

The Village of Northfield

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 30, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen.

Mayor Milani said that the two topics of discussion tonight are the Nordonia after prom and the Village budget. Mr. Riedel asked if anyone had any questions regarding the budget. Mr. Bolek requested of Mr. Riedel a copy of the typed transcript of finance committee meetings from December, January, February and March with the time started, time ended, attendance being taken and motions being made. Mr. Riedel said that there were none taken, and Mr. Bolek said he would like a statement saying that, and Mr. Riedel said ok. Mr. Bolek said that he thought when they have meetings they are to run the way they are supposed to be run and they are not and he just wants that on the record. Mr. Noack said he didn't understand the question. Mr. Bolek said there was a finance meeting the other day and he asked to start to do some of the budget and he said he was told they were not making changes on the budget, and he thought the purpose of the meeting was to have a meeting and all we do is show up and sign checks and that is not a formal meeting. Mr. Bolek said that he doesn't appreciate that the record reflecting that he missed meetings. He said that he was there in December and the record said he was not there, it was stated that I was late in January and the building was locked, he had to work in February, and he was there the other day for the March meeting. Mr. Bolek said that he spoke with the person and they refuse to make the changes and he said that he will give that person a little longer to make the changes, and if not he said he will go another route. Mr. Riedel said that he can have the committee do a roll call sheet and even a tape if they want to record the session.

Mr. Riedel asked if anyone had any questions about Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Bolek thanked Mr. Riedel for putting the budget together and we have a very tight budget with not a lot of money. Mr. Bolek said it comes down to choices, legislatively, do we continue with what we are doing or do we make changes. Mr. Bolek said that this budget reflects a very tight financial time period, and we may have to make cuts in the future. Mr. Noack disagreed, and said that Mayor Milani has done a wonderful job, and we are carrying over money each year in the budget. Mr. Noack said that Mr. Riedel has done an outstanding job and that Mr. Bolek is out of line. Mr. Bolek said that Mr. Noack misunderstood his comment, that what he meant that we have less carryover that what we started the year with and you can't spend more money than what is coming in. Mayor Milani said that last year we had almost the exact carryover as this year. Mayor Milani said that what Council is looking at on the budget in their hands is the worse case scenario. Mayor Milani said that is not good fiscal policy to put out more than you are carrying in but there are things that need to be done that can't wait. Mayor Milani said we will always have money for emergencies. Mayor Milani said the best case we will carryover \$400,000-\$500,000 like we did this year. Mayor Milani said look around us, they are all laying off police and fireman and we haven't laid off anyone. Mayor Milani said that it was just announced that the track is going to be put on the ballot. Mayor Milani said that we are hoping between now and then that the governor legalizes slots. Mayor Milani said that is isn't fair that Dan Gilbert is paying \$50 million for a full blown casino and the tracks \$65 million for slots. Mr. Ridel said that the budget is not set in stone and Mayor Milani said that we can amend it any time during the year. Mayor Milani said that from her on out for each of the committee meetings that attendance needs to be taken, and then when the Council meeting happens the chair of that committee can hand in a report from that committee meeting. Mr. Riedel said this way there will be record of those committee meetings.

Mayor Milani had Robert Riedel read Resolution 2010-12, an emergency 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, 2010. A motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Noack, it carried with 5 ayes, 1 nay from Mr. Bolek. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, it passed with 5 aye votes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion and Mrs. Bowen seconded, to donate \$100.00 to the Nordonia High School After Prom Committee. Mr. Nehez said that he voted for it because he has never heard from Law Director Brad Bryan that this was illegal in any way. Mayor Milani said that if this donation was illegal in any way, the auditors would have picked up on this over the past 10 or 11 years. Mrs. Selle asked if there was an urgency to this since Mr. Bolek brought this up and it is something that is possibly questionable and does it have to be voted on tonight. Mrs. Bowen said we have done this for years and Mayor Milani said that the law director has never deemed this illegal. Mr. Bolek said that his question was should we continue to do this going forward for a couple of bucks. It carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay from Mr. Bolek.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM following a motion by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest: _____

President of Council

Clerk of Council