

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2005

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Apana, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan and Village Engineer Rich Wasosky were also present.

A motion for approval of the minutes of the October 26th regular Council meeting was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 ayes.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, County Councilman Nick Kostandaras clarified Issue 7, which defines the roles of the Summit County Executive and of County Council, and also spoke about the County noise ordinance. Brad advised him that we have a noise ordinance we're happy with. Nick then spoke on the subject of the proposed Summit County "Clean Indoor Air Ordinance," a county-wide ban on smoking in public places. He said he will support it with certain concessions: Northfield Park would be exempted, and the Village has the option of drawing up its own Clean Air Ordinance, which would supersede the County ordinance, by January 31st. Mayor Milani thanked Mr. Kostandaras for his part in giving the freedom of choice back to the Village.

Mayor Milani reported that he had attended Monday's Summit County Council meeting on the proposed smoking ban, and reiterated his belief in freedom of choice. He advised Council to be thinking about what they want the Village's Clean Indoor Air Act to include, as we have until January 31st to act on it. Mr. Sullivan went on record to state that the Village could be cutting its own throat if we are shortsighted enough to play "big brother" and ban smoking in the Village, especially when Northfield Park might expand gambling and have plans for a hotel in the future.

Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that he had distributed copies of financial statements and reconciled bank statements for the month of October. An amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. It increases LETF appropriations from \$5,520.68 to \$8,520.68.

At this time, Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2005-60, which authorizes the amendment to LETF Appropriations. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 6 aye votes.

Mr. Wasosky presented his Engineer's report, a copy of which is attached. It deals with: the final punch list for the Chestnut and Rosewood Reconstruction Project; Steeplechase III drainage problems; the Victory Blvd. park survey; the resetting of Houghton Road centerline pins; and the Storm Water Pollution Phase II Program.

Mayor Milani stated that a Planning Commission meeting on November 16th would be premature, as more research on the Sign Ordinance is in order first.

Mrs. Greenlee announced that the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21st at 7:30 PM, to be followed by the Council meeting at 8:00 PM. A Council work session is scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 7:30 PM. There were no reports from Roads and Public Works, Health and Welfare, or Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Sullivan asked about plans for the remaining \$7,000 appropriated for buildings and grounds, and the Mayor answered that Huntington Park needs fence repairs, and a new baseball backstop is needed at the other park. Bob stated that a purchase order request for these items (totaling close to \$7,000) had been submitted. There were no reports from Wages and Working Conditions or Fire and Safety.

In New Business, Mr. Sullivan asked for an update on the Village website development. Mayor Milani answered that Jay Mutter had advised him it would be up and running in a week to ten days. Mr. Sullivan then asked about the Sunoco station, and the Mayor answered that they are making progress and will hopefully be open by the end of the year. The new Italian restaurant has been informally open from 4:00 to 10:00, and most nights, has been packed. It will have its grand opening within a week or so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM following a motion by Mr. Stewart and a second by Mr. Sullivan. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council