

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jesse J. Nehez at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

ROLL CALL: The Roll Call was taken by the Finance Director, Monica James. The following were present: - Mayor Jesse J. Nehez; Beatrice Greenlee, Mary Volny, John Schlueter, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Acting Fire Chief Jason Buss and Finance Director Monica James were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor asked for approval of the February 27, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

A motion for approval was made by Karyn Selle seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes.

At this time, The Mayor asked to deviate from the agenda.

Resolution 2013-31 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment Of Jason Buss As The Fire Chief

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Mary Volny, Passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

Law Director Brad Bryan did swear in Jason Buss as the new Fire Chief of the Village of Northfield Fire Department.

Pictures were then taken.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Mrs. Rose Golias/198 May Ave expressed her agreement in hopes that Council will pass the Legislation, 2013-27, regarding exterior lights. She has had a problem with her neighbor for a long time, the flood lights shining into her yard and through the windows of her home.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. **MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated that he met with John Lucas and Brock Milstein, along with Chief Buss and Chief Wentz, regarding the Fire and Safety of the Racino. Mayor stated that there is a tentative Agreement to provide EMS service to the track within the next 45-60 days.

Chief Wentz agreed that it was a good meeting. Chief Wentz stated that in speaking with Mr. Lucas, who comes from the Atlantic City facility, there will not be any armed guards within the facility. They are planning on having about 80 – 100 shows that will appeal to the 40-70 year olds. Mr. Lucas is planning on having either some type of wrist band or a stamp to identify anyone under the age of 21. Chief Wentz stated that the Racino is planning on have the Northfield Village PD, on the grounds during peak hours, wants us to be very visible.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES stated that the conversion to OTAS has been completed shy of a few minor adjustments. Mrs. James stated that payroll was done today in the OTAS system. Mrs. James asked Council if they would like to discuss disposal of the old dot matrix printer today or could wait till next meeting.

John Bolek made a motion to authorize the Finance Director to dispose of the obsolete equipment, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY – see attached report.

Resolution 2013-34 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Euthenics, Inc. To Do The Final Design Work For The Northfield Road Section Of The Summit Avenue, Northfield Road and Houghton Road Sewer Replacement And Elm Pump Station Elimination Project.

Linda Bowen made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

John Bolek made a motion for passage, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

Mr. Wasosky stated that vehicles need to be e-check and forms filled out, he will handle this matter.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN – no report

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz stated:

- Regarding the Legislation for Exterior Lights, the Police Department has handled many complaints from the neighbor on May Avenue. It is a nuisance, even for vehicles traveling on the road, the position of the light shines into the approaching vehicle, temporarily blinding the driver.
- Was an issue with the 9-1-1 system at Lee Eaton but that has been resolved
- The NO LEFT TURN sign into Lee Eaton have been erected, some parents happy and some are not

Sgt. John Zoligus stated that the morning drop-off is more of a problem than the afternoon. He feels this is probably because you have everyone showing up at the same time to drop-off the students for school, but the afternoon pickup is a little more staggered. If the parents would form 2 drop-off lines than it probably would run smoother.

2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss – did leave after the swearing-in. A copy of his report is attached.

3. Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters – was not present

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE asked Mr. Bryan is there was a reason to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Bryan stated that at this time there was nothing pending, still waiting for plans from Dollar General.

C. CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE stated the next meeting is April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Greenlee did report that she met with Paul Schwiekert of Sagamore Hills Township and Mrs. Jones regarding the Senior Center. Mrs. Jones is the coordinator and was hoping to get paid for this. But Mrs. Greenlee and Mr. Schwiekert explained at this time, all positions are voluntary.

- C. **RECREATION BOARD**, MAYOR NEHEZ stated that the Board met and is in the process of reviewing the new signs. Will need to obtain permission from ODOT to erect signs along Route 8. AMATS will meet tomorrow, should award the Grant.
- D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**, MAYOR NEHEZ stated did meet last week. The Committee was given the updates and asked that review certain section for possible revision. They were asked to look at the Mayor Term for next meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. **FINANCE, JOHN BOLEK** stated the Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 27. Mr. Bolek asked Council if they wanted to pass the budget tonight or next meeting.

Mrs. Volny stated that she would like to see a final version before voting on it.

Several other members of Council agreed.

Discussion and agreement that a special meeting will be held on March 27, 2013; 6:00 p.m. for the Finance Committee, followed by a Budget meeting. Followed by the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

John Bolek made a motion to approve the February Mayor's Court Report, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, stated that there would be a meeting next week with Walton Hills and Sagamore Hills to discuss the necessary repairs to Sagamore Road and how to possibly finance these repairs.

C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee**, had nothing to report.

D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Karyn Selle**, had nothing to report.

Mrs. Volny stated that she had gone to see the new building on Ledge Rd., was very nice and she encouraged everyone to go see. Members of Council were also pleased with the \$800.00 deal for the refurbished copier that Mr. Walters was able to obtain.

Chief Wentz stated that he went with Mr. While and Mrs. Rodriguez to the County and was able to secure about \$50,000.00 worth of office material for free.

E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, Linda Bowen**, had nothing to report.

F. **FIRE AND SAFETY, Mary Volny**, had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2013-20 3rd Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 1042.14 and 1042.32 OF The Street, Utilities and Public Service Code Relating To Sewer Maintenance Fee Charges And Penalties For Delinquent Payments

John Bolek made a motion for passage, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

Mr. Bolek stated that this is the first increase in over 13 years, after the numbers are reviewed, may need to increase again.

Mrs. Bowen stated that she was under the impression that Council was going to schedule a work session to discuss these increased.

Mr. Bolek stated that no, had the input from Jason Walters, and was on the website and in the news for the residents and business owners to provide input to Council.

Ordinance 2013-27 2nd Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 1482 Of The Building And Housing Code Relating To Residential Exterior Lighting.

Mr. Bolek still had some concerns regarding this legislation. He would like it to go into a 3rd reading.

Mary Volny moved to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Karyn Selle

ROLL CALL: Mary Volny, aye; Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; John Schlueter, aye; Karyn Selle, aye; John Bolek, nay

Mary Volny made a motion for passage, seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

Ordinance 2013-32 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Certain Parcels Of Real Property To Be A Public Purpose, Describing The Public Improvements To Be Made To Directly Benefit Such Parcels, Requiring The Owner of the Improvements On Such Parcels To Make Service Payments In Lieu of Taxes, And Establishing A Municipal Public Improvements Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Such Service Payments, All Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 and 5709.43.

Mr. Bryan explained that this is concerning the TIF, the schools were given their 14 day notice, therefore, this must remain on the 1st reading.

Resolution 2013-33 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement To Purchase A 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle For Police Department Use

Mr. Bolek would like to pass this tonight, it is a matter of Health & Safety.

Chief Wentz explained that since the manufacture recommends that Police Vehicles sustain a lot of wear and tear, would like to replace at least one vehicle every year. In the past, have missed a year due to budget constraints, would like to try and purchase 2 this year.

John Bolek made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes
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OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Linda Bowen announced the next Blockwatch meeting is March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

An invitation was sent to Kristina Roegner, State Representative to attend a meeting, she is unable to attend until August, when they are on recess.

A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to adjourn at 09:16 p.m.,
passed with 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council