

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 10, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to amend the minutes of the September 26, 2007 Council meeting to indicate "Best Builders" rather than "Better Builders" (page 2, second to last paragraph) was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that he talked with the people from Scorcher's, and they are planning for a grand opening around November 20th. Pepper's Market is having a "Jungle Safari" in its parking lot October 24th through the 28th. Beggars' Night will take place in the Village on Halloween night, October 31st, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed to Council copies of bank reconciliations and financial statements for September, 2007. A motion to accept these reports as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the Houghton Road Outlet Sewer Replacement Project, which must be bid out; Birch Avenue Reconstruction plans; Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program legislation; and the Lowrie Pump Station elimination, which should be funded by an OPWC grant in 2008.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report. Police Chief Mark Wentz had no written report, but talked to Council about the letter he sent to Vincent Avenue residents regarding recent problems between certain residents on their street. Vincent has been relatively calm since the letter went out and was subsequently reported in the local paper. One of the residents involved in the dispute was found guilty in Mayor's Court, and the other pled not guilty and will appear in Cuyahoga Falls Muni Court on the 29th. Physical fitness testing was held last Sunday for half the Department, and the second half will be tested this Saturday. Range re-qualification has been completed, and all officers are now qualified. COPS Grants will not be available in 2007 and probably won't be until 2009. The Chief plans to put Brian Zajac on the Department full-time and have him take over the Juvenile Diversion program. Chief Wentz ended his report with a reminder that the annual Halloween party will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Donations of doughnuts, cupcakes, cookies, candy, etc. are welcome.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush submitted his report (copy attached). It covers: emergency run statistics; an update on quotes for a new ambulance; a Fire Consolidation meeting update; and particulars on the interviewing of firefighter candidates. The Chief hopes to bring the Department roster up to 30 by the end of 2007.

There will be no Planning Commission meeting this month. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on October 24th prior to the Council meeting.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that holes are being dug at Smith Park for the new swing set, and road patching is nearly done. Leaf pickup will begin on November 5th. Mr. Noack of Health and Welfare had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that several residents are interested in forming a Village Beautification Committee. He and Doris Wolfe are working at implementing this suggestion. Mr. Barber of Wages and Working reminded Council that union negotiations are set to begin on October 23rd. The Mayor urged Council to take an active part in the talks. Linda Bowen of Fire and Safety reported that her committee will meet on Monday, October 15th at 7:30 PM.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2007-50, an emergency Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the Plan was adopted with 6 aye votes.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2007-51, authorizing the Mayor to adopt a Village Public Records Policy in accordance with Substitute House Bill 9. Mr. Nehez moved to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It also carried with 6 ayes.

Brad read Resolution 2007-52, 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 to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the Resolution passed with 6 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2007-53, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Nehez made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

In Old Business, Mayor Milani commented on the cost increase for trash pickup under the new contract. Upon calling Waste Management to ask if anything could be done to help senior citizens, he learned about the Orange bag program designed for senior/disabled residents who generate minimal rubbish. The bags would be purchased from Waste Management for \$2.50 each, making the cost \$10.00 per month for residents who fill only one bag per week. This program will be looked into. In other Old Business, Mr. Nehez asked about the leasing of the former Gabriel Brothers space at the Plaza. The Mayor stated that Mr. Shafron has given the retail outfit in question a very fair offer and that it would be a vast improvement over Gabriel Brothers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon  
Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

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

Clerk of Council