

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 26, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Beatrice Greenlee at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

ROLL CALL: The following were present: Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Alan Hipps, Gary Vojtush, Nicholas Magistrelli and Ethan Miladinovic. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Finance Director Monica James, Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Jason Buss, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters were present. Mayor Jesse Nehez was absent due to a minor illness

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the February 26, 2014 minutes was made by Linda Bowen, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

GUEST SPEAKER: NONE

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

- A. **MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** was absent.
- B. **FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES** had nothing to report.
- C. **ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY**, see attached report

Mr. Vojtush asked if the Houghton Road Project had been made.

Mr. Wasosky stated they contractor had been paid for all but the retainage. The State paid for 87% of the project and the Village paid the remaining 13%.

- D. **LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** stated he had received the bid paperwork from the State Auditor, he along with Mayor Nehez would review and submit their scoring of the bids. The State would then make an award to the Company that will do the Villages Bi-Annual Audit.

Mr. Vojtush asked if the Village had received an estimate on the special audit.

Mr. Bryan stated it should be received by early next week. Council will have a report for the next Council Meeting.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- 1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, see attached report.

Mrs. Greenlee asked if manpower was good.

Chief Wentz stated for now, but once the Full-time police officers start taking vacations, there may be issues.

Mr. Vojtush stated the number of Lock-outs has increased since the Rocksino opened. What steps are being taken to minimize the Police Department responses to these types of calls.

Chief Wentz stated he has spoken to Security to handle these calls or possibly have the Rocksino tow crew handle. One of the other issues is driving around trying to help customers find their cars.

2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss, see attached report

Mr. Vojtush asked about the misprint in the annual budget.

Chief Buss stated he had made a correction to the wages.

Mr. Vojtush was concerned about the 20 minute response time to a mutual aid call in Northfield Center, at Rushwood School.

Chief Buss stated he had spoken to Chief Risko it was a communication error and the matter has been resolved. Part of the issues was the Dispatcher had stated the call was on Westwood lane not Rushwood Lane.

Mr. Vojtush wanted to know if any remedial training had resulted due to this incident.

Chief Buss stated Chief Risko was also going to talk with Sagamore Hills. The call turned out okay, the child was fine but had to be transported because they were a minor and parents could not be located. This is protocol with pediatric patients.

3. Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters, see attached report

Mrs. Greenlee asked Council if they were in favor of the Spring Cleaning idea as presented by Mr. Walters. Council is in favor, therefore, the entire month of May, dumpsters will be made available to the residents.

Mr. Vojtush asked that the residents be given at least one week notice prior to sewer jetting.

Mr. Walters stated he would give notice will try to get signs to notify residents.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN HIPPS, stated he would like to have Resolutions 2014-13 and 2014-14 presented at this time.

Resolution 2014-13 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Appointment Of Anthony Bocskey To The Planning Commission

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes.

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2014-14 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Appointment of Chad Bradley To The Planning Commission

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 6 ayes.

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 6 ayes

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014, the new members will be sworn-in prior to the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN**, stated the Committee had met tonight, then asked Mr. Bryan to read Ordinance 2014-20.

Ordinance 2014-20 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Approving The Payment Of Bills For The Month Of March 2014, in the amount of \$33,140.61

A motion for approval was made by Nick Magistrelli, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

Mr. Bryan then read the January and February 2014 reports as presented by the Mayor's Court Clerk.

Mayor's Court report for January 2014 totaled \$13,732.78, moved by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

Mayor's Court report for February 2014, totaled \$16,116.60, moved by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes.

- B. ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC** had nothing to report

- C. HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH**, had nothing to report.

- D. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS**, asked Mr. Bryan to read Resolution 2014-16

Resolution 2014-16 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Accept A Gift Of Three Lots On Heights Avenue From Summit County.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes

- E. WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI** had no report.

- F. FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE** had nothing to report

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2014-15 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 869 Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Secondhand Dealers

Mr. Bryan recommended that the Legislation go on 2nd reading so that the Police Department can deliver copies to the affected business for their comments.

MR. Magistrelli asked if there were issues that this legislation was necessary. Chief Wentz explained that yes, items had been sold by one of the business' that may have been stolen items

Council agrees to allow the Legislation to go to 2nd reading

Resolution 2014-17 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor’s Appointment Of Diane Gacom As An Assistant With the Village’s Finance Department

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, passed with 6 ayes.

A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2014-18 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor’s Appointment of Patricia LeWalk-Ingrassia As The Interim Director Of Finance.

Mr. Bryan explained in speaking with Mrs. Ingrassia, the 1st month may need to be increased to 100 hours, Mr. Bryan would like to amend the Legislation from 80 hours to 100 hours

A motion to amend to 100 hours in section 1 was made by Linda Bowen, seconded by Nick Magistrelli, passed with 6 ayes

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2014-19 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution to Make Temporary Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures OF The Village For The Period From April 1, 2014 Through June 30, 2014

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush, seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, passed with 6 ayes

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walters had texted Mary Volny to add the May Clean-up to the Village News Letter, she wants to know about the Community Garage Sale. Mr. Walters suggested the last weekend in May, as the residents clean-up can get their items ready for the sale.

Council agreed to hold the Community Garage Sale on May 30, 31 and June 1.

Mr. Vojtush announced that Chick-Fil-A was holding a fund raiser tomorrow, 15% off with coupon to benefit a friend of his wife’s that was injured.

Mr. Magistrelli announced that his 8th Grandchild was born

Mrs. Greenlee expressed everyone’s speedy recovery to Mayor Nehez.

A motion for adjournment at 8:35 p.m. was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Monica James
Clerk of Council