

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Barber was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan and Service/Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Lewis asked to have the minutes amended and that line be removed due to the fact that after that he rescinded his thought process on that proposition. Mayor Milani asked if he would like that statement removed from the minutes, and Mr. Lewis said yes. Mr. Lewis made a motion and Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion in regards to the last line in regards to Mr. Lewis being a walking contradiction. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani gave his report and gave a reminder to all about the swearing in ceremony for newly elected and re-elected officials Friday, November 28th, 2009 at 7:30 with Summit County Council President Nick Kostandaras to present the oath of office.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court Disbursal report for October 2009. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush discussed the fire coverage proposal that was submitted to Walton Hills. Chief Vojtush said that he was contacted by Walton Hills about what Northfield Village could do in regards to police and fire coverage for their Village. Chief Vojtush said after many phone calls and many discussions this proposal is what they came up with. Chief Vojtush said that Mayor Anelski decided that they want to open their own fire department, starting with an EMS service by the end of December. Walton Hills has about 80 fire calls per year. Chief Vojtush said that this proposal is good for the department because they can add on a couple more men. Mayor Milani said that the number they came up with was \$120,000 for having one man around the clock. Mr. Noack said that \$120,000 seemed high for one guy. Mr. Riedel said to remember that is 24 hours. Mr. Nehez asked what happened to Oakwood doing their coverage, and Chief Vojtush that Walton Hills just wasn't happy with Oakwood's services. Chief Vojtush said that they came up with a proposal where both Village's can work together. Mr. Noack said that he feels that the Village's need to back each other up and work together with teamwork, and he is very happy with this. Chief Vojtush said that he determined that the fire on Rosewood last weekend was intentionally set and had Detective Carlile on that. No one was living there, the tenant was moved out. Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Riedel also for showing up on the fire scene. Mr. Riedel said that is part of mutual aide. Mr. Nehez asked where Walton Hills was going to put their EMS. Chief Vojtush said that they are going to use their old service department on Krick Rd.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Sergeant Mackie had no report for the police dept.

Service and Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters said that Mr. Wasosky left a copy of a report on May Ave. Leaf season is going well but slow, they are at the heaviest portion of the leaves between Ward A and then Ward B. They took 14 loads off of Fell and that is normally 8 loads, and it is a no win situation with the Wards that have been picked up are loaded with leaves again. We have the schedule posted on the boards, in the paper and online. As the guys just were finishing up Houghton, residents were in their yards raking leaves, and we were just their and picked up all the leaves. Mayor Milani said that he saw a resident last night blowing leaves into the middle of the street. Mr. Walters said that specific resident went to his office, and he explained to the resident that they tried to pick up the leaves but there was bark in the leaf pile and that will break the machine. Mrs. Bowen said that the leaves are still there. Mr. Walters said that his point is that there is no way that he can continue doing leaves until all leaves are gone. Mr. Noack said if they don't put them out at the road there is nothing that he can do. Mr. Walters said that the residents are putting the leaves out now after they are done with that Ward. He said that the residents need to look at the board and see when their wards are being picked up and then they can rake them. Mr. Walters said that he can't just do leaves every day with having other projects going on. Mr. Walters said that when leaf season is done, that is it, he has to get the trucks ready for snow plow season.

Mr. Walters said thank you to Mayor Milani and Council for letting him bring in John DeBrouse to help with leaves and he said that CJ is doing better. Electric Blvd. is going well, there is a lot more concrete work being done there due to the grades of the yards. Sewer projects are going well and they are working every day to keep Lowrie project going. Mr. Walters said that Roger Stone is doing real well and he is happy with his work. Mr. Walters said that he is trying to keep the over time down. Mr. Noack said that Mr. Walters needs to watch the over time, knowing that the snow is coming. Mr. Walters said that they are keeping the over time to a minimum unless they are behind in leaf pickup in a ward. Mr. Walters said that they are set with salt. Mayor Milani asked when they would be done with Electric Blvd., and Mr. Walters said next week some time and the final will be done next spring.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Greenlee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance-2009-54, An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of November, 2009. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Noack. It carrier with 5 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee had not report.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee asked if anyone had any question regarding the proposal from Jellison Construction company for the work at the Village Hall. Mayor Milani said that Council had some concern and wanted another bid. Mr. Walters said that this is a \$3,000 job and they have done work for us before and there is a rule under \$20,000 only one bid is needed. Mr. Walters said that he can get more bids if that is what Council wants. Mr. Nehez asked Council if they wanted to purchase eight new name plaques for Council Chambers for \$10 each and no one opposed.

Mr. Barber of Wages and Working was absent.

Mr. Lewis of Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-55, An emergency Resolution confirming the mayor's appointment of Mark Bartos as a temporary, part-time seasonal employee with the Service Department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Lewis. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes.

In the New business, Mayor Milani said that he received a memo regarding a Resolution that he would like Council to consider at the next council meeting. North East Ohio Sewer District wants to assess fees for water run off. Mayor Milani said that this is taxation without representation and he said it would benefit us to look over the resolution. Chief Vojtush gave thanks to Service Department in regards to their help on the Rosewood fire. Mayor Milani thanks Councilpersons' Brian Barber and Chuck Lewis for their four years of service on Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council