

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 9, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called the roll, with the following present: Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Greenlee and Finance Director Bob Riedel had excused absences. Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Sergeant Tony Urbanowicz, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2007 meeting was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mr. Pappadakis of Kennedy Blvd. congratulated the Service Department for a good job patching the “presidential” streets. Nick Magistrelli of 142 Filly Lane complained about standing water and sewage in his back yard as it regards the possible elimination of the Lowrie and Steeple Chase II pump stations. Mr. Wasosky stated that if Walton Hills agrees to accept our sewage and the Lowrie station can be eliminated, some piping could be re-routed to correct the problem. He went on to say that Steeple Chase II could be eliminated today by building a sewer on Sagamore Road. He stated that something must be done, so if we can’t go into Walton Hills, a large holding tank will have to be installed.

Neither Mayor Milani nor Law Director Brad Bryan had anything to report at this time, and there was no Finance report, as Finance Director Bob Riedel was absent.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer’s report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: an update on the Beach Avenue and Electric Blvd. Reconstruction Project; the completion of Summit County mapping of sewer outfalls; Plaza subdivision pavement repairs which have been advertised for bids; the award of a Nature Works Grant for playground equipment for Huntington Park; the filing of the Magnolia Avenue property lot split and consolidation plat; the proposed Cleveland water agreement, whereby the Cleveland Water Department would take over ownership of the water lines and maintain them; and the study to eliminate the Steeple Chase II and Lowrie pump stations as previously discussed. These matters will be addressed at a Council work session on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM.

Police Sgt. Anthony Urbanowicz announced that all elected officials will be required by the State of Ohio to attend an in-service training session on May 31st from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The class deals with House Bill 9, which has to do with public records retention and media issues.

The Fire and Safety meeting planned for May 7th is being rescheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. A Planning Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30, and the Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 PM prior to the May 23rd Council meeting.

The Mayor asked Rich Wasosky if anything can be done about the vacant house at 90 Beach Avenue. Neighbors have complained that it's infested with birds. All the drywall has been removed, and there may be a mold problem. However, the outer shell has been kept up. Rich advised calling the Summit County Health Department.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report at this time, but reminded everyone of the Michael James fundraiser at Scoreboard's on May 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be a \$10.00 cover charge, \$6.00 of which will go to Mike, and \$4.00 to pay for wings and beer. Mayor Milani stated that he and Gary, along with the Fire and Safety Committee, are getting more actively involved in talks with Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills regarding the sharing of Fire services. The ultimate goal is to provide 24/7 coverage for the Village, while offering assistance to Sagamore Hills. The Mayor and Gary have agreed on a tentative price, which will enable the Village to expand coverage with funds from outside. Chief Vojtush has plans to look at a used fire truck in Willoughby tomorrow. It is only one year newer than the one we have, but safety factors alone make the purchase at a low price advantageous.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the Service Department has started on hot-patching, cold patching has been done on the presidentials, and all the flags are up. There were no reports from Health and Welfare or Buildings and Grounds. The Mayor indicated that a \$15,000 paving job at Huntington Park will provide more than a dozen additional parking spaces. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

There was no new legislation, nor was there any Old or New Business, The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and second by Mr. Nehez. It carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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

Clerk of Council