

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Service and Building Dept. Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. The motion carried with 4 ayes, and Mrs. Greenlee abstained.

There was no business of petitions, remonstrances or memorials.

Mayor Milani said that a local business that was considering moving out of town might not be moving out of town after all. Mr. Noack arrived at this time also at 7:33p.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the financial statements and Mayor's court report for September 2010 as submitted. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, it carried with 6 ayes.

Service and Building department Superintendent, Jason Walters gave his report. (see attached) Mrs. Bowen said that Mr. Noack and herself are on the Wages and Working committee and she feels that it was very unprofessional of Mr. Bolek who was determined to not inform his committee but he did inform other members of Council. Mr. Noack said that he agrees because he did not receive a call. Mrs. Bowen said that it was very unprofessional and we have our committees to work together, did not receive a phone call or not even an email. Mrs. Bowen said that the committees chairman are supposed to keep in contact with the people that are on the committee, and Mr. Noack agreed with Mrs. Bowen by stating that she is 100% right. Mrs. Bowen just wanted to make sure that this was put on public record. Mr. Bolek said that Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Noack were both invited to attend the negotiations. Mrs. Bowen said that the contract says one person and asked Mr. Walters if she was correct and he said yes they asked who would be there and they were told Mr. Bolek. Mr. Bryan said it would be impractical to have everyone attend and it really doesn't state. Mrs. Bowen said that is always the chairperson who attends the meeting and informs the rest on the committee. Mr. Noack said that with himself he has missed some meetings due to the fact of being rushed to the hospital as everyone knows. Mr. Walters wanted to stress the importance of John DeBrouse and C.J. Timm are very important to the department especially with leaf season and snow plowing coming. C.J. Hasn't plowed before, but will be in the process of learning. Mr. Walters stressed the importance of the two part-time employees. Mr. Walters said that John has about 300 hrs left for the year to not go over what is in the resolution and will put him on call. Mr. Walters said that C.J.'s hours are not in danger and he will be training C.J. On snow plowing. Mr. Noack asked which truck C.J. Will use and Mr. Walters said he will use the 1997 Chevy pickup. Mr. Walters said that he will have John come in 2-3 hours to work and then put him on call, but try to keep him with some stability. Mr. Walters said that there is a lot of responsibility that goes along with being on call and he has discussed this with both John and C.J. And they both said they are willing to take on this role. Mayor Milani said regarding Rumpke with the first week of pickup there were done by 2p and since then they have been finished by 3:30p or 4pm and the residents are impressed with the service and trucks. Mr. Nehez said he has had residents tell him that they are doing a great job. Mr. Walters said that the only issue was with the recycle bins, that they are too high for some ladies, so Rumpke came to the service department and stood and watched residents use the bins and talked to them and are working on a solution for that situation. Mr. Bryan said that the situation with the Plaza Management regarding violations is in his hands now and he will be handling it. Mayor Milani asked if they had made any headway on cleaning this up, and Mr. Walters said a little bit, but haven't done the simple things like cleaning up trash and removing trash. Mr. Walters said if you are worried about money those would be the first things that you could do that doesn't cost money. Mayor Milani said that he heard they are painting the back red and yellow, and Mr. Walters said yes. Mr. Walters said he told them that if he saw at least 25% done he would give them an expansion on their time. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Walters about 154 May Ave and a point of sale inspection. Mr. Walters said yes he did have a point of sale request submitted and he went and did the inspection and contacted the person who requested the point of sale inspection and explained to them that this property was deemed to be condemned by Andrew Harris at the Summit County Department of Health and they are going to talk with him. Mrs. Greenlee asked how the service department roof held up during the storm yesterday and Mr. Walters said ok, he just doesn't want the insulation to get ruined and they got up their and patched some more. Mrs. Greenlee asked if the people that snow plowed needed a cdl license and Mr. Walters said not we do not require it because we don't use that heavy duty of trucks. Mr. Noack said if you every need someone to drive he has a cdl and Mr. Walters said he will keep that in mind. Mr. Nehez thanked Mr. Walters for the work he did with the violations on the Plaza.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee had Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-58, an Emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of October, 2010. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carrier with 6 ayes.

Mayor Milani said that in Mr. Noack's absence he had Mrs. Selle also of the Roads and Public Works Committee meet with Mr. Walters about his department but she had no report but did say that Mr. Walters had a thorough report.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the LED lights were finished today.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working have not had a committee meeting since the last one before the last council meeting. Mr. Bolek said that they had union negotiations with the IAM and he just received a synopsis from Brad Bryan dated yesterday, and that is why he hasn't called anyone on his committee yet because he didn't have anything in writing. Mr. Bolek said that he could have called everyone to give them the information from his notes and Mrs. Bowen said that he should have, it is part of what you are supposed to do. Mr. Bolek said he didn't have anything in writing, and Mrs. Bowen said that he was at the meetings. Mr. Bolek said it was brought up in the meetings that they want all of Council to be at all negotiations, so the next time that we have negotiations in 12 months, all of Council needs to make their schedules available. Mrs. Bowen asked Mr. Walters if that was brought up in the meeting, and Mr. Walters said he didn't remember that. Mr. Walters said that he didn't make the comment and Mr. Bolek said Mr. Walters did not make that comment. Mr. Bolek said that they said if Council cared about their union contract then everyone would be there to help negotiations, and Mr. Walters said no it came after Mr. Bolek said he was going to vote against it. Mr. Walters said that if everyone was there, they wouldn't get anywhere. Mayor Milani said that having done this as long as he has done this with Mr. Walters and these talks they just had were the easiest than prior years. Mr. Walters said when it comes to the IAM union and when they look at the Village, the man negotiating for us he is the President of the district covering Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Dean has been through all of this before and is very high up in the union. There are a little over 700,000 members in the IAM and there is one contract that has no grievances, which is ours and they have a lot of respect for the Village. They know that we have our issues but we get them worked out before they get to grievances, which is attributed to the employees as well as the employer. Mr. Bolek said it all went well and the end result was agreeable to all parties concerned. Mr. Bolek apologized to the members of his committee if they felt left out of the loop and were not better informed and Mr. Bolek said that he will make sure that doesn't happen again. Mr. Bolek said that he will type his own reports up in the future and makes sure everyone gets them. Mr. Bolek said it was a very stressful three days and overall it went well, and he felt at one point in time a tremendous lack of professionalism was brought from one side of the negotiating table and I hope that when they come back next year the language will drastically improves because it should not be tolerated and does not help the matter with negotiations and the end result is fine but there is no excuse for the language that was use in these negotiations. Mr. Bolek had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-60, an emergency Resolution approving a new collective bargaining agreement with the IAM. Motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-61, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John DeBrouse as a part-time service department employee. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. Mr. Bolek said that John is a tremendous employee that works hard that has a lot of experience and it is a great thing that we can bring people back to continue with their experience so that we don't have to bring someone in to start all over again so it is good that we are able to continue with who we have. Mr. Nehez asked Mr. Walters if John DeBrouse will be moved up as a step up as an employee. Mr. Walters said that he will stay there for at least a year will stay at this level, even though John is up there. Mr. Walters said that C.J. Is at least above a 1, but he has to at least plow for a season and be responsible when you are on call. Mr. Walters said that John had one night last year that he was on call and Mr. Walters asked him if he had been drinking, he said he had one beer, and it isn't worth it to chance it Mr. Walters said when they are plowing, and he learned from that. Mr. Walters said at that age in life it is hard to comprehend that level of responsibility, but he learned. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack and passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-62, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Charles Timm as a part-time service department employee. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack and passed with 6 ayes.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety committee said she spoke with Chief Vojtush and there is nothing new and they are waiting for the new truck to arrive some time in December. Mrs. Greenlee asked Mr. Riedel if he heard anything and Mr. Riedel said he heard at the last Council meeting it was coming this year and that was it. Mr. Riedel said he is in negotiations with one other bank and have a meeting 15 minutes before the next Council meeting so Council can vote with what they want and get going on this. Mrs. Greenlee spoke with Chief Wentz and he said that he and Anita Swensen have been working hard on the Fright Night for Halloween and Mr. Nehez and Mr. Bolek said it looks really nice. Mr. Walters said that Chief Wentz does a great job and

Mayor Milani agreed and said that all the kids love it. Mrs. Greenlee said they had a lot of things donated for the party and Mrs. Swensen said that there are people from different areas helping also.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2010-59, emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. Mr. Riedel said it is basically moving funds from one to another, so that Jason has more money in his roads department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Bolek and carried with 6 ayes. Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-63, emergency Ordinance establishing section 230.04 of the administrative code relating to the proposed budget of the municipality. Mr. Riedel said we do a preliminary budget in July and they want this one to look at it for January, February and March before we pass the permanent budget, and Mr. Riedel said he doesn't have a problem with that. Mr. Bryan said at the end of this year you have to pass the temporary budget for the first three months of the next year by the end of this year. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Riedel what the accuracy would be of this temporary budget, and Mr. Riedel said it is accurate just give them more time to look at it since we don't have to pass it until the end of March. Mr. Riedel said it is up to council if they want to take more time to look at it. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Walters as a department head does this decision earlier or later effect him, and Mr. Walters said it doesn't bother him. Mrs. Greenlee said it will give them more time to look at it throughly. Mr. Riedel said you will probably do a more conservative budget because some of the numbers will not be in there. Mayor Milani said waiting a month or two longer would make it be more accurate with all of the numbers, but whatever Council's pleasure is and Mr. Walters agreed you have to do it one way or another. Mr. Nehez said it is always nice to have more time to look over things. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle and carried with 6 ayes.

In the new business, Mr. Nehez said he would like to mention Jason Walters was very welcoming and very professional in his meeting with Mr. Nehez and Mrs. Selle and he wanted to thank him. Mr. Noack stated that he has missed a couple Council meetings due to many health problems, and has been in and out of the hospital and that he will be on vacation in December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 22<sup>nd</sup> to visit his sister in Texas. Mr. Noack said that his health problems are very serious. Mr. Noack apologized to Mr. Walters for not being in contact, but Mr. Walters stated that Mrs. Selle and Mr. Nehez helped him along. Mr. Noack apologized to everyone for missing any meetings due to being in and out of the hospital, but he is coming along.

In the old business, Mr. Bryan had a new draft of Ordinance 2010-35, the amusement devices and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting and has given council a copy in their mailbox. Mr. Nehez asked how it is coming along with the business that wants to move into the plaza, did they get their sign yet. Mr. Walters said they did apply for their permit, but he didn't want to run into a problem like Little Caesar's again. Mr. Bryan said if this passes we will have to get more information from them and get the fees. Mr. Walters said before he issues the occupancy, they have to go through the Village fire dept and before that they go through Summit Co. and they are a little bit away from opening. Mr. Nehez asked Mr. Bryan how soon do we have to have this device ordinance passed, and Mr. Bryan suggested by next meeting. Mrs. Bowen suggested to have a work session 30 minutes prior to the next Council meeting at 7pm on November 10th. Mr. Walters said that he could issue the sign permit but not let them put it up until everything is approved and they can put it up one week prior to opening. Mr. Walters said he is working with Classic Designs on the Thrift Nation sign. Mrs. Greenlee suggested to move the November 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting to Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a finance meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council