

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, were also present.

A motion to approve the amended minutes of the January 25, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances, and Mayor Milani had nothing to report at this time. Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of reconciled bank statements for the month of January, 2006. He reported further that he had received a letter from CCA regarding a request by VG Processing II, LLC for a penalty abatement for the period of August, 2004 through November, 2005. Bob stated that he does not intend to grant the abatement and that it must go before a Board of Review. A motion to appoint Paul Horvath as the elector member of the Board of Review was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Stewart. It carried with 6 ayes. The Board also includes Law Director Brad Bryan and Bea Greenlee, head of Council's Finance Committee.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the final resolution of the Chestnut and Rosewood Avenue Project; NEORSD sewer testing; the Stormwater Pollution Phase II Program; the annual NEORSD Community Discharge Permit; and the Lowrie Pump Station wet well replacement.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no written report, but commented on being denied access to a patient at Northfield Park recently for approximately eight minutes. Gary was assured by Park officials that this would never happen again, but has received no correspondence on the issue. Chief Vojtush also reported on another incident in which the Department radio did not work and Northfield Center was called by dispatch for mutual aid. It was later found that the power switch had been turned off, probably by accident. The Mayor asked Gary to comment on the Fire District meeting, and Gary responded that he is for 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage and that his Department is

moving slowly toward that end, having recently added a Sunday shift. He went on to quell rumors that he is seeking the position of Chief of a possible new Fire District.

A Planning Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Greenlee announced that the Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that cold patching has been done on Village streets recently. He stressed that it is a temporary fix. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, or Wages and Working Conditions. Mrs. Bowen had no report for Fire and Safety, but reminded Council that the committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2006-07, an emergency Resolution amending the new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the OPBA. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the agreement was approved with 6 aye votes.

Next was Resolution 2006-06, an emergency Resolution amending Section 290.09 of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to the Mayor's Court Magistrate's compensation. Mr. Stewart moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

Brad introduced Ordinance 2006-08, an emergency Ordinance repealing current Section 660.13 of the Codified Ordinances titled "Smoking in Places of Public Assembly" and enacting a new version of Section 660.13 titled "Clean Indoor Air." A motion to add the Ordinance to the agenda was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. A motion to suspend the rules was then made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the Ordinance was adopted with 6 aye votes.

In New Business Fire Chief Vojtush suggested that Council sponsor an Easter egg hunt, stating that members of his Department would be glad to help. In Old Business, Mayor Milani commented on Brandon Kozak and the skate park, stating that it has had a negative impact. Based on complaints from residents, he asked for Council's input on the issue, asking for a consensus that the skate park hasn't worked out. Discussion ensued, following which Council authorized the Mayor to draft a letter to Brandon terminating the usage of Huntington Park by his skate park group.

Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to go into Executive Session at 8:25 PM to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis at 9:28. It also carried with 6 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and a second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council