office space and a meeting room and storage space for the Village Engineers files. He would like everyone on council to consider this. Mayor Milani stated that the asking price on the property is \$329,000.00. Mayor Milani said they will discuss this property at the Tuesday, September 30, 2008 work session. Once again, Mayor Milani wanted to commend Jason Walters and the Service Dept. employees.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush stated department is running great. Mayor Milani asked Chief Vojtush about Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills looking into a Fire District that doesn't include the Village. Chief Vojtush has heard some things regarding this. Chief Vojtush stated that having a Fire District will fix some things but isn't a catch-all. He stated that there are a lot of things involved in making a Fire District. Chief Vojtush continued on to discuss the automatic aid and mutual aid calls. Chief Vojtush reminded everyone about the Fire Department Clambake on October 18th. Chief Vojtush stated that the Firemen will be selling tickets to their clambake and t-shirts at the Ice Cream Social/Clambake.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had Mr. Bryan read the Ordinance 2008-52, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of September, 2008. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Bowen It carrier with 6 ayes. There will be a Finance meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 6:30p.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission and Mr. Lewis of Health and Welfare had no reports at this time.

There was no report at this time from Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee. Chief Vojtush asked if the Fire Department is part of Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mr. Bob Riedel stated that they are not.

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

Mrs. Bowen of the Fire and Safety Committee reported that the Fire Levy will be discussed at the Council work session on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to donate \$600.00 to the Northfield Fire Department Association to support their various costs. Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion. Mr. Lewis inquired if the \$600 would be used for signs and Mrs. Bowen stated no it would be for the Association in general for various costs. Mrs. Bowen stated that they are a separate entity and they make donations to things. Mr. Lewis asked what would the money be used for and Mrs. Bowen stated again, it would be used for the Association, they have different funds that they ok, they buy t-shirts. Chief Vojtush stated they do MDA collections, the association has supported the fire department every year since the inception of the fire department. They turn any fundraising activities into new equipment for the fire department, uniforms, winter coats which 3/4 of the cost is covered by the Association and 1/4 is

covered by the individual and supplies for events that are used by the department that are never refunded, it is a non-profit organization. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Now, Law Director, Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2008-53, An emergency ordinance amending section 1262.05(f) of the Codified Ordinances relating to fees for zoning certificates and building department permits. A motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion passed with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan now read Resolution 2008-54, An emergency resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Fiscal Officer. A motion was made by Mr. Nehez to suspend the three-reading rules and was seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion passed with 6 ayes. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and passed with 6 ayes. Next, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-55, An emergency resolution urging the State Legislature to enact a Silver Alert Program. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowen to suspend the three-reading rules and seconded by Mr. Barber, and passed with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack and it also passed with 6 aye votes. A motion to add Ordinance 2008-56, an emergency Ordinance repealing section 678.021 of the Codified Ordinances relating to unconcealed weapons in public places was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Nehez and carrier with 6 aye votes. A motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis, it carried with 6 ayes. A motion to accept Ordinance 2008-56 was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carrier with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old Business. In the New Business Mrs. Bowen asked that a motion be made to donate \$60 to purchase a table of 8 for the 5th Italian Night Dinner to benefit Nordonia Hills Baskets of Hope on Wednesday, October 29th, 2008 from 5p-7p at Gambitta's Party Center. Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion and it carried with 6 aye votes. Mayor Milani stated that the Village Police Department is diligently working on finding out who is writing on the signs on the back of the Plaza which cost around \$1,800 to replace the signs. Jason Walters stated that the police did catch the persons responsible for damaging the picnic tables and they will be making restitution of \$100 for each of the 3 youths and also doing community service time with the Service Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Rodriguez

Lisa Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council