

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 28, 2007

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. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Sgt. John Zolgus, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Service Superintendent Jason Walters were also present. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes.

At this time, Mayor Milani introduced resident Anita Swenson, who presented Ed Spencer with a service award on behalf of all the senior citizens whose driveways he plowed.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Joshua Mortus of 155 Huntington Drive voiced his concerns about child safety relative to juveniles riding dirt bikes through his neighborhood. Sgt. Zolgus stated that this has been an ongoing problem and that the major obstacle is the difficulty of catching them in the act. When the teens are caught, appropriate action will be taken. Lengthy discussion of the problem ensued. A Lowrie resident stated that teens are also terrorizing her neighborhood, and several other residents concurred. Mayor Milani voiced his belief that many of the problems stem from the Lincoln Apartments, stating further that the problem is parents who don't care. He urged residents to call any time there is a problem. Ellen Martin of 120 Fell Avenue complained about stray cats invading her property, another ongoing problem. Sgt. Zolgus stated he would look into options for controlling it.

Mayor Milani expressed his condolences at the passing of former Macedonia Police Chief James Popovich and wished Macedonia Mayor Don Kuchta a speedy recovery from his recent heart incident.

Finance Director Bob Riedel asked for approval of the monthly Clerk of Court reports. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to accept them, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 6 ayes. Bob then asked for Council approval to allow the Clerk of Court to enter into an agreement with TeleCheck Services, Inc. for credit card payments. A motion made by Mrs. Greenlee was seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carried with 6 aye votes. Bob concluded his report by saying that the Annual Appropriation Ordinance is on tonight's agenda.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission has dismissed Mary Ann McConville's claim against the Village. She may appeal their decision, but Brad feels confident they will not change their determination. Her Workers' Comp claim is still pending. Brad also stated that a Resolution confirming HY-KO's CRA compliance is on tonight's agenda.

There was no Police Department report. Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report, but stated that John Preuer's fire consolidation study is forthcoming. Mayor Milani commented that he is "somewhat confident" that by the end of the year we can come to some accord with Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills as to some form of service consolidation.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters submitted his report, a copy of which is attached. He has come up with a possible solution to the banner problem. He stated that road repairs are his top priority. Patching will begin in early April, and the work behind the Plaza will be put out for bids shortly. The Mayor emphasized that this project must be done as soon as possible because of the extremely poor condition of the roads behind the Plaza. Jason reported that a zoning permit has been issued for the new commercial building on Meadow Lane and that the Clark station has run into problems with the County regarding permits for a new building. He concluded that he is pricing a new storage shed which will triple the size of the present one.

Mrs. Greenlee's Planning Commission report is attached. At its March 21st meeting, Planning Commission reappointed Mayor Milani as Chairman and Debbie Breimeier as their Secretary. The Commission recommended Council approval of the lot split for Sublots 317 and 318 at Huntington Park (the property purchased by Keith Czerr). Brad read Resolution 2007-18, an emergency Resolution approving and adopting the lot split and consolidation plat for these sublots. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the lot split was approved with 6 aye votes. The next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively set for April 18th at 7:30 PM.

Finance Committee chairperson Mrs. Greenlee reported that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. Brad read Ordinance 2007-16, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of March, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that 7 banners are down and 4 are missing. The Service Department is working on a means of making the poles more rigid. Mr. Noack of Health and Welfare received a survey from South Pointe Hospital, which he will complete and send back. There were no reports from Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety. A Council work session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30 PM.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2007-17, an emergency Resolution confirming HY-KO Products, Inc.'s compliance with the terms of its CRA Agreement with the Village. A motion to suspend the rules was made Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Ordinance 2007-19, an emergency Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village during the fiscal year ending 12/31/07. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Noack and

seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the Ordinance was passed with 6 aye votes.

There was no Old or New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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President of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council