

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 23, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 5 ayes and an abstention by Mrs. Greenlee.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mr. Pappadakis of 230 Kennedy Blvd. requested that Village streets be swept and sprayed with weed killer. He also wants the speed limit on Houghton Road raised from 25 to 30. Because the street is residential on the Village and Sagamore sides, the speed limit will probably remain at 25. Mrs. Bowen, also a Houghton resident, commented that it's already dangerous enough to get out of her driveway.

Mayor Milani reported that the tentative opening date of the Martial Arts Academy is June 4. He further reported that Larry Shafron met recently with Mayor Kuchta of Macedonia. The Mayor then congratulated Jason and the road crew for a fabulous job patching the roads.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of April. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to accept these along with the Mayor's Court report for April. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mayor Milani commented that we had another good audit this year and thanked Bob for the excellent results.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time, but stated that an Executive Session would be necessary at the end of the regular meeting.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters had no written report, but expressed his gratitude for the coming addition of four or five seasonal workers to help with the Department's many projects, which he outlined briefly. Discussion regarding a new park pavilion ensued.

Mayor Milani presented his report of the May 16th Planning Commission meeting (attached). Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to approve the lot split of Sublots #182 and 183 (former Huntington Playground parking lot). The motion carried with 6 aye votes. Nick Gale's plans to construct a patio in front of the Seasoned Grill must be taken up with the County. Lengthy discussion regarding Mr. Gale's plans

ensued. A Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 20th at 7:30 PM if needed. The Finance Committee meeting is set for June 27th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

Mrs. Greenlee announced that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. Brad read Ordinance 2007-26, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of May, 2007. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 ayes.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that resolutions hiring the new seasonal Service workers are on tonight's agenda. Bob read Resolution 2006-27, and emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Cameron Wade as a temporary, seasonal employee for the summer of 2007. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Noack made a motion for passage, Mr. Nehez seconded, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes. Next was Resolution 2007-28, hiring John DeBrouse as a temporary, seasonal employee. Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules, Mr. Noack seconded, and the motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage (contingent upon John passing his physical) was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It also carried with 6 aye votes. Bob read Resolution 2007-29, appointing Kevin Slane as another seasonal worker. Jason stated that his name is "Casey," not "Kevin." Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to amend the name, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez. It also carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the appointment was confirmed with 6 aye votes. Last was Resolution 2007-30, hiring Stephen Wentz as a temporary, seasonal employee. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Barber seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

There was no report from Health and Welfare. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported on the planned paving of the parking lots at both parks and the installation (set for next week) of basketball hoops at Huntington Park. The Mayor asked Jason to get literature on playground equipment to be purchased with the \$10,000.00 Nature Works Grant we received. He indicated that prices should include installation.

At this time, Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve demolishing the lower building at the bottom of Chestnut at the old sewer plant after the Fire Department uses it for practice. The motion carried with 6 ayes. There was no report from Wages and Working Conditions. Prior to Mrs. Bowen's Fire and Safety report, Mayor Milani indicated that Council had received copies of a resolution from Macedonia forming a "steering committee," the first of John Preuer's Fire Study recommendations. Council will look it over in view of passing a similar resolution at our next Council meeting. Mrs. Bowen reported that the Fire and Safety Committee had decided the

Village should go forward and form a steering committee. It was decided that Mrs. Bowen, Mr. Barber, and Mrs. Greenlee will attend a training session regarding public records retention and media issues on May 31st.

Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes at 8:42 PM. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis at 8:50 PM. It also carried with 6 ayes.

In New Business, Mr. Lewis asked that an area be staked off at the Houghton Road parking lot in case emergency vehicles need access. Jason said he would look into it next week. Mr. Lewis also asked about a fence to delineate smoking areas at businesses. Jason said he would also look into this. Mr. Noack asked when Handel's will reopen, and the Mayor answered that the opening has been postponed until July 1st.

Mrs. Bowen made the following motion: to approve the settlement of the Brake case, whereby the Village would receive a sewer easement on the 42 May and 43 May Avenue parcels in return for payment by the Village of \$6500.00 to Ms. Brake and an agreement that a home could be built on the vacant lot in conformance with the variances granted by the Planning Commission and Council in October of 2004, the requirements and restrictions contained in the Engineer's February 15, 2006 letter, and the February, 2006 Planning Commission and Council minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 6 aye votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 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