

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 11, 2006

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Stewart was absent. 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 September 27th Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 aye votes.

At this time, Kurt Laubinger of the Akron Zoo spoke briefly about Issue 20, a tax renewal levy for operating and capital expenses at the zoo. Mayor Milani voiced his personal endorsement of the levy, commenting that the zoo has come a long way in the past few years. Mr. Bryan then read Resolution 2006-45, an emergency Resolution supporting Issue 20 and endorsing the renewal of a tax for the purpose of operating and capital expenses for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities at the Akron Zoo. Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules, which Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 5 aye votes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Laubinger thanked Council for their support.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, David Whited asked for support of Issue 18, the upcoming tax levy for expansion of the Metro Parks system.

Mayor Milani was pleased to report that, contrary to the Plain Dealer's figures of last week, a University of Akron poll indicates that Ohioans favor Issue 3 (Learn and Earn) by a margin of 47.6% to 38.3%, with 14% undecided.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations, as well as the Clerk of Court report, for the month of September. At the request of the auditors, he asked that Council accept these reports on a monthly basis. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to accept the September, 2006 reports. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: approval by the OPWC of the Notice to Proceed with the Beach Avenue/Electric Blvd. Reconstruction Project; the Federal EPA sanitary sewer inspection and related corrective actions demanded by the EPA; the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project and our placement on the contingency list of loan projects for a 2007 Issue 2 loan; and Village costs for the Ledge Road Resurfacing Project.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report at this time.

Police Chief Mark Wentz presented his report (attached), which included a four-year statistics comparison for traffic and criminal cases; the passage by all officers of the annual physical fitness test and the Department's zero-smoking campaign; the possible future switch from Ford cruisers to the Dodge Charger cruiser, and the need to purchase updated video camera systems for the cruisers. Chief Wentz reported that Sgt. Urbanowicz has applied for free night vision equipment through CEDAP (Homeland Security). He noted that the annual Halloween party will run from 5:30 to 8:30 PM on October 31st, with trick-or-treating from 6:00 to 8:00. The Department will again donate several unclaimed bikes to the Arrupe Program run by St. Ignatius High School.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report, but thanked the Service Department for their help in building a receptacle for aluminum cans behind the Fire Station. Clambake reservations number 60 over last year's count.

Mrs. Greenlee reported on the Planning Commission meeting of October 4th (report attached).

Mr. Shafron's plans for an outbuilding (Little Caesar's Pizza) next to McDonald's met Village specifications, thus a variance is not required. Mr. Wasosky approved the Fugos' drainage system plans for new home construction at 232 Houghton Road. Nick Gale was not present for discussion of his proposed 3 to 4 house residential development. The next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively set for October 18th.

The Finance Committee will meet in November on the 29th at 6:30, rather than the 22nd, because Mr. Riedel will be out of town on the 22nd and it is Thanksgiving week. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that leaf pickup will start November 1st, and workers will make only one pass. He commented that the new part-time Service Department secretary is working out well and advised Council that the Department needs a new backhoe and has been pricing them. Mr. Lewis recommended purchasing a specific new model, along with a \$10,000 planer. Discussion ensued, with Council's consensus to get a second price. This will be discussed at a Council work session on Monday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM. A Finance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

There was no report from Health and Welfare. Mr. Nehez reported for Buildings and Grounds that a tremendous amount of work was completed on October 5th at the Pitluk Preserve by 60 Dominion volunteers. There will be a dedication ceremony this Sunday at 2:00 PM. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

At this time, Brad presented Proclamation 2006-46, a Proclamation thanking Dominion East Ohio for its assistance and volunteer service in connection with the Pitluk Nature Preserve. The Proclamation was approved with 5 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2006-44, 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 County Fiscal Officer. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion was approved with 5 ayes.

In New Business, Mayor Milani reminded everyone of the Pitluk Preserve ceremony on Sunday at 2:00. In Old Business, Mrs. Greenlee asked if the Senior Snowplowing will be free again this year, which it will. Discussion of details ensued. Police Chief Wentz announced that his daughter is engaged to be married in 12 to 18 months. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council