

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2011

Mayor Victor F. Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Mayor Milani, with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Police Chief Mark Wentz were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2011 Regular Council meeting. The motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Mayor Milani had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-57, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Eric Gregus as a part-time police officer with the Village's police department. Motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee to suspend the three-reading rule and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage and Mrs. Bowen seconded the motion, and it passed with 5 aye votes. Police Chief Mark Wentz welcomed Eric Gregus to the Village of Northfield Police Department. Chief Wentz administered the oath of office to Eric Gregus who is joining the Police Department as a part-time patrolman with the Village and he was congratulated by Mayor Milani and Council.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, resident of 68 Birch, David Kirchner asked what was going on with the house on Electric Blvd. that burned last year and what was being done with that property? Mr. Bryan stated that the Building Superintendent has spoken with that resident and they have been sent a zoning violation letter stating that they are not in compliance. Mr. Bryan stated that supposedly the insurance settlement is not enough to make the repairs. Mr. Kirchner said that it has been an eyesore for a couple of years. Mr. Bryan stated that whatever insurance coverage that they had wasn't sufficient. Mr. Kirchner stated that on Rosewood, Birch and Electric that there have been a lot of four-wheelers and dirt bikes riding up and down the streets. Mr. Bryan stated that they are not supposed to ride those in the streets. Chief Wentz stated that they have fielded quite a few calls regarding this matter, but unfortunately by the time the police arrive there, they have gone and we don't get an address where they went. Mr. Kirchner stated that it is a problem. That can't be controlled and he understands that. Mr. Bryan told Mr. Kirchner that if he could get a video tape of them in action and give it to the police that would be helpful.

Mayor Milani reported that Council met to fill the Ward C council vacant seat and they didn't agree with enough votes. The appointment was then turned over to him. After much consideration with the fine choices, Mayor Milani appointed John Schlueter to the vacant Ward C Council seat. Mr. Schlueter is a man of impeccable character and has been a resident of the Village for about 16 years and has been very involved with many functions within the Village. Mayor Milani stated that Mr. Schlueter will be appointed prior to the meeting of September 28th, so that he may sit on Council at that meeting. Mayor Milani stated that he spoke with Howard Shafron regarding a potential tenant for retail food to fill the Aldi's spot. The third internet cafe hasn't met all the criteria for opening. Mr. Bryan and Chief Wentz said that they have not heard anything else with regards to this third internet cafe opening. Mayor Milani stated that there is also a potential tenant looking to fill the vacancy between Romito's and Petal Place. There was someone looking into purchasing the old bank next door. But apparently the price wasn't right to purchase the parking spaces required. Mr. Bolek stated that it will sit empty like everything else in the plaza.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel stated that everyone should have receive the bank reconciliation statements. He said that he has been working on closing for the financial statements. He said that he has completed the revenues, but has a problem with the disbursements. There is a glitch in the program and he will have Jay Mutter fix it and then he will have them completed by Tuesday of next week. He asked for a motion to accept the Mayor's Court reports for June and July 2011 as submitted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 aye votes.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached)

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Chief Wentz stated that when he was at the State of the Village Address, he ran in to Jordan Warfield who is Congressman LaTourette's assistant. Mr. Warfield informed Chief Wentz that the COPS grants were given out, and there were only three cities in the state of Ohio that received them, Toledo, Dayton and Brecksville. Chief Wentz said that they are making progress with the construction in the police department. Chief Wentz said that hopefully next week one side will be finished and then they can move all of the stuff to the other side and work. Mayor Milani stated that he contacted Sue Cummings at the Summit County Department of Health regarding 9322 Milford and also 9005 Cambridge. Chief Wentz stated that the burglary at Sweetheart USA, where Officer Matt Grams made the arrest, has been the suspect in a couple other towns around the area, since they have him on surveillance.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission stated that there will be a Planning Commission meeting September 21, 2011 at 7:30pm. pertaining to the building codes. Mayor Milani stated that by the next meeting he would like to make the appointment to the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Bowen, of the Finance committee stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting at 6:30pm on September 28, 2011.

Mrs. Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee stated she spoke with Jason today and they are diligently working on the streets. She stated that Jason is having surgery next week. Mrs. Selle said that the truck is not back yet, due to some problem with the insurance carrier. Mr. Bolek stated that Jason said he was going to file with our insurance carrier and then have our carrier go after their carrier. Mr. Bolek said that Jason said the parts are ordered and it will take two weeks to get the vehicle fixed. Mr. Bolek stated that his only concern is this is not the first time a service department employee has had an issue with a traffic accident. Mr. Bolek stated that maybe it needs to be turned over to the Sheriff's department when and if this happens again.. Not that our police department doesn't do a good job, but when we are involved as one of the parties, we should turn it over to another agency to investigate, rather than our own, because it just looks bad. Mayor Milani stated that Macedonia Police was called in to do a re-enactment of the accident and they found no one at fault. Mayor Milani stated that when Mrs. Greenlee, Council President had her accident Summit County Sheriff's were called in so that there was no bias. Mayor Milani stated that technically Mr. Bolek is correct, and Mr. Bryan stated that should be the policy. Mr. Bolek stated that Jason said that for other situations in the past, people have been cited. Thankfully no one was hurt due to the fact that the other party was driving fast.

Mr. Bolek, of the Health and Welfare Committee stated that he will speak with the lady from the Health Dept. to come and speak to us when it is convenient for her, so that we may get that program going and the information out to the residents.

Mr. Nehez, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

Mr. Bolek, of the Wages and Working Committee stated that the contract is coming up in a couple weeks. Mr. Riedel stated that he received a call from Mike Troyan, the Village's insurance agent. Mike told Bob that the renewal will only increase 4.99%, which is great news and is unheard of. He is going to check on the dental and vision coverage. Mr. Bolek stated that it would be nice to have available to them as options such as an 80/20 plan, 60/40 plan and a 50/50 plan. Mr. Riedel told Mr. Bolek to put that in writing so he can submit that to Mike Troyan next week.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report. She did state that the fire department will be having their annual clam bake this weekend. Mr. Bolek asked if they could have Fire Chief Vojtush at a meeting since they haven't seen him in awhile, since there are a lot of things that need to be resolved. Mr. Bolek stated that the old fire truck has been around since January. Chief Vojtush either needs to sell it or get rid of it. Mr. Bolek said that we are citing people in our town and having vehicles towed, and we are doing the same thing that we are going after people in our town for. You can't just have the vehicle sitting outside since it has been there since January. Mr. Bolek stated that they have to have some more discussion regarding the frisbees also. Mrs. Bowen stated that they are waiting on the Chief since his computer has been down and hopefully by next meeting it will be resolved and have a report. Mayor Milani stated in regards to the frisbees, Council either needs to vote yes or no. Mrs. Selle asked if they have any literature on the frisbees? Mr. Bolek stated that it is in his budget correct? Mr. Riedel stated no, because he is down about \$50,000 in revenue in ambulance billing. Mr. Riedel stated that if it doesn't pick up by the year end, it will be \$50,000 less. Mr. Bolek asked who could give any information about the ambulance getting into an accident the other day? Mayor Milani stated that they were at Midas on a call and he said that ambulance went over the wooden planter to go around the police car and about some damage was done to the door. Mr. Bolek stated that the other day, he saw coming up Northfield Rd., a Northfield ambulance flying hot going towards Walton Hills. Mr. Bolek stated that he thought that we always have an ambulance in Walton Hills, or maybe the Walton Hills ambulance was getting lunch so the second ambulance was needed. Mrs. Selle stated that maybe it was a shift change. Mr. Bolek stated to Mr. Riedel, if Chief Vojtush buys the things he states he needs, it will require us to give him more money. Mr. Riedel stated no. Mr. Bolek stated that if we approve it, we will have to find money somewhere to give him. Mr. Riedel stated yes. Mr. Riedel stated that normally there is some type of rope on the end, and these frisbees don't have a rope. Mrs. Selle stated that maybe it could be a purchase for next year.

In the new business, Mr. Nehez stated that Mrs. Greenlee ran a good special council meeting the other night. Mr. Nehez said that they had very good candidates to choose from and that he is happy to be working with John Schlueter. Mrs. Greenlee stated that she received a letter from the Village of Northfield Fire Fighters Association for a donation towards their clambake. Mr. Riedel stated that Council cut the donation in half for this years budget. Mrs. Selle stated Council hasn't done any donations this year. Mrs. Greenlee stated that the Nordonia Band's 20th Annual Festival of Bands asked for a donation for an ad to be place in their program. Mrs. Greenlee asked Council what they would like to contribute to. Mr. Bolek stated that he feels that all of Council should purchase tickets to the clambake to support the fire dept. Mr. Bolek stated that it was unfortunate that the Plaza didn't

have good weather with Sam's Amusements. Mr. Bolek stated that Mr. Walters said that he was going to close them down if they didn't purchase their permit. Mayor Milani stated that they did pay a \$300 permit fee. Mr. Bolek stated that a couple years ago the permit fee was \$800. Sam said they wouldn't open if it was more than \$500. Mayor Milani cut them a deal for the \$500 because Sam's Amusement's gave us the inflatables for the Villages 75th anniversary. Mr. Bolek asked how is the permit fee \$300 now? Mayor Milani stated that is what is on the books. Mr. Riedel stated that is what the permit fee was, and that he has the copy of Sams Amusements insurance on file. Mr. Bolek stated that he was very disappointed that the Village didn't even put the flag at half mast for 9-11. Mr. Bolek stated that the fire station did, but the Village hall didn't. Mr. Bolek said that it wasn't important for people to do it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council