

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 14, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mark Bartos of 9274 Cranbrook, Steve Vanni of 9221 Coventry, and Nichole Zdanowicz of 9266 Cranbrook were present to address the issue of vandalism at Village playgrounds. The Mayor answered that he, Chief Wentz and Police Sergeants had met the Wednesday following the last Council meeting to discuss the issue. The problem will be addressed with an increased presence of enforcement at the playgrounds and legislation and posted signs stating that such acts will constitute trespassing charges.

Mayor Milani reported that Lagoons is now closed and will hopefully be replaced by a new tenant in the near future. The Bevan office building is currently on the market. The Mayor thanked Jim Williams for his excellent work on baseball diamonds at the parks. The Title/ License bureau is tentatively set to open at the plaza on July 1st. Mayor Milani advised Council that a candidate for the Administrative Clerk position will come to the June 11th meeting to meet Council members. She will start a two-week training period with Cheryl on June 18th.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had directed supervisors to submit 2009 departmental budgets by July 1st so that they can be forwarded to the County by July 20th. He asked for a motion accepting the Mayor's Court report for the month of April, 2008. A motion to accept it as submitted was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time, nor was there a Fire Department report.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters reported that 16 feet of pipe will have to be added, increasing the cost of the Victory Project by \$2,000.00 or so. The Birch Project is going well. Jason will meet with Doan-Pyramid Electric tomorrow, and he is expecting an estimate for a new 32 by 40-foot salt barn by Monday. Mr. Noack made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, to approve advertising for bids on the old bucket truck in the Southeast Regional local newspaper. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Jason went on to report that the Smith Playground fence has been completed, and he has sent out grass/weed letters on several properties. The hiring of three part-timers is on tonight's agenda, and Roger's medical status will be evaluated by the doctor in regard to his ability to return to work.

Planning Commission is tentatively set to meet on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30 PM. The Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 25th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

Finance Committee Chair Mrs. Greenlee reported that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. Brad read Ordinance 2008-29, approving the payment of bills for the month of May, 2008. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

There were no reports from Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare or Wages and Working. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds requested a meeting to discuss park rules and look over the grass/weed Ordinance. These topics will be combined with Wages and Working in a Council work session on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety reported that a 1.5 mill fire levy will be on the November ballot.

Brad read Ordinance 2008-28 (on Third Reading), an emergency Ordinance establishing Chapter 1480 of the Codified Ordinances relating to outdoor patios on which smoking is permitted at commercial establishments. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Nehez made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the Ordinance was adopted with 6 aye votes.

Next was Resolution 2008-30, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John DeBrouse as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2008. Mr. Noack moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Nehez seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Barber. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

Brad then read Resolution 2008-31, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Steven Wentz as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2008. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Nehez seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber, and the appointment was approved with 6 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2008-32, confirming the appointment of Casey Slane as a temporary, seasonal employee with the Service Department for the summer of 2008. Mr. Lewis moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Noack seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Nehez brought up the problem of trucks entering the plaza from North Plaza Drive. Discussion ensued. He and the rest of Council want to allow access by trucks only through the main plaza entrance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Johansen

Cheryl Johansen, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council