

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2008

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Nehez, Mr. Noack, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Police Chief Mark Wentz and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mr. Lewis. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

There was no business of Petitions, Memorials or Remonstrances.

Mayor Milani said that he had a conversation with Howard Shafron that the vacancies would be filled by the end of this week.

Finance Director, Bob Riedel asked to have a motion made to accept the bank reconciliations, Financial Statements and Mayor's Court Disbursement report for October 2008 as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. The motion carried with 6 ayes. Motion was made by Mrs. Greenlee to pay the balance of \$127.16 left from the clambake and was seconded by Mr. Nehez. It passed with 6 ayes. Mr. Riedel reminded Council to decide what two dates to setup the post-audit conference so that he can set this up.

Law Director, Brad Bryan had no report at this time.

Fire Chief, Gary Vojtush spoke about the fire district meeting he attended. The big part of the conversation was to get each municipality to say yes or no if they would like to join the district. Chief Vojtush said things to remember would be communication problems with dispatching. They are also looking for people to sit on a board to decide what will be done with personnel, equipment, the cost of running the Fire District. Mayor Milani said to be fair, they said that we are currently paying 4.6 mil on the fire levy, and they can reduce that number to 2 mil and continue with the current coverage. If we chose to go into the district and this was put on the ballot for a vote of the District, if it didn't pass in this Village, but did pass in other towns or by total amount of votes. We would be involved in the District whether the Village wanted it or not, we would lose our say. We need to be definitely sure this is something we want before it gets put on the ballot. Mr. Nehez asked Chief Vojtush if we went into a District, does that mean that Council no longer has control of what happens, like a Board of Education? Chief Vojtush said yes, and there is a possibility that they may say that your building and equipment belongs to Sagamore Hills and they might say they don't want it. Mayor Milani said that the District would encumber a lot of debt right from the start. There is also a plan B and there have been some informal discussions to have a operational blending with Macedonia that wouldn't include a trading of anything. Sagamore Hills right now has nothing but money and radio dispatching to offer us. If we were to go with the District, Sagamore Hills

would absorb the radio dispatching costs for the Fire Department, then lessening the costs for the Police. Chief Vojtush said we need to look at what is best for our citizens and Mayor Milani agreed. The attorney is going to get us numbers that would include Boston Heights and us and we will go from there. Mr. Lewis thanked Chief Vojtush for the call he received the other night regarding the electrical outage in front of the Village hall.

Mrs. Greenlee of the Finance Committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance-2008-63, An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of November, 2008. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Bowen It carrier with 6 ayes.

Mr. Noack of the Roads/Public Works Commission said that he stopped by the service garage today and that so far we have used approximately 75 -100 tons of salt and we have approximately 125 tons at this point. Leaf pickup has not started as of yet due to the weather and Jason will get this done as soon as possible when the weather co-operates. So far there have been a couple of minor equipment repairs like the file cutting edges were replaced on the plows. They have started working on the Christmas lights, and have put snow tires on the police cars.

Mr. Lewis stated that there were no reports from Health and Welfare at this time.

Mr. Nehez of the Building and Grounds Committee said that the Ready Wash needs to be painted, the back door is rusted, the gutters are not hooked to the downspouts, and the paint is peeling on the building. He said that he has taken pictures and Mayor Milani said that he should give them to Jason. Mr. Lewis said that Mayor Milani has contacted the owner concerning these matters. Mr. Nehez wanted to know what was going on with the security door to be put in at the Village Hall. Mayor Milani said he has one quote of around \$3,000 which he felt was high, but he does have another local person he is checking into. Mayor Milani also stated that something needs to be done about the electrical within the Village Hall, and he has 2 companies that we can get quotes from. Mr. Nehez said that he will contact Jason Walters regarding these matters.

Wages and Working from Mr. Barber said that the agreement was made to approve a 4% increase for Chief Mark Wentz, Robert Riedel and Brad Bryan. It was also approved to add a 5th week of vacation to employees after 20 years of service, 3 1/2% increase raise across the board for the Fire Department and Lisa Rodriguez was approved for a \$5,000 increase. Mayor Milani presented to council about an increase for the Senior Snow Plowing Contractor, Edward Spencer from \$8.75 to \$9.00. Mrs. Greenlee made the motion and Mrs. Bowen seconded it, and the motion carried with 6 ayes.

Police Chief Wentz said that he wanted to make Council aware of the move of the Municipal Court from Cuyahoga Falls to Stow as of January 1, 2009. He just received a letter stating that all citations as of January 1, 2009 have to reflect Stow Municipal court on them. A few years ago we ordered 10,000 tickets due to a price cut on the amount ordered which was around \$2,200, but we now are sitting on around 5,000 unused tickets that say Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court. The person that prints our tickets contacted

him and said that he can get us a new 10,000 tickets with extension changes and the new court information on it for around \$1,495, and 5,000 tickets is \$1,150. Chief Wentz said that 10,000 tickets should last around 7-8 years. Mr. Barber said what is happening with the paperless tickets, and Chief Wentz said no matter what we will need hard copy tickets. Mayor Milani asked what the turn around time is to replace Office Joe McFeely. Chief Wentz said that he put a December 1st deadline for all part-time officers and he also posted a notice for testing for a promotion to full-time.

Mrs. Bowen of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

Mayor Milani said that we have been looking for a property appraiser to appraise the building that we are looking at and he spoke with Vanni & Associates, who did the appraisal for the current building that we are in and he said that he would do it for \$1,000. Chris had done some research and found some appraiser quotes ranging from \$1,300-\$3,000. Mayor Milani presented to Council at this time if they wish to have the Ledge Rd property appraised. Mr. Nehez made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Noack. The motion carried with 6 ayes, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Law Director Brad Bryan read Resolution 2008-64, A Resolution authorizing Mayor Victor F. Milani, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement and Joint Application between the Village of Walton Hills, Village of Valley View, Village of Northfield and Sagamore Hills Township, for the Sagamore Road Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the three-reading rules was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. Mr. Barber made a motion to amend the typo on the first line, and correct the street name from Sagamore Road to Northfield Road in the second paragraph in Resolution 2008-64, and it was seconded by Mr. Lewis. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack and it passed with 6 aye votes. Mr. Bryan read Resolution 2008-65, An emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Nehez and seconded by Mr. Noack. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Greenlee seconded the motion. It also passed with 6 ayes.

In the New Business Mr. Lewis said that there will be an Organizational meeting on Monday, December 1st at 8p for the Charter. Mayor Milani had Mr. Bryan present to council to make a voice motion regarding entering into a contract with macedonia for \$64,000.00 for the 1st year of dispatching services. The motion was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis which passed with 6 aye votes. The Regular scheduled Council is changed from December 24, 2008 to Monday, December 22, 2008. There will also be a Finance meeting at 6:30p on December 22nd prior to the Council meeting.

There was no Old Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM following a motion by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council