

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2006

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Mayor with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were also present. Clerk of Council Bob Riedel was absent, and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush arrived at 7:37 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Mike Roshetko of 9240 Coventry complimented the Service Department for doing a good job on the playground. Harold Wiegand of 9218 Cranbrook complained of disabled vehicles parked at Cranbrook and Stratford. Sabrina Pines of 298 Lowrie Blvd. talked about a homeowner behind her who is guilty of numerous violations.

Mayor Milani reported that he has been on the phone with County officials and met with County Engineer Greg Bachman regarding trying to get emergency funds for residents who sustained flood damage as a result of last week's storms. A meeting of local officials to discuss the situation will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM at Sagamore Hills Town Hall. Summit County Executive James McCarthy will be present. A public meeting will be held at Macedonia City Hall next Thursday from noon to 7:00. Appraisers from the Auditor's Office will be in attendance to answer questions and assess damages. A plan is in the works to offer real estate tax relief for those who have homes with structural damage caused by the storms. Mayor Milani stressed the importance of making Beech Avenue a top priority. This project was originally scheduled for 2008, but must be dealt with now.

At this time, the Mayor read Ordinance 2006-25, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of June, 2006. Mrs. Bowen made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the payments were approved with 6 aye votes.

Rich Wasosky reported that the bid opening for the Ledge Road Project was held last Thursday during the storm, with the lowest bid coming from Shelly and Sands. He then elaborated on some of the particulars of the project. Brad Bryan then read Resolution 2006-27, a resolution accepting the bid by Shelly and Sands, Inc. for the Ledge Road

Repair and Resurfacing Project. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mr. Stewart seconded, and the bid was accepted with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Wasosky went on to focus on the flooding problems caused by last week's storm. He presented copies of rainfall intensity/duration tables, stating that last Thursday's rainfall was a once-in-a-hundred-years occurrence. He indicated that last Thursday's rain cut a path through Cuyahoga and northern Summit Counties, averaging approximately 2½ inches of rainfall per hour. He and Summit County Engineer Greg Bachman have surveyed the damage on Beech, Electric, and Houghton, and are trying to obtain emergency Issue 2 funding or ODOT aid for repair of the three roads.

At this time, Brad read Resolution 2006-28, a Resolution pledging cooperation by the Village of Northfield with the Summit County Infrastructure Committee and the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Birch Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Greenlee seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report for the Law Department at this time.

Police Chief Mark Wentz presented his report (copy attached). Officers Ryan Kaetzel and John Mullin have completed their Field Training, Sgt. Anthony Urbanowicz attended a "Looking Glass Cops" class in Michigan, and Sgt. Jamie Mackie is now a certified Firearms Range Instructor. Mark elaborated on storm damage to the Police Department. He commended Brian Zambach for his efforts in arresting drunk drivers and Jason Walters for having new doors installed in the Police Department. Mark read letters from two arrestees and ended his report with an updated list of sexual offenders living in the Nordonia Hills School District.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report, but announced that fireworks will be held at Northfield Park on July 1st at 11:45 PM. The Police and Fire Chiefs, along with the Service Director, will put their heads together to develop an emergency management plan to be implemented in future disasters.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters reported that work on the Houghton Hillside will be started tomorrow morning, weather permitting. The lift, tire machine, and balancer are in and waiting for the electrician. A final class will be held for certification.

The Mayor presented Bea's Planning Commission report, a copy of which is attached. Approval of the lot consolidation for Houghton Road was tabled. Dan Bridal will formalize his plans and request a variance. Nick Gale was not present to discuss his proposed residential project. Planning Commission recommended Council approval of an "exotic animal" ordinance. Brad read Ordinance 2006-26, an emergency Ordinance establishing Section 618.19 of the Codified Ordinances prohibiting the possession of wild or exotic animals and declaring a penalty for failing to comply. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 5 ayes and a nay from Mr. Stewart, who stated that we should not react to rumors. At this time no Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July.

There were no reports from Finance, Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety. In New Business, Mr. Nehez suggested a sign advising people to go to the basement in case of a tornado be put up at the Town Hall. The Mayor said it would be turned over to Buildings and Grounds. Mayor Milani announced that Mary Ann McConville's employment was terminated on Monday. Several candidates have been interviewed for the Clerk of Court position, and a decision should be forthcoming by Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM following a motion by Mr. Stewart and second by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council