

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2011

Mayor Victor F. Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bryan administered the oath of office to John Schlueter to be appointed to Ward C Council Seat.

The roll was called by Mayor Milani, with the following present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, John Schlueter, Jesse Nehez, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Vojtush and Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were present .

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of September 7, 2011. Karyn Selle made a motion to amend minutes to say "Mr. Bryan stated that unless" instead of "Mr. Bryan stated that if", Beatrice Greenlee seconded the motion to accept the amended minutes and it carried with 6 aye votes. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Regular Council meeting. Beatrice Greenlee made a motion to amend the statement of "wooden planter" to "concrete planter", Linda Bowen seconded the motion and it carried with 6 ayes. Beatrice Greenlee made a motion and Linda Bowen seconded the motion to accept the amended minutes and it passed with 6 ayes.

Mayor Milani had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-60 an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Krista Mihalek to the Planning Commission. John Bolek made the motion and Beatrice Greenlee seconded to suspend the three-reading rule. John Bolek made the motion for passage and it was seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 6 aye votes. Mr. Bryan now swore in Krista Mihalek to her seat on the Planning Commission. Mayor Milani stated that Krista will fill a vacancy that has been vacant for almost a year and she will also be the secretary.

There was no business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.

Mayor Milani suggested that the flags in the Village only be put up at certain holidays, as the flags are being torn and tattered. Mr. Walters said that the problem is they can't ignore the flags. Yesterday they fixed flags and by the afternoon they were tangled up again, and you can't leave the american flag like that. Mr. Walters said that there are other ways to hang the flag with different types of poles, which are expensive, and aren't guaranteed to keep the flags untangled. Each time they go out to fix the flags, it is a minimum of one hour and each time two to three flags needed to be fixed. Mayor Milani stated that Mr. Walters wants to put the flags up for a couple occasions. Mr. Walters said that there are more than a couple. Karyn Selle said that there is one that it is beyond tattered. Do we at minimum, have replacements for the flags that are in the worse shape? Jason Walters said yes, they have gone through 20 replacement flags. Beatrice Greenlee stated to leave the flags alone for now. Veterans day is coming up in November, then the flags can come down after that holiday. Mayor Milani suggested that maybe Council needs to pick 4-5 holidays that they would like the flags up. Mayor Milani stated that Mr. Bryan said that the ordinance is on the books regarding political signs being put up no more than 30 days prior to the election, is not enforceable. If we are not going to enforce the ordinance it is a moot point for it to be there. Mr. Bryan stated that the change would make it 75 days instead of 30 days. John Bolek stated that there is a resident here in the Village who has a political sign in his yard for 365 days a year. Jason asked if that was on Kennedy? John Bolek said yes it is and he agreed with Mayor Milani. Jesse Nehez agreed also. Brad Bryan said that he will get something together for the next meeting. Bob Riedel stated that they need to leave in the ordinance when to take down the signs. Mayor Milani agreed. Mayor Milani stated that there was a rumor that he had turned down a grant regarding funding for the park. Mayor Milani said that he definitely did not do that. Mayor Milani stated that Council did not do away with his car, he stated that he brought it to Council's attention that he would not be using the car and to eliminate it from the budget in a cost savings manner. Mayor Milani stated that he spoke with the people regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> internet cafe, the machinery is not going in to date. He spoke with Howard Shafron regarding the International Food Market and there is no time period for that. John Bolek stated that he should be made to take the sign down that states "open to the public". Jason Walters stated that we do give people a grace period for them to get their sign up. Mayor Milani stated that he brought Rumpke to Council's attention prior to the bidding, as Rumpke was not known in this area.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Financial Statements and Mayor's Court reports for August 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 6 aye votes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Fire Chief Vojtush gave his report. (See attached). Mayor Milani stated that John Bolek did have some questions about the old fire truck and Chief Vojtush did answer these in his report but could you expound on the report. Chief Vojtush stated that they

are trying to get the most that they can for the old fire truck, so that they may purchase the jaws of life for the Village. Chief Vojtush stated that he posted the truck on Craig's list and has talked with many promotional companies in other states. There have not been any bids. His personal and professional opinion is that if we scrap the truck, we will lose money. It has been out of commission since February when they purchased the new truck. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Riedel if we still have insurance on the vehicle? Mr. Riedel stated yes. Karyn Selle asked if there was a time frame on disposal? Chief Vojtush stated that he didn't think so. Mayor Milani asked what Walton Hills interest was with the discs. Mr. Riedel stated that Walton Hills had no interest in them. Chief Vojtush stated that he understands the situation with the money. Mr. Riedel stated that the revenue for the fire department is projected to be down about \$48,000.00 this year. Chief Vojtush stated that Walton Hills has more fire calls than Village of Northfield. Mayor Milani asked Chief Vojtush if the number would pick up by the end of the year? Chief Vojtush stated yes. Mayor Milani asked if it was Council's pleasure to approve or deny the purchase order for the discs. John Bolek stated that it is indicative of this town how, no wonder we can't buy the jaws of life for \$30,000, when we can't approve of a \$250.00 purchase for the discs that the fire chief states that he needs bad. John Bolek stated the fire chief is the professional and he says that he needs them. He said that if you don't think that what he is telling you is real, then he shouldn't be the fire chief. John Bolek stated to Mayor Milani, that he made him the fire chief, if he tells you that he needs something, then buy it! John Bolek said that we need to not undermined him! Mayor Milani asked Council for the votes and all of council was unanimous with 6 aye votes. John Bolek asked how we were going to pay for the discs since Mr. Riedel said that there is no money in the budget. Mr. Riedel stated that the money will have to come out of the general fund. Mayor Milani stated that everyone just agreed to purchase them. Karyn Selle asked Mr. Riedel to check and see if EMS grant had monies still available. Beatrice Greenlee asked Chief Vojtush if he had any other candidates to bring on to the staff? Chief Vojtush stated yes, they are going through their background checks now and over the next month they should be put on and that will bring the total number at the fire department up to 42. Mayor Milani stated that would be the highest number at the fire department so far. Mayor Milani stated that Chief Vojtush had a very accurate report.

Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent, Jason Walters gave his report. (See attached) John Bolek stated regarding the violations on the inspections of the multi-family/apartments, to charge \$75 for each violation. Jason said that maybe we need to adjust the fees depending on how many buildings and apartments there are. Mr. Bryan said that maybe they will maintain the property and keep people safe. Jason stated that maybe we can put the fees on a scale, inspection 2 hours or less is a certain amount etc...John Bolek stated that we should charge an hourly fee for Jason's time. Jason said, also an administrative fee! Mayor Milani asked Chief Vojtush how much he charges for inspections? Chief Vojtush stated \$75 per inspection. Karyn Selle stated that the ipad also takes pictures which would help. Mayor Milani stated that this is something that should be put into the budget for next year. John Bolek stated that when he drove up Kennedy the other day with heavy rain, the new catch basin that was put in at 158 Kennedy, no water was going past the first catch basin and never made it to the second one. John said that at Kennedy and Jefferson a lot of water come down the street and it took all of the water. John Bolek stated that the service dept did a phenomenal job. Mayor Milani apologized to Karyn Selle about misinterpreting her comment about the broken car window on May Ave., after speaking with Chief Wentz. Mayor Milani stated that the people on Vincent Ave., are cutting through the woods at the back of Filly Ln., and this gentleman wanted the Village to put up a fence. Mayor Milani stated that wasn't in the budget. Jason Walters stated that there is nothing that the Village can do. If you catch people walking through, then they have to call dispatch to report them.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report and stated that they didn't have their meeting on September 21, 2011 due to not having enough for a quorum.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance committee had Mr. Bryan read Ordinance-2011-58, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of September 2011. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and it passed with 6 aye votes. Linda Bowen stated that they will have a Finance Committee meeting on October 26, 2011 at 6:30pm.

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

Mayor Milani had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-59, an emergency Resolution confirming the extension of Timothy McRitchie's employment as a temporary, seasonal employee with the service department. John Bolek made the motion to suspend the three-reading rule and it was seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and carried with 6 ayes.

John Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

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

John Schlueter, of the Wages and Working Committee had no report but stated that he is glad to be on the Council. Mayor Milani reminded John that he will be a vital part of the IAM union negotiations which is coming up before the end of October.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report.

There was no new or old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm. following a motion by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Jesse Nehez. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

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Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council