

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 22, 2010

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Robert Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Selle, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Bolek and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Noack was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Service/Building Department Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 Regular Council meeting made by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

There were no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that he saw a sign at the Gold Exchange on Monday that looked out of place and addressed the issue with Mr. Walters and within 24hrs the situation was addressed and he thanked Mr. Walters for handling the situation.

Finance Director, Robert Riedel asked for a motion to accept the financial statements and Mayor's court report for August 2010 as submitted. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Selle, it carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Riedel presented to Council if they want to continue having Diane Giacom of Rocky Hill Web designs to continue with the contract on the Village website. Council agreed to the discounted price of \$70 per month for updates to the Village website and Mr. Riedel said that he would process this.

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

Law Director, Brad Bryan said that Mr. Bolek requested that before the next meeting to bring in legislation to require the Mayor and finance director to have the budget for the following fiscal year finished by the end of the year. Mr. Bryan said that the way that we have been doing things is that before the end of the year we pass a temporary budget for the first three months of the year and the state requires the budget for the year to be in by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bryan said that Mr. Bolek requested this so that they might have more time to review the budget before adopting it, and Mr. Bolek said yes that they only had 14 days this year to review and many communities pass an entire year budget before the end of the previous year. Mr. Riedel said that might be hard to do, due to the fact of when the wages and working would be completed with the unions. Mr. Riedel said how can he put something in there when he doesn't know what it is, and the wages is the main part of the budget, and Mr. Riedel said he can just issue what he did give everyone in July and just go from there. Mr. Bolek said ok.

Police Chief Wentz gave his report. (see attached) Mr. Bolek asked Chief Wentz if the last page of the sexual offenders was a new one or or was that a total and Chief Wentz said that those are the only three remaining in the Village. Mrs. Greenlee asked if Chief Wentz will be replacing officer Norton since he is retiring, Chief Wentz said that he has some applications that they will be taking a look at. Mr. Bolek commended Detective Carlisle for finding out what happened with the vandalism at Smith Park. Mr. Bolek said that he knows it is really tough to do that and he was glad that they figured it out. Mr. Bolek said that it is horrible that we have people living in this Village doing these types of things. Chief Wentz said it is everywhere not just here it is hard to tell who is lying and who is telling the truth.

Fire Chief Vojtush said that Thrift Nation will be opening tomorrow morning. Mr. Riedel said that he and Oscar Knicely will make a visit to the Thrift Nation. Mr. Bolek said that we allow a business to open and operate if they are not paying people and they are all volunteers and not paying taxes. Mr. Walters and Mr. Riedel said there is nothing we can do about that. Mrs. Selle said that sales tax can be paid. Mr. Bryan said if they are volunteering and not being paid, then they don't have to be taxed. Mrs. Greenlee said that Chief Vojtush saved around \$1,200.00 on the radios while bargaining with that company. Mr. Bolek mentioned that Mr. Walters previously spoke about purchasing cameras that are very expensive, about \$6,000 each to put at the park to deter the vandalism, and Mr. Bolek said that we have people in the Village who are good at writing grants, have we every suggested to write a grant for these. Mayor Milani and Mr. Walters said that they think that Chief Wentz has checked into this numerous times, and Chief Wentz said that there isn't anything available at this time. Mr. Bolek said that there is a component now on these camera that it will send the video to a computer and you can view it. Mr. Walters said that is the system that he received a quote on.

Mr. Lacey a resident in Steeplechase condos asked Chief Wentz why Steeplechase is neglected by the police when they are patrolling, the residents never see marked police cars patrolling from month to month and he was wondering if they could have a officer patrol through there once and awhile. Chief Wentz said that he knows when he is on duty he does patrol back there in his unmarked car . Mr. Lacey said it would be nice to see a marked car patrol. Chief Wentz said but he will let the officers know at the station but he knows that they are patrolling. And maybe just not seen by residents. Mr. Lacey said that he is retired and is home all day and he rarely sees a police car unless someone calls for one. Mr. Lacey said that one resident is operating a detail car shop on the corner and cars come through there on the weekend like you can't believe. Chief Wentz asked if it was a legitimate business and Mr. Lacey said no the resident is just doing it on the side. Chief Wentz said he will post something at the station for the officers. Chief Wentz said sometimes the officers park at the far end by Vincent Ave.

Service/Building Dept. Superintendent Jason Walters gave his report. (see attached) Mr. Walters thanked Chief Wentz and his department for the clean up at the parks. Mr. Bolek asked what happens if the insulation that was just installed gets wet, does it need to be pulled out and thrown away if the roof leaks and Mr. Walters said yes, the patch that they did is a bandaid. Mr. Nehez asked if we got a couple buildings roofs replaced would the price be less, Mr. Walters said that he and Chris checked the Village Hall roof and it looks ok, and it is a different type of roof. Mr. Bolek asked when the asphalt plants are scheduled to close and Mr. Walters said he hasn't heard anything yet but around end of November depending on weather and it is a quick decision on their part, but we will keep going until then. Mr. Walters said when the temperature gets under 40 degrees they close the plant. Mr. Bolek said that he has a new neighbor that just moved into the Village and Waste Management wouldn't pick up their garbage since they bill three month in advance. Mr. Bolek asked if they were oversizing the drain for heavier storm on Rosewood and Mr. Walters said yes and they should be ok. Mr. Bolek asked what Mr. Walters thought the cost of the project that needs to be done at Ulrich's property, and Mr. Walters said at the most \$1,000.00 and Mr. Walters said the majority of the cost is the concrete. Mr. Bolek asked Mr. Walters how old the Ledge Rd apartments are and Mr. Walters said they were built in the 1950's. Mr. Bolek asked if the owners lived in Ohio, and Mr. Walters said yes and he has had some conversations with him. Mr. Walters said that he walked into one apartment and had water up over his shoes. Mr. Walters said that he knows of many communities that do yearly complex inspections and he said he would like to do that here in the Village. Mr. Bolek asked if Macedonia was paying the other half of the bill for the school zone re-striping on Ledge Rd., and Mr. Walters said no. Mr. Walters said that the crosswalk that the contractors painted, that they thought that they were to paint was not in our quote and Mr. Walters told them that. Mr. Walters said that the school is ours so that makes the school zone in Village. Mr. Bolek said that they school zone and crosswalk painting does look very nice. Mr. Walters said that eventually we need to replace the school zone lights. Mayor Milani asked if the leaf pickup and the senior snow plow information on the board and Mr. Walters said yes. Mr. Walters said that Lisa Rodriguez is getting seniors to fill out the snow plow application when they come to the town hall to verify their birth date for the Rumpke senior citizen discount, Lisa is handling both when they come to town hall. Mrs. Greenlee said Lisa is handling both, and Mr. Walters said yes she is, Lisa is good and Mayor Milani said she is very accurate. Chief Wentz said that they had some solicitors asked for a permit for Just Energy promising a 5 yr fixed rate on an energy bill. Chief Wentz said that he always does a background check on all of these companies that apply and this particular company has a F rating with BBB, they are misleading and lie to potential customers and have been prosecuted. Chief Wentz told them that he denied their solicitors permit, and if they wanted to appeal they could contact the Village Law Director. Mr. Bolek said that there are a lot of signs up at the Plaza from businesses that are no longer at the Plaza. Mr. Bolek said that the codified ordinance says that you have to notify the business and give them 10 days to remove that sign, and if on the 10<sup>th</sup> day if they don't remove the sign Mr. Walters can remove the sign. Mr. Walters said that he just had this conversation with Mr. Chaney about these signs; Betty's Hallmark, Market Place and the Scorchers sign on Ledge Rd. Mr. Walters said that he will send a zoning violation letter to Plaza Management regarding these issues by Friday. Mr. Nehez said that it is very hard to see where the parking spaces are at the Plaza due to being warn off. Mr. Walters said that there is nothing he can do about that. Mr. Bolek said that the property where the old bank is looks terrible. Mr. Nehez said that Council should get together and put something in our books regarding these types of issues.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mrs. Bowen of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2010-55 an Emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of September, 2010. Mrs. Bowen made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. Mayor Milani said he spoke with all department heads that even if the major purchases are in their budgets they need to forgo making that purchase for the rest of the year due to the fact that we are down 16-17% and at this point we want to have as much of a carry over into next year as we can.

Mr. Noack of Roads and Public Works Committee was absent.

Mrs. Selle from Health and Welfare would like to have a Health and Welfare meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to discuss some of the items pertinent to the negotiations with the Machinists Union and some line items on the health insurance.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that Mr. Walters did a good job with the service department. Mr. Nehez asked what is going on with the lighting at the town hall and Mr. Ridel and Mr. Walters said we are waiting for them to schedule us. Mr. Riedel said that we have all of the money from NOPEC and we are just waiting for them to do the project. Mr. Nehez asked if they changed the lights on route 8 and Mr. Walters said that they are waiting for parts and that will take time because it is a bigger job. Mr. Walters said that he will make another call to that company tomorrow, but he believes that Chris talked to them last week. Mr. Riedel said that he is going to submit the signed paperwork to receive the rest of the money for the insulation at the service garage.

Mr. Bolek of Wages and Working said he is scheduling a Wages and Working meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and is open to everyone on Council. Mr. Bolek said that everyone has receive current contracts for the police and service department so they can review them and everyone can discuss them at the meeting. Mr. Bolek also said that everyone is invited to attend the union negotiations on October 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Fire and Safety committee asked for a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Fire association and it was seconded by Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Bolek asked what the monies were for. Mrs. Greenlee said that she received a letter from the association to help with their expenses, and Mr. Bolek asked if \$100 was enough, was \$250 better, Mrs. Greenlee said they have done this for the past six years and \$100 was fine. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 abstain by Mrs. Selle.

Law Director, Brad Bryan read Proclamation 2010-54, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the annual appropriation ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Selle and seconded by Mr. Bolek. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Selle and seconded by Mrs. Bolek, it carried with 5 ayes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2010-56; An emergency Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the fiscal officer. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. Mr. Bolek asked for a clear copy of this legislation since the faxed copy was illegible. Mrs. Selle asked if there was a deadline that this needed to be passed by and Mr. Bryan said that the deadline to pass this is November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Riedel suggested that they hold this legislation until next meeting. Mr. Bolek made a motion to put this on first reading and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes.

There was no old business.

In the new business, Mr. Nehez said that Rumpke has done a great job in getting information to the Village residents and would like to get this information put onto the Village website, Mr. Walters said that it is going on the website. Mr. Nehez said so far he is very happy with his dealing with Rumpke. Mr. Bolek said he was watching the supreme court and said that Rumpke is truly an amazing company in Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM following a motion by Mr. Bolek and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by; \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council