

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez and Mr. Lewis. Mr. Noack and Mrs. Bowen were absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Village Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Lieutenant Scott Selle were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 4 ayes.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani said that he had been informed by Goodwill will tentatively have a grand opening on January 17th, 2009. Mr. Larry Shafron indicated that he has a tenant for the old Lagoon's Restaurant. Jason Walters has asked for permission to work this weekend to get caught up with the leaf pickup due to being 2-3 weeks behind due to the weather. Mayor Milani also reminded everyone that the Village's Christmas party is December 16th, at the Fire Station catered by Scoreboards between 12p-2p.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel said that the financial statements and reconciliations have been submitted and he said he will have the actual financial statements done by the end of the week.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky read his report. (see attached) Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2008-70, An emergency Resolution continuing the appointment of Richard S. Wasosky of Euthenics, Inc. as the Village of Northfield Municipal Engineer for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. The motion to add this Resolution to the agenda was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, carried with 4 ayes. Motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lewis, carried with 4 ayes. Motion to accept was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber, it also carried with 4 ayes.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time. Police Chief Wentz covered his report. (see attached) There was a snag in the changeover this afternoon with the cruiser radios. He said they have decided that when they get the new cruiser in 2009, they would do the change to the new radios as the year goes on. They took the first cruiser down to Western Reserve Communications today and the radios were so antiquated, they couldn't get them to work with their software. So he is looking into some other companies for software that might work with these radios for the changeover. The cost to replace the radios is \$600 each and we would have to replace 4, which we were planning on replacing 1 in the new cruiser in 2009. Everything else is going well for the transfer. Mayor Milani said that on December 12th is Officer Joe McFeely's will be going to Hudson, what are the plans to replace Joe for the future. Chief Wentz said he would like

to sit down with Mr. Lewis and the Safety Committee to see what the time frame is. By adding Dan Kozar and Fred Jones to the department full time, will only put them at 9, then if he loses Kaetzel to S. Euclid he will be down. Mayor Milani said that the vandalism has gone down. Chief Wentz feels that it is due to the fact of the 5 arrests from the burglary, that it has sent a message.

Fire Lieutenant, Scott Selle said that the Association is having Santa come around to the Village this Sunday, December 15th, from 10a-1p on the west side and then 2p-5p on the east side. They are waiting for an answer on a grant that Jason Buss submitted. It is for around \$65,000, which \$10,000 for a smokeless system for each of the trucks, and the remainder will go towards training videos, equipment and high-visibility vests.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had no report at this time. There will be a Finance Meeting on December 22,, 2008 at 6:30p.

Mayor Milani said that on December 1st the Council had their annual Organizational meeting and councilman Brian Barber at that time was nominated for Council President whom he wanted to congratulate. Mayor Milani also thanked Mr. Lewis for the job he did in 2008 as Council President. He also asked Mr. Riedel if the books will be closed on December 19th. Mr. Riedel stated that we need all of the payables in by Friday, December 19th so that they can be ready for the meeting on December 22nd.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission was absent. Mr. Lewis said that he spoke with Jason Walters about the leaf pickup and said that it is taking longer that usual due to the leaves being frozen, but the will continue to finish the leaf pickup once they thaw. The ornaments and decorations for the holidays are finished. We have about 70 tons of salt left.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare was absent. Mayor Milani said that there was no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that Lisa Rodriguez has distributed the memo regarding dates and times for pictures of department heads to have pictures taken for the website. He said that he has also been in contact with Sherwin Williams and they are donating everything that we need to paint the chambers. Mr. Nehez said he would like to setup a meeting for Building and Grounds to discuss with everyone colors of paint for chambers. Mr. Lewis suggested 7p on December 22nd before the Council meeting, they said that they will discuss the date at the Council meeting on December 22nd. Jason Walter and Chris While said that they should take care of the electrical problems first and then paint.

Wages and Working from Mr. Barber reported that we have the pay raise to be voted on tonight.

Mr. Lewis of the Fire and Safety Committee he had spoke with Chief Vojtush about personnel hiring, maybe some more paramedics after the first of the year, spoke about

communications in terms of emergencies, flooding, tornados, etc.. He said also he spoke with Chief Vojtush and Chief Wentz about having a Fire and Safety meeting after the first of the year.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2008-66, A emergency Ordinance pertaining to the rate of pay for certain employees. The motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Nehez and passed with 4 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2008-67, an emergency Ordinance amending section 258.03 of the Codified Ordinances relating to vacation for employees with twenty five or more years of service. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis, carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 4 ayes. Next, Resolution 2008-68, an emergency Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer, in the year 2009, to advance to the Village monies to which the Village is entitled from the proceeds of tax levies for the collection year 2008. Motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nehez, carried with 4 aye votes. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber and carried with 4 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-69, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a dispatch services agreement with the City of Macedonia. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the three-reading rules and Mr. Barber seconded, it carried with 4 aye votes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage and it was seconded by Mr. Nehez, it also passed with 4 ayes.

Mayor Milani said the he and Chief Wentz will be going to the Macedonia Council meeting on Thursday evening regarding the Dispatch Services contract. Mrs. Greenlee said that she has had numerous calls from residents regarding the change in dispatch and has assured them that they will still have the same great service from our Fire and Police Safety forces.

There was no New Business.

In the Old Business, Mayor Milani said that they met this afternoon with the owners of the property at 199 Ledge Rd regarding the price of the property, which will be discussed again at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez The motion carried with 4 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council