

The Village of Northfield  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 13, 2007

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel, with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack had an excused absence. Law Director Brad Bryan, Engineer Rich Wasosky, and Police Chief Mark Wentz were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 5 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Katie Vaughn of 24 Houghton complained about overflowing garbage behind Spennato's, Dairy Mart, and other Route 8 businesses. Chief Wentz has already spoken to business owners, but the problem is ongoing. The Chief and Jason will look into the matter from the standpoint of having Waste Management either provide larger receptacles or an extra pickup each week.

Mayor Milani reported that Waste Management plans to raise its rate in 90 days from the current rate of \$11.68. Consequently, Brad will put the garbage contract up for bids. The Mayor stated that the Plaza is well on its way to being filled again. Handel's will open in July, and Mixers will reopen as Scorchers. The Title/License Bureau is coming in next to Aldi's, and the Krusty Krab is in the process of being resurrected. Gabriel Brothers will leave the first week in August, and Larry Shafron has invited Council to attend a news conference to report on his updated plans for the space. Academy Martial Arts is now open. The Mayor further reported that the Village is involved in the new Nordonia Hills Soccer Association, which has joined the OYSAN (Ohio Youth Soccer Association North). Practice will begin in August. Trusses for the new park pavilion are coming next Wednesday, and four new basketball hoops have been installed at the park. Three new houses will be built in the former parking lot area. He emphasized that the 10:00 curfew will be strictly enforced in an effort to curb the rash of juvenile problems at the parks.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of May. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bowen, to accept these along with the Mayor's Court report for May. The motion carried with 5 ayes. Bob commented that receipts have been less than expected, and the Mayor stated this is due to the fact that we are receiving less from Northfield Park due to their no longer charging for admission and parking on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Mayor was quoted in the Akron Beacon Journal calling Governor Strickland a hypocrite for adding three Ohio lottery games on Sunday, while refusing to come to the aid of the State's seven dying racetracks.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the Shelly & Sands bid of \$165,402.00 for the Plaza Subdivision Road Repair and Resurfacing Project; progress on the Beech and Electric Reconstruction Project; the study

to eliminate the Lowrie Pump Station; and the repair and replacement of the 48" storm sewer and broken headwall at Victory Boulevard.

Law Director Brad Bryan asked that the pay rate for seasonal service workers in Resolutions 2007-27, 2007-28, 2007-29 and 2007-30 passed at the last Council meeting be amended from \$8.50 to \$8.75 per hour retroactive to May 21, 2007. Mr. Barber made the motion, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the pay rate was amended with 5 aye votes.

Police Chief Mark Wentz's report is attached. It includes an update on re-certification and other training; his reviewing of applications for part-time officers due to four of the Village's current nine part-timers testing for full-time positions with other departments; and an alert regarding a recent water meter scam. The Chief went on to comment on the games of skill vs. chance situation and the Governor's decision yesterday that all games giving out cash prizes are illegal. Mayor Milani also elaborated on the "hypocrisy" of the situation. In conclusion, Chief Wentz reported on an incident Tuesday involving a parolee with drugs and explosive devices on May Avenue who now faces charges with the Parole Authority.

There was no Fire Department report, but the Mayor announced that he is sending Chief Vojtush and Fire and Safety Committee chairwoman Linda Bowen in his stead to a work session involving fire contract talks between Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center tomorrow night. This will be the first round of talks.

A Planning Commission meeting will not be needed on June 20th. The Finance Committee meeting is set for June 27th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported on the aforementioned paving at the parks and stated that all the Service Department trucks are in good shape. There was no report from Health and Welfare, as Mr. Noack was absent following a medical procedure. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds reported that Council met at Smith Park with Tommy Turner from the OYSAN and decided on the location for two soccer fields and the pavilion. The old playground equipment has been removed, and new equipment will be purchased for Smith as well as for Huntington Park. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2007-31, an emergency Resolution agreeing to participate in the Nordonia Hills Cooperative Fire EMS Service Plan. Mr. Lewis moved to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion was approved with 5 aye votes.

Next was Resolution 2007-32, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 ayes. Mr.

Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the motion carried with 5 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-33, an emergency Resolution accepting the bid of Shelly & Sands for the Plaza Subdivision Road Repair and Resurfacing Project. Mr. Nehez made a motion to suspend the rules, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 5 aye votes.

In New Business, Chief Wentz announced that his daughter Lauren has graduated with honors from Ohio University as a Doctor of Physical Therapy. There was no other New or Old Business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. 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