

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### December 30, 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, and Mr. Bolek. Mrs. Bowen was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Assistant Service/Building Dept. Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani said that he received a letter from Walton Hills regarding the Fire proposal. Mayor Milani spoke with Mayor Anelski yesterday and she asked if we would give her coverage for New Year's Eve and Mayor Milani told her that we would offer mutual aid for any town that called us, but we would not go out of our way to set people aside just to cover Walton Hills. Mayor Milani said that there was a meeting tonight at Walton Hills where they were supposed to approve Oakwood Village for a one year continuation. Mr. Noack said is there any chance on making money on New Year's Eve if we charge a set amount for New Year's Eve coverage. Mayor Milani said that they are covered with Oakwood in a contract and we will cover them with mutual aid. Mayor Milani said that the Gold and Coin store has opened and the old National City bank has changed realtors to remax.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court report for November 2009 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek. The motion carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Riedel said that if your village or city has been doing good on past audits, the the state will basically let you slide one year to save some money due to the economy, and we are in that situation where we can do that. Mr. Riedel said that they will do some audit checking but not a full blown audit and he asked Council what their decision is on this. Mr. Riedel said he was told that the Village was first on the list. Council agreed, so Mr. Riedel said he will contact them and it should save us about \$10,000. Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Riedel.

Mayor Milani said that when the Village was in lean years a couple years ago, Mr. Wasosky kept his prices down for 2-3 years in a row (in reference to Rich's contract renewal questions from Mr. Bolek) and worked with us during good and bad times and he has been with the Village for more than 25 years. Mayor Milani asked for Council to approve for Mr. Wasosky's reappointment. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-64, 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, 2010 through December 31, 2010. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Noack seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Bolek commented that in the future could a Resolution of this type be submitted earlier and sent to committee so that the public may have input. Mayor Milani said that that in the future he will make sure that Wages & Working Committee receive the legislation in a timely manner to have sufficient time to review. Mayor Milani said the only reason this was done as an emergency and not submitted earlier, is that we wanted to make sure that everything was on for the end of the year. Mr. Noack said that Mr. Wasosky cuts us a lot of slack. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Wasosky sits on a board where a lot of our grants are processed through. Mr. Noack said that Mr. Wasosky saves the Village a lot of money. Mayor Milani said that he and Mrs. Greenlee decided that for 2010 they will make a concerted effort to use the committees.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky had no report at this time.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush gave his report. (See attached) Mr. Bolek asked if the Village receives the grant monies when would the Village be notified. Chief Vojtush said within about couple months. Mr. Noack said that the fire department is doing a great job and also working together nicely with the police department. Mayor Milani said that Walton Hills comes to the contract agreement under very questionable circumstances. Chief Vojtush said that there were only three council member at Walton Hills meeting. At this time Mayor Anelski wanted to thank Chief Vojtush for all of the information he supplied and also thanked Mayor Milani for all of his hard work and time. Mayor Milani asked Mayor Anelski if there was

talk of Walton Hills going with Sagamore Hills on a joint effort. Mayor Anelski said not today but maybe at the other meeting. Mayor Milani thanked Mayor Anelski for her personal touch by showing up to this meeting.

Service/Building Department Assistant Superintendent Chris While said that they are doing cold patch and plowing. There is only one truck down right now, he met with Ryan August and put the axle back in the 97 Chevy. The other truck that is down has a short in the wire harness. Mr. While said that they worked two days on Washington with a storm sewer problem and they had to vacator there for two days and saved the Village about \$4,000. They did 3 ton of cold patch, and there were two catch basins that got knocked off and they will look into that tomorrow. Mr. While said that the 95 and 97 Chevy are the two broken down trucks, the 98 salt truck is getting old and he has spoke with Mr. Riedel to purchase some equipment to help them last, but in the future the Village is going to have to take some steps. Mr. Noack asked how much was put into the front axle, and Mr. While said that about \$1,000 because they bought a used axle instead of a new one and Ryan August has to do some welding. Mr. While said that if they took that truck to Tim Lally it would have been around \$5,000. Mr. Noack asked how much would have to be put into the down plowing truck with the wire harness problem. Mr. While said that Ryan looked at it and it is temporarily working, and they put about \$500-\$600 unless they have to pull the wire harness out of the truck. Mr. While said he understands that there is no money in the budget right now for a new truck and they all understand that, but Mr. While said he wants everyone to be aware that three years down the road you don't want to be caught in the situation of having to replace three trucks. Mr. While thanked Council for the Resolution to hire John DeBrouse he will be a huge help. John will only be working 24 hrs per week unless prior approval from Mayor Milani is asked. Mayor Milani said that the Service Department has done a great job plowing the roads. Mr. Bolek asked if a car damages the road does the Village go after that driver's insurance for reimbursement. Mr. While said yes if it fault of the driver, in the past we have had some fire hydrants or telephone poles damaged and we did get reimbursement.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee was absent, so Mrs. Greenlee had Mr. Bryan read Ordinance-2009-60, An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of December, 2009. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Bolek. It carrier with 5 ayes.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee had Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-64, An emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John DeBrouse 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. Nehez. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare had no report.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee would like to have a small meeting today after the council meeting to discuss some things to be done at the town hall.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working had no report at this time.

Mrs. Greenlee of Fire and Safety Committee thanked Chief Vojtush

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-61, An emergency Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the general fund to the fire department fund. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Bolek seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-62, An emergency Resolution to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the period from January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Selle seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-63, An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Selle seconded the motion. It passed with 5 ayes. Mayor Milani wanted to let Council know that Northfield Park lost their head of security last week, Elmer Moody at the age of 67 yrs old and had a major heart attack, who had worked at the track for 25 years, he will be truly missed. Mrs. Greenlee said that Mrs. Bowen lost her sister on Christmas day and is in our prayers. Mr. Noack said that Mrs. Chuppa, a long time resident of Kennedy Blvd passed away.

There was no Old or New business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

**Respectfully Submitted by;** \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

**Attest:**

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council