

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:31PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Noack were absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Service and Building Dept. Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

Mayor Milani introduced Don Basch from Don Basch Jewelers to pick the winner of the ½ ct. diamon, courtesy of Don Basch Jewelers which was part of the Village 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee. Mr Basch chose the winner who was resident Ryan Rallya, who will presented with the diamond at Don Basch Jewelers.

Mayor Milani had Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2010-57, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Stephen M. Van Ness as a part-time police officer with the Village's Police Department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle, it carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle, it passed with 4 aye votes. Chief Wentz welcomed Stephen Van Ness to the department. Chief Wentz administered the oath of office to Stephen Van Ness who is joining the Police Department as a part-time patrolman with the Village and he was congratulated by Mayor Milani and Council. Mr. Van Ness thanked Mayor Milani, Council Chief Wentz and Lt. Mackie for the opportunity.

There was no business of petitions, remonstrances or memorials.

Mayor Milani had no report.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel said that he will have the financial statements ready over the next couple days. Mr. Riedel said that Lt. Mackie has some old matrix printers that the police department would like to dispose of and asked for a motion to be made. Mr. Nehez mad the motion and Mrs. Bowen seconded it, and it carried with 4 ayes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (see attached).

Law Director, Brad Bryan said that Jason Walters, Mr. Riedel and himself came to the conclusion this afternoon that part time seasonal service department employee John DeBrouse employment ends this Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, which means he will be done with his term of working unless it is extended by Council. Mr. Bryan said that it was too late to bring legislation on the agenda for tonight, but Council's options are to do nothing and he won't be employed at the end of this week or to set forth some sort of voice motion that will allow him to continue to work under the same terms until Council takes further legislative action. Mr. Nehez asked if Mr. Walters needs Mr. DeBrouse for leaf season, if so we should keep him on if it's in his budget. Mr. Bolek said that he feels that we have some major financial issues right now and we should take a look at it and come back to it and Mr. Nehez said ok.

Fire Chief Vojtush had no report. Mr. Bolek asked if Chief Vojtush had any updates on the fire truck, and Chief Vojtush said that it should arrive some time mid-December. Mr. Bolek asked if they were going to the plant to see the truck and Chief Vojtush said absolutely at least two trips. Mr. Riedel said he thought the truck was coming in April or May, and when did the December come about. Chief Vojtush said that ever since they signed the first contract, they didn't want to receive the truck after January, but they had a truck that someone backed out on so they moved it to us. Mr. Riedel said that none of the financing proposals he has been sending out are not until next year. Chief Vojtush said that he was told today that Mr. Riedel was bringing them tonight for Council, and Mr. Riedel said he was going to but them Council wanted to wait another week for one more quote and Chief Vojtush said we will have to address this tomorrow. Mr. Riedel said that all the quotes that were sent out to make the down payment of \$13,750.00 to come out of this year and next year a yearly payment, and Mr. Riedel told them April or May of next year and might have to go out for quotes again and he doesn't know if the money will be available in December. Chief Vojtush said it should be in the budget. Mr. Riedel asked if the truck does come, can they hold it until after the first of the year. Chief Vojtush said he doesn't know. Mayor Milani asked Chief Vojtush with the possibility of Macedonia's fire department disbanding if the levies don't pass, has Chief Black come to you and broached the topic of Northfield Fire Dept. helping out or mutual aid. Chief Vojtush said that they have

mentioned a few times that they would like to get the local Chief's together to help in their time of need if that happens, but we haven't sat down to discuss anything. Mr. Nehez said if Macedonia goes on state receivership there is nothing that the Mayor or Council can do and Mr. Bolek said that this has happened before and that in the paper are looking at 16 -18 fire department employees to go.

Mr. Bolek said that he spoke with Chris While today regarding the problem with the sewer catch basin on Lowrie and Washington, Mr. Urich's property, and Mr. While said that Mr. Walters will be attempting that over the next couple days or next week, but due to the rain they waited until now so they didn't tear up his property.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that they will have a Finance meeting on October 27, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee was absent.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that the interior and exterior lights at the Village Hall are almost completed and look very nice. The police dept. has been working on office space downstairs and doing the work themselves and looking to get money from other places and have many good ideas. Mr. Nehez planted many new plants in front of the Village Hall and all trees and bushes got trimmed. Mr. Nehez said regular routine maintenance is going on at the parks.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working said that there was a Wages and Working committee meeting tonight before the Council meeting at 6pm and had an executive session. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Bolek when phase one of union negotiations talks were to commence, and Mr. Bolek said next Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am which is for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers AFLCIO district #54 and local lodge #439.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety committee was absent. Mrs. Greenlee gave Mrs. Bowen her report to read. Mrs. Greenlee had talks with Chief Vojtush and everything is status quo and fire and safety reviewed the information on Mr. Van Ness and they decided to go with the recommendation of Chief Wentz, Lt. Mackie and Mayor Milani.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2010-56, 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 three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Selle, it carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Nehez, it passed with 4 aye votes. Mr. Bolek said thank you for getting everyone copies that they can read and it all makes sense now.

In the old business, Mrs. Bowen said that corrections need to be made regarding trick or treat for clarification on the dates since the Plain Dealer had it incorrect. Mayor Milani asked Eric Marotta who was present, to make sure the correction was made in the News Leader that the trick or treat in the Village is on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm, and the doors will be open in the police garage.

In the new business, Mr. Nehez said he wants to clarify something that many people have been wondering about him. Mr. Nehez said that he doesn't side with anyone on Council. He said that he has his own opinion and thoughts and votes for what he believes is right for his town. He said that he does have to speak with everyone on Council because they all work together. Mr. Nehez said if he does say yes or no to something that means he was in agreement or disagreement with it, not that he took someones side either way and it was his own vote on what he thought. Mr. Nehez stressed he does not take sides. Mrs. Selle said that Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> she met with some surrounding community members, Nordonia School Board members, Mrs. Blankenship, Rosemary Snell, Mayor Kuchta, Janet Miller, Jim Hunt, Patti Koslo, Principal Wright for an open meeting to all elected officials for the Nordonia School District. It was open for questions and dialogue and they have this meeting once per year and they are hoping to make this meeting quarterly. Mrs. Selle said that it was a good informative meeting. Mayor Milani said that they were basically there to address the passage of the levy, and Mrs. Selle said that they did put that out there to answer questions, but it was a nice meeting. Mrs. Selle said that she spoke with Patti Koslow yesterday and she said that the link was broken on the Nordonia Hills site and now is fixed, they had it linked to our old website. Mr. Nehez thanked Don Basch jewelers for donating the diamond. Mr. Bolek gave each Council member signs that he had printed with the leaf pickup information for each of the wards to put in their district. Mr. Bolek said that in future years we can change the dates of pickup so that we can use the signs over and over. Mr. Bolek said that if you

have any Village owned property in your ward you can put them there because they are not political they are information to the community. Mr. Bolek said that he is going to put one on Lowrie by the pump station so everyone can see them. Mr. Bolek said that no leaves will be picked up after elections so all the election signs will come down and the purpose of the other color is that people will notice it and recognize the date. Mr. Nehez said they came out very nice. Mr. Nehez and Mrs. Selle thanked Mr. Bolek. Mr. Bolek thanked the staff for properly handling the hundreds of people who signed up for the diamond giveaway, making sure they were locked up. Mr. Nehez said to Mayor Milani that his administration does a great job. Mayor Milani said that he is truly blessed. Mrs. Selle asked if there was anything new to be on the marquis out front, such as congratulations to Rallya for winning the diamond. Mr. Bolek said that would be a good idea. Mayor Milani said that we can do that, tomorrow we are changing the board to add the leaf pickup but we are very limited on space. Mrs. Selle said that it could be until the end of the week and Mayor Milani said yes. Mr. Riedel said we can put it on the internet site. Mr. Bolek congratulated the fire department on their outstanding clambake they had this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Bolek. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

**Respectfully Submitted by;** \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

**Attest:**

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council