

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 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 Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2006 Council meeting was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 ayes. There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that there has been a great deal of damage to Birch Avenue. Piping leading to nowhere was installed thirty years ago, and it is now backing into a residence. Jason and his men have installed new piping, which leads into a ravine. This is a temporary fix to handle the problem until Birch is redone in 2007 or 2008. The Mayor went on to report that Village income tax revenues are up 70% from the same time last year. Repairs to Chief Wentz's office following damage due to flooding have been completed, and the decision has been made that Beech Avenue must be repaired before winter, two years ahead of schedule. There have been numerous complaints from residents regarding raccoons and other stray animals, and the cat issue has resurfaced. The County contract covers services for dogs only, so our only recourse is to hire Miller Animal Control. Willie Trowsdell has satisfied all permit requirements and is awaiting new tenants. Landscapers are expected at his building soon.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and bank reconciliations for June. Adoption of the Village's 2007 budget is on tonight's agenda. It must be submitted to the County by July 20th. Mayor Milani added that the Service Department is interested in purchasing a new backhoe for \$85,000. The money is in Jason's budget for next year, and the Mayor and Bob will review the numbers.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: Ledge Road resurfacing; Birch Avenue reconstruction; the Smith Playground hillside restoration; Beech and Electric Avenue reconstruction; the completion of Chestnut and Rosewood Avenue; and acceptance of the Steeplechase Development.

Following Rich's report, Mayor Milani reported that he had spoken with representatives of IHOP, who are considering property next to McDonald's. They will study the proposal. Bevan and Associates are outgrowing their facility, and in the interest of keeping them in the Village, talks with a local builder are underway. Bob reported that the Village has been paying quarterly for an old water meter (which is hidden) at a nonexistent address for the past 6 years. The meter has been removed.

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

Police Chief Mark Wentz had no written report, but stated that we have passed the County selection committee portion of the \$5,000.00 Juvenile Diversion Grant application process. He was told that if we do not arrest more juveniles, the grant amount will be adjusted in 2008. Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report, but thanked Jason for the use of the Service Department's bucket truck.

There will be no Planning Commission meeting this month. The Finance Committee has scheduled a meeting for July 26th at 6:30 PM, prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reiterated the Service Department's plans to purchase a new backhoe and stated that the road crew are doing their best in adverse weather conditions. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety.

At this time, Mr. Bryan read Ordinance 2006-29, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 222.03 of the Codified Ordinances relating to photocopies. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mr. Stewart seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2006-30, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the City of Macedonia for the payment of construction fees related to the Ledge Road Repair and Resurfacing Project. Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mr. Stewart seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Brad read Resolution 2006-31, an emergency Resolution adopting the budget of the Village of Northfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and submitting the same to the County Fiscal Officer. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs.

Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the budget was approved with 6 aye votes.

Last was Resolution 2006-32, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Barber moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Stewart seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It also carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, Mr. Stewart announced that he became a grandfather for the first time on July 6th.

Mayor Milani announced that he has offered the Clerk of Court position to a very capable local candidate, to be approved by Council at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM following a motion by Mr. Stewart and second by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council