

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 22, 2008

Milani called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Jason Walters Service/Building Dept. Supervisor were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2008 Council meetings was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Milani reported that the Village Fire Department Association Clambake that was held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 was a success.

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

Wasosky, the Village Engineer now gave his report. (see attached) Mr. Nehez asked Mr. Wasosky if the Village would be billing Cleveland Water for the work done on Birch Avenue, and Mr. Wasosky stated that we would be billing them for the patching. Jason Walters said that we would be billing them back to February 2, 2001 for a total of \$12,600. (see attached breakdown from Jason Walters).

Director Brad Bryan stated that he had nothing to report at that time. Mr. Bryan stated that he filed the claim for the damage to the Northfield Park and Sagamore Road signal. Chief Wentz said that he looked at the area and the stop light and two stop signs were replaced and that seems sufficient.

Chief Mark Wentz covered his police report (see attached). The investigation is ongoing on the McKinley Blvd. burglary, Sgt. Mackie and Det. Carlile are working on recovering missing weapons daily. Chief Wentz wanted to commend Officer Fred Jones for a job well done regarding the following: Sagamore Hills had a aggravated robbery in the parking lots at Marc's, Northfield Village Police Dept. was called on assistance and the suspect fled the scene and Officer Fred Jones made the arrest a couple streets away. Chief Wentz also wanted to remind everyone of Halloween Fright Night on October 31, 6p-8p, and everyone is invited. The Police Dept. will have extra patrol on Halloween night and also Sagamore Hills offered some of their Explorers to use for patrol. Mr. Nehez stated that there are many residents on Cranbrook contacting him regarding dirt biking and 4-wheelers and he tells them to contact Macedonia. Chief Wentz said that if the Village

Police Dept. does get the call through dispatch the officers will go and check out the situation, but that is still Macedonia's jurisdiction and falls on Conrail. Mayor Milani stated that a lot of these vehicles that these residents have are legal and Chief Wentz agreed that these vehicles are legal to ride on the street. Mayor Milani asked Chief Wentz how have things been with Vincent Avenue and Chief said it has been quiet. Mr. Noack wanted to commend Chief Wentz on his Police Report. Mr. Noack asked Chief Wentz how many guns were still out on the streets. Chief Wentz stated that the number still isn't known due to some discrepancies, but they are still working on it. Chief Wentz is going to Columbus airport to a demonstration by Carbon Motors of a new police only cruiser on the market, comparable in price to Chevy, Ford, Dodge. The difference is with this company's cars, everything comes stock installed, not aftermarket. It runs on diesel fuel which is 40% more efficient, and also has a 250,000 mile life expectancy.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush stated he did not have a report at this time. Chief Vojtush said that the Fire Department passed out the fire levy fliers. Mayor Milani stated that he finds it odd to have a district without Macedonia involved in it. Chief Vojtush said everyone was trying to accomplish the same goal 5 months ago, and finds it odd that they want our Village to part of this now. There will be a meeting regarding this at Northfield Center at 7:30p. on November 17, 2008. The Fire Department will be out for Halloween night also and pass out candy.

Service/Bldg. Dept. Superintendent, Jason Walters gave his report. Mr. Walters stated that he and the Service Department are about 95% done with the Council's list of things to be worked on in the Village. The patching still has some more to finish which they have about 2 more weeks. QUE program we were approved for 762 tons. Mr. Walters stated that they are going to more sparingly with salt this season. All of the dangerous areas will be salted, as well as intersections and hills. The striping and sealing of the lots and Houghton playground are finished. Leaf pick-ups will be starting on November 5 and running through November 25. Jason and some of the Service Dept workers went to a sewer seminar, looking at purchasing a new sewer jet. The truck with the jet is out of the Village's price range, around \$250,000.00. What they found is a trailer unit, like they currently have now, with a jet, camera that digitally records to dvd and a vactor, for around \$150,000.00 range brand new. It is more cost effective to purchase this unit ourselves instead of paying a company to do that. To purchase a sewer jet, with no camera or vactor the cost is around \$85,000. The jet that we currently have is from 1976 and we have gotten our use out of it. Mr. Lewis asked how much gets spent over the past couple of years on this service. Mr. Walters said over the past 4-5 years about \$30,000-\$60,000, if there is no major breakdown of the pumps then there is a cost of around \$10,000-\$15,000. Mayor Milani stated that Jason should account for this in the budget for 2009. Mayor Milani asked Rich Wasosky about Walton Hills wanting him to pass a Resolution in regards to the Sagamore Rd Rehab Project and signing the Co-Op Agreement. Mr. Wasosky stated that the estimated cost will be around \$143,000 and that would come from the permissive license fund, but we used that on the Houghton Road project. Sagamore Hills Township owns most of the road, but doesn't have enough funds for the project.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had Mr. Bryan read the Ordinance 2008-527 an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of October, 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 Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:30p.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission gave his report. He stated that the front end loader for the salt came in and it is nice, and we got a good deal on it.

. Lewis of Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

At this time Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee gave his report. Mr. Nehez stated that the Old Northfield Preservation Society will be holding their meeting here on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from 7-9p. The library is being used that night so they will be here. Mr. Lewis talked to Mr. Nehez concerning signs at the plaza, specifically, Bilt Rite Fabrics regarding an occupancy permit. Jason Walters said he will check into the matter. Mr. Nehez stated that the plaza does have some signs up for business that are no longer occupants in the plaza also. Mayor Milani also asked if the Amish furniture people that were in the plaza had been getting their occupancy permits on a regular basis. Mr. Walters stated that their permit ended in September, but they do have a store front. Mayor Milani asked if we have seen a signed contract, and Mr. Walters said no. Mr. Bryan asked do they have a store front? Mr. Walters said he went and looked and doesn't see an actual store, but they are renting an office there. We did issue them 4-15 day permits, 60 days, which would take them through the end of September. Chief Vojtush stated that he informed them that they could not conduct business out of the shed, and had to be in the plaza. They assured Chief Vojtush they would not do that. In the middle of September, they told Chief Vojtush said it would be a couple more weeks. Then he found out they were closing at the beginning of October and wouldn't be back until spring of next year.

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

Mrs. Bowen stated that she had no report at this time, but wanted to mention that the Fire Association and Fire Department put on a very good clambake.

, Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2008-58, An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. The motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack, and passed with 6 ayes. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack and the motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan now read Resolution 2008-59, an emergency Resolution declaring the necessity and intention to appropriate for sewer purposes a permanent easement in the within mentioned premises. Mr. Nehez made a motion to suspend the three-reading rules, was seconded by Mr. Barber and carrier with 6 aye votes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. This motion passed with 6 ayes. Next Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-60, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Fair Housing Council of Northeast Ohio to assist the Village with achieving substantial equivalency

status from HUD and receiving Federal funding. A motion was made by Mr. Nehez to suspend the three-reading rules and Mr. Lewis seconded motion. This passed with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack, this also carried with 6 aye votes. Now Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2008-61, an emergency Ordinance amending sections 1022.01, 1022.03(a), 1040.01, 1040.03, 1040.05, 1042.04(a), and 1042.05(a) and (b) of the Codified Ordinances relating to certain excavation, water tap-in, and sewer construction fees. Mr. Noack made a motion to suspend the three-reading rules and it was seconded by Mr. Nehez and passed with 6 ayes. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion and carried with 6 aye votes.

Old and New Business, Mayor Milani stated that there is a Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 will be changed to Monday, November 24, 2008 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Finance meeting will also be moved to November 24, 2008 at 6:30p. In regards to the regular Council meeting that was cancelled on October 8th, 2008 will be rescheduled as a Special Council meeting on November 5, 2008 at 7:30p. Mr. Lewis made a motion to pay bills not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the Clambake & Ice Cream Social and was seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 6 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council