

The Village of Northfield
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 29, 2006

Mayor Milani called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll was called by Bob Riedel with the following present: Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Bowen. Mr. Nehez was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Captain Jason Buss, and Assistant Service Superintendent Chris While were present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th Council meeting was made by Mrs. Greenlee and seconded by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 4 ayes.

At this time, Mr. Bryan introduced Resolution 2006-61, an emergency Resolution appointing Leonard Noack as the Ward C Councilperson. A motion to suspend the Three-Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 4 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the appointment was confirmed with 4 aye votes. Brad administered the oath of office, and Mr. Noack was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

Next was Resolution 2006-60, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Jonathan Bills as a Part-Time Firefighter with the Village's Fire Department. Mrs. Bowen made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mr. Lewis seconded. The motion carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 4 aye votes. The oath of office was administered by Mr. Bryan, and Jonathan was welcomed.

In Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances, Tina Merlitti, Community Relations Specialist for Summit County, outlined three county programs now available to residents: (1) ExecutiveMED, a prescription drug discount program for residents and their pets; (2) First Home First Loan, a program whereby Summit County will provide a \$3 to \$1 match for up to \$4,999 of any funds the prospective first-time homebuyer has to use toward the purchase of a home; and (3) the Housing Rehabilitation Program, which provides assistance to low-income homeowners based on certain income guidelines. Literature regarding these programs is attached and will be available to residents at the Town Hall.

Mayor Milani had nothing to report at this time. Finance Director Bob Riedel reported that the audit is going well and should be completed by the end of the year. Law Director Brad Bryan informed Council that former employee Mary Ann McConville has filed a discrimination suit with the Civil Rights Commission. She has also appealed the denial of her Workers' Comp claim.

Fire Captain Jason Buss reported that the Department has made a record 425 runs so far this year, due in large part to the number of runs to the Northfield Village Retirement complex. The NVFD now has 18 members on its roster

Asst. Service Superintendent Chris While reported that leaf collection has been completed, and the Lowrie pump station is now fully operational. The Houghton Road hill project, including curbing and trench line, was completed for \$20,000, about half the estimated cost. The Service Department has done a great deal of cold patching on the presidential streets in the past week. The box culvert at the Beach project has been dug, and a gas line has been rerouted on Electric. Durite Construction is finally done working on Rosewood and Chestnut. Chris thanked the Police Department for providing traffic control on Houghton and for catching four juveniles who were vandalizing the park. He also thanked Bob, the Mayor and Council for the purchase of the new backhoe, which should be delivered by December 20th. Christmas decorations should be going up Thursday or Friday.

Police Chief Mark Wentz's report is attached. It consists of an update on the juvenile enforcement issue, which now seems to be calming down. Parents are becoming aware that they need to keep track of where their children are and that the Police are not the "bad guys."

Mrs. Greenlee reported that a Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 PM. The December 27th Council meeting is being changed to Thursday, December 28th. A Finance Committee meeting will precede it at 6:30 PM.

Finance Committee Chair Mrs. Greenlee announced that the pay Ordinance is on tonight's agenda, whereupon Brad read Ordinance 2006-56, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of November, 2006. Mrs. Greenlee made a motion for passage, Mr. Lewis seconded, and the payments were approved with 4 aye votes.

There were no reports from Finance, Roads and Public Works, or Health and Welfare. Mr. Lewis reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee is working on getting cost estimates for park pavilions as related to proceeds from the sale of land. Information should be available at the December 13th meeting. There was no report from Wages and Working Conditions. Mrs. Bowen of Fire and Safety reported that Mr. Preuer's fire consortium study should be available the first of the year.

At this time, Mrs. Bowen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Greenlee, to table Ordinance 2006-54, which relates to political signs. The motion carried with 4 ayes. Brad read Resolution 2006-57, an emergency Resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Barber. It carried with 4 ayes. Mr. Lewis made a motion for passage, Mrs. Greenlee seconded, and the amendments were approved with 4 aye votes.

Next was Ordinance 2006-58, an emergency Ordinance amending Section 290.09 of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor's Court Magistrate. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mrs. Greenlee. It carried with 4 ayes. Mr. Barber made a motion for passage, Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the motion carried with 4 aye votes.

Mr. Bryan then read Resolution 2006-59, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of John Montello as the Mayor's Court Magistrate. Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules, and Mrs. Bowen seconded. The motion carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Mrs. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Lewis. It also carried with 4 aye votes.

In New Business, Mrs. Greenlee made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Nordonia After Prom 2007 Committee. Mrs. Bowen seconded, and the donation was approved with 4 aye votes. The Council Organizational meeting will be held on Friday, December 1st at 8:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM following a motion by Mrs. Greenlee and second by Mrs. Bowen. It carried with 4 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Kennon

Cheryl Kennon, Administrative Clerk

Attest:

President of Council _____

Clerk of Council