

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2011

Mayor Victor F. Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Wentz, Fire Chief Vojtush and Service Superintendent and Building/Zoning Inspector, Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, Mr. David Breimaier a resident of 56 Vincent said that he read in the paper today that they are no longer allowed to park on Vincent Ave. Mr. Breimaier said he was wondering why? He said that there is no reason that they can see why they can't park there. Mayor Milani asked if there were ever any no parking signs on Vincent Ave? Mrs. Breimaier said that there were signs on the North side then, they moved them to the South side. Chief Wentz said that nothing has changed. Mrs. Breimaier said that is not what we are being told. Chief Wentz said this all stemmed from the last house on the end of the street, which we had to make that a no parking area and it has always been that way because of the gate that the service or fire department to access. Mr. Braeimaier said he didn't understand why there is a no parking between 2:00am.-5:00am. Chief Wentz said that there is no parking in the whole Village between 2-5am. Mr. Braeimaier said that he grew up in Garfield Hts. and they parked on the streets all the time. Chief Wentz said that it is for a safety issue with cars parked late on the street between 2-5am which is the most critical time for burglaries and such. If the car belongs to a resident the police try to contact them to move the vehicle. Chief Wentz said that ordinance is for the service department in the winter time for plowing snow. Law Director, Brad Bryan said for certain circumstances, you can get permission for parking. Chief Wentz said that whoever wrote that article never spoke with him. Mr. Walters said that this all came about during snow season, because the resident at the end of Vincent Ave. kept parking in the road, over and over again. Chief Wentz stated that certain people tend to ignore the police's request and they park on the grass or yard. He stated that the signs at the end of the street were spray painted with NO written on them, which someone should be cited for criminal mischief, but then we deal with retaliation. Mr. Breimaier said that neighbor had an incident happened to their mailbox which was vandalized. There is caution tape up and they haven't done anything to fix it for over a year. Mr. Walters said that when that resident puts up a new one, they don't last very long. Debbie Breimaier asked about parking all day on the lawn? Chief Wentz said they can issue citations for that and he issued one himself. She said what about parking on the south side? Chief Wentz said, no you can't park there. Chief Wentz said that we cite them, they pay the ticket. Then they park there again and we cite them again.

Mr. Doug Masteller, the president of the school board of Nordonia spoke about the importance of the levy for the schools on the ballot May 3rd and how critical it is that everyone publicly supports the levy. He said that the News Leader did endorse the levy and they understand how critical it is. Mr. Masteller is asking everyone to take a step back and look at the big picture. The Nordonia Schools are rated "Excellence with Distinction". He is asking publicly to step forward and support the levy.

Mayor Milani thanked everyone who helped him while he was out. He thanked the department heads, Mrs. Greenlee the Council President for running the town, he said he couldn't have done it without her, she was of great help. He also thanked Brad Bryan, Bob Riedel, Jason Walters, Gary Vojtush and Mark Wentz. Mayor Milani said that we did get a contract with Walton Hills. Mayor Milani said that he appreciates the town and said it is fabulous to be back. Mayor Milani said that what he thought for EMS/Fire service, would occur has occurred in the Village with regards to the internet cafe's. Now there are four internet cafe's on the books. He stated that he will admit that we need the income, but at what price do we need that income. Mayor Milani stated that when he talked with the owner of the Plaza, he told him that when the track gets gambling, these internet cafe's will fall away. He said that there are some businesses that are very upset with this. Mayor Milani said that the owner of Wing Warehouse is upset about the parking issue, that Mr. Shafron hasn't addressed. There has been rumor that the Attorney General is limiting the number of machines per establishment to five. We have set a precedent that Law Director Brad Bryan can't say no to, it limits us to what we cannot do and say. Mayor Milani stated, that we will have to wait see the end result of all of these internet cafe's will be.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept Mayor's Court report for April 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 aye votes.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report.

Police Chief Wentz had Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-36, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Marc Smith as a part-time police officer with the Village's Police Department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen and passed with 5 aye votes. Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-37, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Michael Walker as a part-time police officer with the Village's Police Department. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and passed with 5 aye votes. Mayor Milani asked Chief Wentz if these two hires bring his employees back to the level where they need to be. Chief Wentz said no, they still need one more part-timer that can work whenever he is needed, to replace Dan Kozar and Mike Smith, maybe 3-4 days in succession to cover the shifts. He said that they are doing background checks on a couple, and a couple more are about to graduation from the academy. Mr. Bolek stated that Cleveland Police announced today that their whole academy will not be sworn in, but allowed to finish the academy.

Fire Chief Vojtush had no report and said that everything is running status quo.

Service Superintendent and Building/Zoning Inspector Jason Walters gave his report. (See attached) Mr. Bolek asked if the apartments on Sagamore, Lincoln and behind the plaza are complying as with to the multi-family inspections? Mr. Walters said he is going to inspect them one at a time. Mr. Walters stated that there are a lot of apartment properties to inspect. He stated that Ledge Rd. and Lincoln Apts. are the same owners and they will get done. Then he will go to the apartments on Heights and then the rest. Mayor Milani asked Mr. Bryan if Pasquale Tambascio comes into court when we cite him. Mr. Walters said that some things were taken care of and Mr. Bryan said that he did pay money this week in court. Mr. Bolek asked why we weren't going after the property owner instead of the tenant. Mr. Bryan said that he is the property owner. Mr. Walters said that he is the responsible party. Mr. Nehez said he receives calls all the time regarding the 9322 Milford property, parking 4-5 cars in the front yard. Mr. Walters said he has brought a boat in and it is in the back driveway and the garage is packed full. Mr. Bolek said that it is like a junk yard. Mr. Walters said that he hopes that when he shows up for court, we throw the book at him.

Mayor Milani had Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-34, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Danny Orrill as a temporary, seasonal employee with the service department for the summer of 2011. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Bolek and it passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2011-35, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Timothy McRitchie as a temporary, seasonal employee with the service department for the summer of 2011. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Bolek. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Bolek and it passed with 5 ayes.

Mrs. Greenlee, of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee had Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2011-32, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of April 2011. Motion made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes. Mrs. Bowen said that there will be a finance committee meeting on May 25, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

Mr. Noack, of Wages and Working was absent.

Mrs. Greenlee, of the Fire and Safety committee stated that the garden club was at the fire department and looking over the work that they had completed last year and said that they will be planting a couple more trees. Mr. Nehez said he didn't know when they would be back. Chief Vojtush said they will be back this weekend. Mrs. Greenlee said that the knox boxes in Walton Hills are finished. Chief Vojtush recommended that they change all keys in the Village to one key, and are pretty much completed. Mayor Milani said that he spoke with Walton Hills Mayor Hurst and he said that they are extremely happy with the job that we have been doing. Mayor Milani said that Walton Hills is also incurring the costs of the knox box keys. Mrs. Greenlee said that the detention bench will be used to handcuff the detainees. She said that the two new part time officers will be sworn in and should be routine due to them being veteran officers. Chief Wentz said that he spoke with the individuals that donated the monies towards the atv, to ask them to change their donations for the renovations to the police department. Everyone was very receptive. Mr. Nehez asked what is being done with the lettering on the squads for Walton Hills. Chief Vojtush said it has been ordered. Chief Wentz did just receive notification that the COPS grants are available again and his intent is to request money for two officers.

Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2011-33, an emergency Ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; to approve, adopt, enact and publish new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; and to repeal ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Selle. Carried with 5 ayes.

In the new business Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for the flags to go up on May 15, 2011 to stay up through November 15, 2011. Mr. Bolek seconded the motion and it carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Walters said they go up May 15th and stay up through November? Mrs. Greenlee said yes, and Mr. Walters said ok. Mayor Milani said that there is going to be a cost incurred to replace them due to the length of time will be up. Mr. Walters said that the flags won't signify any holiday because they will be up non-stop. They should be lighted. Mr. Walters said that the posts will be broke within a week that they are up, so we will have to figure out something. Mayor Milani said if that is the wish of Council, that is fine. Mr. Bolek said that if we repair the ditch along Ledge Rd, from Lee Eaton Elementary to Northfield Rd., would we be able to charge Peppers? Mr. Bryan said you would have to go through the whole assessment process. Mr. Walters said it needs to be done from there to the steel company, which is where the ditch ends. Mr. Bolek said that is a long way. Mr. Bolek said it would be expensive. Mr. Walters said it would be and should be incorporated into re-doing the whole road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council