

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2009

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:35PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Wentz and Fire Chief Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

There were no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani said that this Friday, September 11th is an open house at the Market Place from 6p-9p, the Chamber of Commerce and After 5 Business will be attending and Howard Shafron will be giving a tour.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel said that everyone should have receive the reconciled bank statement for the month of August, the Financial Statement will be done and in everyone's mailboxes tomorrow. Mr. Riedel asked for a motion to be made to dispose of a fax machine from the Service Department and a printer at the Fire Department that was unusable. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Nehez. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report at this time. (See attached) Mr. Wasosky asked for a motion to be made to accept bid of Diaz Construction to supply the manhole frames and covers. Motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Lewis, it carried with 6 ayes. Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-43, An emergency Resolution accepting the bid of Terrace Construction Company, Inc. for the Lowrie Pump Station Elimination and Barclay Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, it carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It passed with 6 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Police Chief Mark Wentz said that there is a new sex offender that moved into 9124 Coventry Dr., Kevin DePompei. There are a total of 14 sex offenders listed in the Nordonia Hills area, and six are within the Village. Officer Paul Norton fell at home and broke his shoulder and will be out for six month and a part-time officer informed Chief Wentz that he will only be working one day every other week, so department total will be at 12. Chief Wentz said he wants his two candidates to do a meet and greet with Mayor Milani and also have a Fire and Safety Committee meeting/work session on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00p. Chief Wentz received a personal letter of thanks from Jody Blaney in regards to her case that Sergeant Mackie worked on and received the officer of the month from the Prosecutors office. Chief Wentz said that Sergeant Mackie put a lot of hard work and time into this case. Mayor Milani said that there was a report from the owner of Northfield Park that Mr. Chicken was littering their frontage and up and down Route 8 with 2 for 1 signage, etc. Mayor Milani said that he spoke with Mr. Walters and he said that the Village Ordinances are vague regarding this matter. Sergeant Mackie said that is correct, and it would need to be added to the ordinances in regards of keeping this type of signage on their property. Sergeant Mackie said he would like to meet with Law Director Brad Bryan first and then have a work session to update this ordinance. Mayor Milani said he would like this done by the end of the year.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush said that the first time he was notified that the Plaza was going to have a carnival was in July. The first email he received from Mr. Shafron was Wednesday, September 2nd. that the carnival would be September 12th, 13th and 14th. Mr. Sams who runs the carnival has to put up \$1,500 in bonds and fees. Chief Vojtush had to call the Department of Agriculture due to the rides and the Health Department was not aware of the carnival dates either. Now everything is all worked out. Mayor Milani wanted to point out that both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief's jobs go beyond fire or police. Chief Vojtush said that he is meeting with Mr. Sams on Friday to go over all of the rides, and Mr. Sams said that next year he wants to make the carnival bigger and better. Mr. Noack said that he feels that some police officers should be present at the carnival. Chief Wentz said that something regarding fire and safety concerns should be in the Ordinances that requires police coverage for events such as this. Mr. Riedel said that the bond and fees would need to be altered also for next year in the Ordinances. Chief Vojtush said he would like to put on a couple new fireman that have just passed their paramedic tests next month.

Mr. Wasosky of the Planning Commission had no report at this time.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee said that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on September 23, 2009 at 6:30p.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission spoke with Mr. Walters regarding keeping C.J. Timm part-time to help with miscellaneous duties until fall leaf pick-ups are done. Mr. Walters said he would like to hire a part-time employee to help with snow-plowing season to fill Mr. Predovic hours, which are still in the budget, due to the fact that Mr. Walters said that they can't handle the snow plowing without one more part time person. Mr. Noack said he understands with the snow plowing they need to keep the roads clean. Mayor Milani said does Mr. Walters have any candidates yet with plowing experience, and Mr. Noack said no that they will be looking. They should be done within the next two weeks with asphalt patching and they have completed 30% more this year than last year. The generator on the bucket truck had to be fixed. Mr. Noack said Mr. Walters would like to get a quote on remote control units for the police department and the service department garage doors.

Mrs. Bowen from Health and Welfare had no report at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the new fencing at Smith park was installed. Mr. Walters got a quote for four banners, three poles and three caps for Huntington park for \$599.00. Mr. Noack said lets purchase the signs and wait to put them up after the inclement weather so residents can enjoy them. Mr. Lewis said Mr. Walters can get the poles put up this year and the banners next year.

Mr. Barber of Wages and Working has no report at this time.

Mr. Lewis of Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time. There will be Fire and Safety Committee meeting on September 16th at 7p.

Law Director, Brad Bryan read Resolution 2009-44, An emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 826 of the Codified Ordinances related to flea markets. Mr. Nehez said he doesn't appreciate the way Howard Shafron is very disrespectful to Council, he does not run this Village. Mr. Lewis said that this has never been discussed by Council or in a work session, and then a flea market is moving into the Plaza. Mayor Milani said that Mr. Shafron said he was not aware of any type of fee, so to be fair Mayor Milani told Mr. Shafron that Northfield would drop it 's fee back to \$3 from \$5, and then next year it would be increased to \$5. Mr. Lewis wanted to know why we always cater to Mr. Shafron, even though we all know he is a big intricate part of the Village. Every time we give this man a little rope he drills us. Mr. Nehez said this is just like the situation with the dumpsters, and Mr. Lewis said that we still don't have the trees along N. Plaza Dr. Mr. Noack said we need to stop him from walking on us. Chief Wentz said that he isn't expecting a high amount of shoplifting there due to the fact the the people who run the booths are very aware of their items for sale. The scheduled opening date for The Market Place is the beginning of 2010. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Noack and seconded by Mr. Barber, it was sent to a work session with 3 ayes and 3 nays, the majority vote was needed and was not attained.

In the Old business. Mr. Lewis asked how the direct deposit was moving along. Mr. Riedel said that there were a couple employees that they were having problems with pre notes and they are working on it. Mr. Riedel said hopefully by the next pay it should be in place. There is going to be a Council work session on September 16th along with a Fire and Safety Committee meeting at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; _____

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council