

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Apana, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Stewart was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Sergeant John Zolcus and Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

A motion for approval of the minutes of the November 9th regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Thompson. It carried with 5 ayes.

There were no Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani reported that Summit County Council is voting on the Clean Indoor Air Act at this very moment, and that Nick Kostandaras has promised to call immediately with results of the vote.

Finance Director Bob Riedel advised Council that a \$100,000 cash transfer from First Merit to Charter One is included in the \$223,837.27 total of tonight's Pay Ordinance, thereby inflating the amount of actual expenditure. Law Director Brad Bryan had nothing to report.

Police Sergeant John Zolcus reported that Chief Wentz will return from vacation next Wednesday. The Department has its new shotguns, and they are waiting for the mounts to come in. Two new computers have been ordered (to be paid for with donated funds) for cruisers and should arrive in a week or so.

Service/Building Superintendent Jason Walters reported (report attached) that the Service Department has collected 350 cubic yards of leaves so far. The east side of Route 8 has been completed, and they have started on the west side. The Department is ready for snow with 50 tons of salt on hand and another 50 tons to be delivered this week. The salt truck is ready to go, and estimates for repairs on the bucket truck are in the works. Mr. Sullivan voiced displeasure with conditions at Huntington Park and suggested that the skate park be discontinued. Jason agreed that conditions at the park have deteriorated and said he would look into prices for basketball poles, backboards and hoops with the thought of installing them at the park next year. Discussion relating to the park ensued, with Mayor Milani commenting that we had given the skate park a fair chance. Jason concluded his report with an update on Roger Stone's medical condition. He apparently has a blood infection and will see his doctor next week.

Mrs. Greenlee announced that the Pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda. Brad read Ordinance 2005-61, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the

month of November, 2005. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the payments were approved with 5 aye votes.

Mr. Apana of Roads and Public Works reported on the November 14th Council work session and requested an Executive Session to discuss sign approval. Mr. Bryan advised him that the subject matter does not warrant an Executive Session, and added that it had been decided some time ago (2002 or 2003) that signs do not have to be approved by Council if they meet the requirements for compliance outlined in the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Apana was questioning the Mixers sign, and Brad commented that if the Village were to rescind the sign permit issued by the Building Department, we would be opening ourselves up to a lawsuit. Discussion ensued, with Brad stating that the whole chapter on signs would have to be revisited. Mr. Apana concluded with a request that the Mixers sign be removed. Brad's recommendation was that if Council in fact voted to do that, we would be placing ourselves in jeopardy. There were no reports from Health and Welfare, Buildings and Grounds, Wages and Working Conditions, or Fire and Safety.

Brad read Resolution 2005-62, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the City of Maple Heights Fire Department to provide billing and collection services for the Northfield Village Fire Department. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was also made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 5 aye votes.

Last on the agenda was Ordinance 2005-63, an emergency Ordinance establishing Chapter 1492 of the Housing Code related to notification of foreclosure filings and persons responsible for maintenance of foreclosed upon properties. Mr. Sullivan moved to suspend the rules, and Mr. Apana seconded. Following discussion, Mr. Sullivan made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 5 ayes.

In Old and New Business, Mayor Milani personally thanked outgoing Council members Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Apana and Mr. Thompson for their years of service, and they were applauded by Council. Also in New Business, the Mayor announced that Nick Kostandaras had just informed him that Summit County Council had voted in favor of the Clean Indoor Air Act with amendments, including an exemption for Northfield Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM following a motion by Mr. Sullivan and a second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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President of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council