

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2011

Mayor Victor 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: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Jesse Nehez, John Schlueter, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

Mayor Milani stated that they would approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 council meeting at the next council meeting.

There was no business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.

Mayor Milani had Brad Bryan read Proclamation 2011-71, a Proclamation honoring Police Chief Mark Wentz. This Proclamation was to honor Chief Wentz for going above and beyond the call of duty. Motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 6 aye votes. Chief Wentz thanked everyone for the Proclamation.

Brad Bryan now read Resolution 2011-75, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Paul McClintock as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter and passed with 6 ayes. Brad Bryan now read Resolution 2011-76, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Molnar as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter and passed with 6 ayes. Brad Bryan now read Resolution 2011-77, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Courtney Root as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by John Bolek. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by John Schlueter and passed with 6 ayes. Brad Bryan now read Resolution 2011-78, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Brian Vaughn as a part-time fire fighter with the Village's fire department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and passed with 6 ayes. Fire Chief Gary Vojtush administered the oath of office to the four new fire fighters and welcomed them to the Village fire department. Mayor Milani and Council welcomed them also.

Police Chief Mark Wentz stated that Ryan Kaetzel accepted a full-time position with the Bedford Heights police department, his last shift to work for the Village is November 30th. This will put the police department down to 10 full-time officers and we are still looking for candidates to fill the two vacant full-time positions. Chief Wentz stated that he would like for Warren Olesinski and Matt Grams to move to full-time officers if that can fit into the budget, meanwhile still looking for two part-time officers to fill those vacant positions. Beatrice Greenlee stated that they will have a safety meeting to discuss these items. John Bolek stated that we need to get rolling on the budget; we do not need to wait until March 30th, 2012 to pass the budget, because that would put the police department in a jam. Mayor Milani thanked Chief Wentz for the wonderful job he has done on the Halloween parties over the years.

Mayor Milani reported that this is his last Council meeting after serving as the Village Mayor for the past 12 years and two years serving on Council and it has been an honor to him. Mayor Milani stated to Jesse Nehez to keep the good people that he has had working around him; Finance Director Bob Riedel and both Police and Fire Chiefs who Mayor Milani stated they have been invaluable to him, as has Brad Bryan also. Mayor Milani stated that it has been his honor and privilege to be the Mayor of the Village of Northfield. Mayor Milani stated that as one door closes another one will open.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel stated that he has the quotes for the new dump truck: Bass Ford at an annual rate of 6.1%; Dollar Bank at an annual rate of 4.29% and Key Bank at an annual rate of 2.99% for five years. Bob Riedel suggested to Council that they go with Key Bank. Brad Bryan asked if they went through the state purchasing program and Bob Riedel stated yes. John Bolek asked how long the quote was good for because Council next meeting is December 14th. Bob Riedel stated December 16th is the deadline. There was some money left in the sewer fund and street construction & maintenance fund due to moving the May Ave. construction program to next year that can be used for this vehicle for the next two years, then switch it over to the roads. Bob Riedel stated that the yearly payments will be about \$16,505.07. Mayor Milani asked if the other two trucks will be paid off in 2013. Bob Riedel stated yes and then the payments will come out of the roads department.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report, but stated the sewer district trials started and they obtained a new expert. Brad Bryan stated that we might be asked to contribute \$600 in the future to cover part of the fees for the transcripts. John Bolek asked what

our years to date fees have been. Brad Bryan stated that we have spent \$1,000 toward the expert fee and Brad's fee for the year has been about \$3,000. Bob Riedel stated that Rich Wasosky has fees also.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report. John Bolek asked when the next Planning Commission meeting was. Beatrice Greenlee stated that there isn't one scheduled. Mayor Milani stated that December 1st Council will have the option of changing the committees at that time.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2011-70, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of the bills for the month of November, 2011. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report but stated that everything is moving along. John Bolek stated that it was nice that the leaf pickup times for this year are the same as last year due and that Council didn't have to change the ward signs.

John Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

Jesse Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

John Schlueter, of the Wages and Working Committee had no report. John Bolek asked that since the next Council meeting isn't until December 14th and the contract ends on December 15th, what the plan is. Brad Bryan stated that the plan is to get together one day and agree or not agree on the contract, we will see how Jesse Nehez and John Schlueter's schedules look.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report.

Mayor Milani had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-72. An emergency Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the refundable performance bond fund to the general fund. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 6 aye votes. Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-73. An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Jesse Nehez and seconded by Linda Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Jesse Nehez and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. John Bolek asked why we are increasing the annual appropriation for the solicitor from \$110,000 to \$115,000 and increasing the Mayor's office personal benefits from \$12,000 to \$21,000. Bob Riedel stated that due to many felony cases and outside expenses on appraisals, and the expert in the sewer case. Brad Bryan stated it is about \$2,000-\$3,000 over appropriations. Bob Riedel stated that the increase in the Mayor's was due to Lisa Rodriguez went on the health benefits started in August for five months and it was increased by \$9,000 which is more so that we won't have to go and make changes again. It carried with 6 aye votes.

In the new business Beatrice Greenlee asked if Council agreed to have a Council work session on December 7th at 7:30pm. to discuss the police business with Chief Wentz. Council agreed. John Bolek asked if the money is in the police budget. Bob Riedel stated that since it wasn't used for the positions this year, it will go back in the budget. Mayor Milani stated that per the Charter, Council will meet at 8:00pm. on December 1st to decide Council Committees and Council President. Mayor Milani asked what Brad Bryan was the process is for when Jesse Nehez moves from Council person to the position of Mayor, what happens with his council ward seat. Brad Bryan stated that as soon as Jesse Nehez takes the seat of Mayor, his ward seat will be open, and that 4 out of 5 council persons need to agree on a replacement. Mayor Milani asked Bob Riedel to put an ad in the paper for the vacant ward b seat. Council stated that they would like a decision to be made by December 7th since the ad will be run in the paper on November 30th. Jesse Nehez stated to Mayor Milani it was a pleasure working with him and wished him the best with his future endeavors, Mayor Milani thanked Jesse Nehez and stated that he knows that Jesse will do the right thing and to trust his core people and wished Jesse Nehez the best of luck as Mayor. Mayor Milani thanked Linda Bowen, Beatrice Greenlee, Brad Bryan, Robert Riedel and the resident who put him in office. There was no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm. following a motion by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council