

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service/Building Department Superintendant Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

In the business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances Mr. Antonio Gonzalez from 9226 Coventry Dr. spoke regarding the condition of his street. Mr. Gonzalez said that his street is in shambles. Mayor Milani stated to everyone on how bad of a winter we have had. Mr. Gonzalez passed around pictures that he took of the conditions of his street. He said that the roads have not been re-done in the past 10 years. Mayor Milani said that just last year or the prior year the Village put over \$200,000 into the back of the Plaza. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Gonzalez if he had contacted his council person or Mr. Walters regarding this situation, and Mr. Gonzalez said about three years ago he did. Mr. Walters said that the issue on those streets are under drains and curbs. Mr. Walters said that we are well aware of this issue on Coventry and Cambridge and that Stratford is the worse. Mr. Walters said that we are going to the best to repair the best that we can with the money that we have. Mayor Milani told Mr. Gonzalez to keep in touch with his council person and also with Mr. Walters in the future.

Mayor Milani said that the Dolphin had a great opening on Sunday, March 15th and that they are doing very well. There was a Fire District meeting that Chief Vojtush, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Riedel had attended. Mayor Milani said that everyone has a copy of the budget to view.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel had no report at this time.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Fire Chief Vojtush said in regards to the Fire District meeting that was this past Monday. He said that all of the numbers were put together, doing two stations and not staffing the third one, possibly moving our station to a different location. The next meeting is on April 20th. Chief Vojtush said that he will put together a report and put it in everyone's mailboxes. Mr. Lewis said that it seems that Sagamore is the loser in this, while Boston Heights is in the same boat. Mayor Milani said that when it is all said and done, Sagamore will be paying 50% of the total bill, and Chief Vojtush said that is correct. Chief Vojtush said that they are talking about doing nothing different from what we are

doing now, so for us we are getting nothing for it. Mr. Lewis said that our millage would go down and save us about 3 mil. Mayor Milani said that we would go from 4.65 mil to 3 mil and at least right now we know what we have and what is in our hands now. Once we are in the Fire District, everything goes into a pool. Mr. Lewis said that Sagamore is spending a lot and not getting anything for it. Boston Heights is just swapping from Macedonia to the District. Chief Vojtush and Mayor Milani reminded everyone about the Fun Fest that will be July 24 & 25, 2009 at the Plaza hosted by Plaza Management with food, vendors, bouncing houses and there is an organizational meeting on April 7th at 7p. Mr. Lewis said that he will be attending the organizational meeting. The next Fire District meeting is on April 20th.

Service and Building Superintendent , Jason Walters said that the Town Hall sewer project is near the end, we just need to hydro seed and replace asphalt out front. The Everstone flooring is finished and looks great downstairs. Everstone could not be put on the steps and landings going up to the offices. Mr. Walters said that he had those areas measured for a rubber, durable tile and is waiting on the quote. This is the same company that will be doing the cove base around the bottom of the walls. Mr. Walters said the total sewer project is at \$22,500.00 right now, and the asphalt they are going to do themselves. Mr. Walters said he would like to include the tile flooring with the sewer project cost. Also if not this year, next year he would like to put Everstone in the Police Department, which would cost around \$3,000. Mayor Milani said that this is a matter for Buildings and Grounds Department. The Everstone has to be sealed every 3-5 years, and the rubber tile has a very easy cleanup. Mr. Walters gave all of Council a description of the sewer jet. The final leaf pickups are completed. Coventry and Cambridge behind the plaza are in need of patching. Stratford is the worse, the best thing to do there is a 20 grind and overlay the whole street. These streets can't drain, the under drainage is gone, the curbs are gone and the water is getting underneath the street and popping up the street and when they plow it tears up the streets. This is also starting to happen on the Presidential streets. The correct way to fix these streets is to completely tear them out, put in under drains and curbs. Mayor Milani said that Rich Wasosky said at one time this would cost around two million. Lowrie pump station is running on one pump, the parts are on order, the bottom line is that this pump is running on it's last leg. The steel has completely rotted on the dry well. Mayor Milani congratulated Jason Walters on his son, Cody Walters placing 3rd in the State Wrestling Tournaments and progressing to Nationals.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report at this time. Mr. Walters spoke of the advertising sign that the owner wants to put up between Vincent and Mr. Chicken. He is having Law Director, Brad Bryan look over the paperwork.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee made a motion to accept the Mayor's Court report for February as submitted, and was seconded by Mr. Noack, and passed with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance-2009-15, An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of March, 2009. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Noack. It carrier with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009- 20, An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Northfield, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year

ending December 31, 2009. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber. It passed with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission wanted to discuss the flooring in the Service/Building Department Superintendent's office. Mr. Walters said that the floor in his office is cement, it holds dirt and dust and when you sweep it, it creates a dust cloud. His computer sits on the floor in the midst of this dust. Mayor Milani talked to Everstone and they have a minimum of \$950 per job. Mr. Walters said that there is this same issue with the shower floor, so maybe we could get both done for the \$950 minimum. Mayor Milani brought up maybe using indoor/outdoor carpeting, but Mr. Walters said that the floor gets water on it. It was put into Building & Grounds committee for further discussion.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the website is coming along nicely. Everyone has received their email addresses on Council.

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

Mr. Lewis of Fire and Safety Committee had a meeting with Chief Wentz and Chief Wentz has been working on the Cops Grants diligently. The striping for the police car should be done in about two weeks. Mayor Milani said Chief Wentz had said you must have your I's dotted and your T's crossed to perfection for them to accept the application for this Cops grant. This grant is for over a three year period to reimburse the Village approximately \$540,000 if all three officers are covered. Mayor Milani said that Chief Wentz is dealing with a situation behind the Plaza on Coventry, and hopefully it is coming to a head.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-16, An emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Cody Walters as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the Summer of 2009. This is contingent on him passing his drug test and physical. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Lewis. At this time Mrs. Bowen said that during a work session on March 11, 2009 Council had a unanimous decision to post these positions on the board in front of town hall, and she wanted to know when this decision changed. Mr. Bryan said that Mr. Walters called him the next day and stated that he is the one who interviews the applicants, he is the one who has to work with them, and he didn't want 150 applications, nor did he have the time to followup on these. Mrs. Bowen asked did Council agree to change this? Mr. Bryan said that Mayor Milani talked with the Council President and there were four votes. Mrs. Bowen said that she never received a call regarding this. Mr. Bryan said that Mayor Milani spoke with the first four people that he could on Council. Mrs. Bowen asked if this meeting was in the Mayor's office? Mr. Walters asked when did we change the way that we do things. Mrs. Bowen said that it was discussed at the work session. Mr. Bryan said he spoke with Mr. Walters and Mayor

Milani several times throughout that day, he believed that some Council members were there. Mrs. Bowen said, were all Council members there at the same time? Mayor Milani said that two Council members were here. Mrs. Bowen just wanted the public to know that there was a meeting held and two Council members were not informed of the meeting. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Nehez seconded the motion. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-17, An emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Charles Timm as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the Summer of 2009. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It passed with 6 aye votes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009-18, An emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Danny Orrill as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the Summer of 2009. This is contingent on him passing his drug test and physical. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It passed with 6 aye votes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2009- 19, An emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John DeBrouse as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the Summer of 2009. 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 Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It passed with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old or New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council