

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2006

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34 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. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Stewart. It carried with 6 ayes.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances. Mayor Milani reported that he, Jesse Nehez and Chuck Lewis had attended the Fire District meeting in Macedonia, where it was agreed to have a consultant come in the first time at no charge. Finance Director Bob Riedel had nothing to report.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that he had distributed copies of a draft of a "Clean Indoor Air" (no smoking) ordinance for Council's review. It is similar to what Akron and Cuyahoga Falls have on the books and would supersede the County ordinance. Brad stated that a resolution updating the Village's contract with Oriana House for correctional services is on tonight's agenda.

Police Chief Mark Wentz reported that Lia Calalesina's employment was officially terminated on January 20th following a disciplinary hearing the previous Wednesday. She has already filed an appeal. Jeff Louthan's arbitration hearing is scheduled for February 16th. Work is progressing on getting into the statewide database, which will allow us to send all our incident reports directly to the state database and to access it ourselves. It will eliminate the current index card system and allow the Department to quickly cross-reference cases. Jay Mutter will accompany Sgt. John Zolgos to a training seminar in Peninsula next week.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no written report, but described various pieces of new medical equipment for the squads received recently from University Hospitals. We are one of very few communities in the area with this state-of-the-art equipment. Gary addressed the issue of paperwork circulating from Sagamore Hills regarding run numbers, stating that it includes only our squad and fire calls, and not the calls when the Fire Department has gone out on accident or domestic violence calls. The difference in

number of calls is around 75. A Fire and Safety meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM at the Fire Station.

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced Resolution 2006-05, an emergency Resolution increasing the rate of pay of the Village's Fire Fighters. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen then made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the raises were approved with 6 aye votes.

Service Building Superintendent Jason Walters presented his report, a copy of which is attached. Roger Stone is set to return to work on February 6th. Salt use is way down this year due to temperate weather, and there have been no major equipment problems. The Service Department is patching larger pot holes on an as-needed basis. Coverall Cleaning Concepts has started the floor program at the Town Hall with good results. Jason is waiting for updated bids on a new dump truck and hopes to be able to make a decision in the next two weeks. Jesse Nehez asked about extra fencing in the parking area at Huntington Park, and Jason answered that he will have it picked up this week. Bob asked if bids for the new dump truck are State bids, and Jason answered that bids for the truck itself (85% of the total) are.

A Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Greenlee had nothing to report for the Finance Committee, nor was there a report from Roads and Public Works. Mr. Nehez of Health and Welfare mentioned that United Way's First Call for Help can be reached by dialing 211 or by looking on the web at www.211cleveland.org. He asked if the Village website could provide a link to it. There were no reports from Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2006-02, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Oriana House, Inc. for the provision of community correctional services. Mrs. Greenlee moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Stewart seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2006-03, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Nature Works Program. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Stewart made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Last was Ordinance 2006-04, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of January, 2006. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

In Old Business, Mr. Lewis stated that he wished to dispel rumors that he is against the Fire Department and the raises they are acquiring. He stated that he fully supports their efforts. He distributed copies of a report dealing with the transition and combination of Fire Departments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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