

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 22, 2007

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, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Asst. Service Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2007 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Northfield Center Trustee Paul Buescher presented Mayor Milani with a group photo of 70 Northfield Village residents, a copy of which will be put in the time capsule. He also invited the Mayor and Council to the September 16th Bicentennial Ceremony and parade, which will kick off at 2:00 PM. He asked Council to submit a Resolution recognizing the Bicentennial to be added to the time capsule.

At this time, Brad Bryan read Proclamation 2007-46, which honors Northfield Park on its 50th anniversary. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes. The Mayor introduced the Park's Chief Operating Officer Tom Aldrich and presented him with the Proclamation and his and Council's congratulations. Mr. Aldrich spoke about how pleased Northfield Park is with the support it's received from the Village over the years. Mayor Milani announced that the Track's 50th anniversary celebration, complete with fireworks, will take place on Saturday night.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of bank statements, financial statements, and Mayor's Court reports for the month of July. A motion by Mrs. Greenlee to accept the reports was seconded by Mrs. Bowen and carried with 6 ayes. The Mayor then brought up House Bill 154, which would end Mayor's Courts as they now exist and allow the County to appoint our magistrate and Clerk of Court, decide their pay, and take 50% of our Mayor's Court income. Mayor Milani vowed to diligently fight the bill.

Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report at this time. Police Chief Wentz's report is attached. It outlines recent police training. The Chief elaborated on the recent ruling by the Attorney General making all "tic tac fruit" and other like games illegal when they give monetary prizes. Fire Chief Vojtush had no written report, but stated that there have been 350 calls so far this year, and ambulance billing so far is over \$60,000.00. The Fire Department is selling tickets for their annual clambake.

Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While reported that the Department is waiting for its trenching machine due to arrive September 9th. Service workers are finishing up at Smith Park and doing maintenance on lawn equipment.

Mrs. Greenlee submitted her Planning Commission report, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Lewis asked about the enclosed patio Nick Gale is proposing for the Seasoned Grill, and the Mayor gave him the details. The next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 19th at 7:30 PM, and the Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 26th at 6:30 PM prior to the Council meeting.

At this time, Brad read Ordinance 2007-43, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of August, 2007. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Lewis of Roads and Public Works reported that the banners that were turned around are in good shape. Smith Park work is coming to a close, and Service workers will go back to road patching when the park is done. Mr. Noack of Health and Welfare had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Nehez of Buildings and Grounds announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony and ice cream social at Smith Park on August 25th from 11:00 to 2:00. The Mayor added that the first soccer game will be held there on September 1st. Jesse noted that the new playground equipment and hibachi grills will be in on August 28th. There was no report from Wages and Working, but the Mayor invited Council to be actively involved in impending union negotiations. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety read a letter from a woman who had been locked out of her car in the Giant Eagle parking lot. She complimented our Police Department for going out of their jurisdiction to help her when the Summit County Sheriff's Office was unable to accommodate her. Mr. Riedel announced that Drug-Free Workplace training will be held on September 6th from 10:00 to noon.

Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2007-44, an emergency Resolution approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances; approving, adopting, enacting and publishing new matter in the updated and revised Codified Ordinances; and repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict therewith. Mr. Barber made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis, and it carried with 6 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Resolution 2007-45, an emergency Resolution directing the Finance Director to certify delinquent sewer maintenance bills to the County Fiscal Officer for placement on the tax duplicate. Mrs. Bowen moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 6 aye votes.

In New Business, Mayor Milani announced that Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Barber have received certificates of attendance for a 4-hour course on public records retention. A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee matter was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen at 8:17 PM. It carried with 6 ayes. A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 PM was also made by Mrs.

Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 6 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM on a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council