

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2005

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. The Law Director Brad Bryan, Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion for approval of the minutes of the November 21st regular Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. There were two aye votes from Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Bowen and 4 abstentions by Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Lewis.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances. Mayor Milani reported that the Village website is now up and running. The address is www.northfieldvillage-oh.gov. The Mayor congratulated Rich Wasosky for 20 years of service as Village Engineer, and Rich was applauded by Council. Mayor Milani then welcomed new Council members Brian Barber, Jesse Nehez and Chuck Lewis.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of November, 2005. He announced that he would be happy to go over financial statements with new Council members, either in a group or on a one-on-one basis.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: (1) the Chestnut and Rosewood Avenue Reconstruction Project and a lien filed by one of the subcontractors and (2) the Storm Water Pollution Phase II Program with a copy of the list of items needing to be addressed according to the Ohio EPA. We have no choice in the matter as long as we are part of the program. Mr. Wasosky reported further that the deadline for Nature Works grant applications for park projects is February 1st, and the Mayor asked about the possibility of using grant funds to repair the hill slide problem on Houghton Road. The Mayor suggested we ask for \$20,000, as the Village must come up with matching funds.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report. Police Chief Mark Wentz presented his report (copy attached). His Department is still understaffed by three members and a Police secretary. He complimented his men for doing an excellent job of picking up the slack. Five part-time officers participated in the Full-Time Promotional Exam today, and all five achieved passing grades, with Chris Salveter finishing with an impressive score of

92.5%. The next step in the process is interviewing the candidates. Interviews will also be set up for the remaining three candidates for part-time positions.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no written report, but invited the Fire and Safety Committee to attend a training session sometime in January.

Mrs. Greenlee was again appointed Council representative to the Planning Commission, which will not meet in December. A Finance Committee meeting has been set for Wednesday, December 28th at 7:00 PM, prior to the 7:30 Council meeting.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the Service Department has been salting the roads twice a day. They go through about 25 tons per salting, and we can house only 100 tons. There were no reports from Health and Welfare (Jesse Nehez) or Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Stewart announced that a Buildings and Grounds meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 7:30 PM. Mr. Barber had no report for Wages and Working Conditions, but the Mayor said that copies of the proposed 2006 raises have been distributed, and he would like approval at the December 28th meeting. He complimented Jason, Chris and Sam for doing the work of 5 men and praised the Police Department for doing a fabulous job while being understaffed. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety had no report, but thanked the Fire Department for driving Santa Claus around town.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2005-64, an emergency Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer, in the year 2006, to advance to the Village monies to which the Village is entitled from the proceeds of tax levies for the collection year 2005. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Stewart. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 2005-65, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 258.08 of the Codified Ordinances relating to longevity pay. Mr. Lewis moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Last was Ordinance 2005-66, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 1280.06 of the Codified Ordinances relating to the procedure for approval of signs. Mr. Stewart made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old or New Business. Chief Wentz announced that his daughter had been accepted into the National Scholar Society with a 3.95 GPA in med school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and a second by Mr. Stewart. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council