

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35PM 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, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 2 abstains from new Councilors Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Selle.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances Jim Williams at the Local Moose Lodge spoke about giving stuffed animals and supplying the local police or fire department to use in the case of a situation at a call where the child is upset they can give the stuffed animals to the child to ease them. Mr. Williams said he will find out how to get more stuffed animals and check on a price for donation purposes.

Mayor Milani said that there was an offer presented to Walton Hills last night and there was a bit of confusion and an affirmative vote was not taken. Mayor Milani suggested that they table Resolution 2009-57 on a first reading until Walton Hills makes a decision and Mr. Bryan said there will be a second reading at the next council meeting. Mayor Milani had a meeting with the owner of the plaza. Mayor Milani said they accomplished a lot, but it is a confusing situation and the matter has been turned over to Law Director Brad Bryan to deal with their attorneys regarding the flea market tax issue. Mayor Milani chastised Walton Hills Council for unprofessional conduct regarding this matter.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the bank reconciliations and Financial statements for November 2009 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Riedel when the books would be closed out for the year, Mr. Riedel said on December 30th.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report at this time. (See attached).

Law Director Brad Bryan discussed the letter from NEORSO regarding the meeting at Friday, December 18th to submit comments, Village Engineer Mr. Wasosky said he will be attending.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report at this time. (See attached). Chief Wentz commended the whole police dept. as a whole in regards to not taking over time, and taking comp. time. Chief Wentz gave congratulations to Mr. Nehez and Mr. Noack on their re-election, to Mrs. Selle and Mr. Bolek on their election to Council. Chief Wentz said he was looking forward to working with Mrs. Greenlee as the chairperson of the Fire & Safety Committee along with Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Noack. Mayor Milani complimented Chief Wentz on his over all management over the police dept due to over time and a substantial balance carryover to 2010.

Mayor Milani commended Fire Chief Gary Vojtush on crunching number and many hours working on the Walton Hills fire proposal. Chief Vojtush obtained a copy of the Walton Hills meeting regarding this proposal. There were some comments made by Fire Chief Schae from Oakwood Village that Chief Vojtush disagreed with. Mayor Milani said that he and Chief Vojtush has in the back of his mind, is this something that we really want to be involved with, or would be micro-managed. Mayor Milani said the bottom line is, are we doing good for the residents. Mayor Milani said that we didn't approach Walton Hills, they approached us. Santa Clause will be around the Village this weekend. Chief Vojtush said that over the past couple years the fire department has logged in over 40,000 volunteer hours. Mayor Vojtush said that Sagamore Hills runs Northfield Center Fire Department for \$800,000 plus and Chief Vojtush runs his department for \$532,000, 24/7, 365 days, which includes \$50,000 for the building. Mayor Milani thanks Chief Vojtush for everything he does.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee said that there will be a Finance meeting on December 30, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee checked with Chris While regarding salt and they have some on hand and haven't had to purchase any yet. They are working on patching road and putting up the christmas decorations.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee the christmas decorations are almost done, they need to put up the wreath in front of the building. Chris While said that there is a problem here above the fire station that will be fixed tomorrow and working. The service department is very busy with other projects going on, but will get the bows up on the street signs. Mr. Nehez said that they do a great job considering the amount of guys they have at the service garage. Mayor Milani thanks Irene Milani for decorating the Village Hall and Council agreed. Mr. Noack wished his wife, Renell of 31 years happy anniversary.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working had no report at this time. Mayor Milani said he should have had Mr. Bolek call a Wages and Working Committee meeting to discuss the raises. Mr. Bolek asked the deadline on the filing of resolutions, and Mr. Bryan said 24hrs which is 4p on Tuesday. Mayor Milani said that usually for raises they have a committee meeting and he apologized to Mr. Bolek for not telling him to put it into committee.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety Committee asked Chief Wentz if they were retiring car 830, Chief Wentz said no car 838. The new car will be 832.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-56, An emergency Resolution pertaining to the rate of pay for certain employees. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Noack seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes, 1 abstain. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-58, An emergency Resolution opposing the Northeast Ohio Regional sewer District's attempt to assert jurisdiction to manage storm water within communities in Summit County where it provides wastewater services, and further opposing any proposed taxes, assessments or fees for the management of storm water that are, or will be, proposed by NORSD against Summit County communities and residents. 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 Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bolek said that the landowners and property owners in Northern Summit County already paying these fees to the County Engineer who is putting the monies into watersheds and they are going to try and charge us again for that, so it is very important for everyone to make their voices known. Mayor Milani said that this Resolution adds to Macedonia, Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills have done also. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-57, An emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Village of Walton Hills for the provision of Fire and rescue services will be on first reading tonight, and it will be added to the Agenda for the second reading on December 30th. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-59, An emergency Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer, in the year 2010, to advance to the Village monies to which the Village is entitled from the proceeds of tax levies for the collection year 2009. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Noack seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bolek asked Mr. Riedel why they had to pass a Resolution asking them to pay the Village what we are owed. Mr. Riedel said we always had to and the County won't give it to you early unless you ask for it. It is not general fund money, it is fire department money where we get the advance from. You can get the monies early if you ask for it, otherwise you won't get it until April.

There was no Old or New business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM 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:

President of Council

Clerk of Council