

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 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, Mary Volny, John Schlueter, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, and Finance Director Monica James were also present. Councilperson Beatrice Greenlee, village engineer Richard Wasosky, and Fire Chief Jason Buss were not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor asked for approval of the March 13, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

A motion for approval was made by Karyn Selle seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee absent.

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

### **Resolution 2013-36 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment Of Patrick Ahern As A Part-Time Police Officer**

A motion was made by Mr. Bolek seconded by Mary Volny to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee absent.

### **Resolution 2013-37 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment Of Spencer Sabelli A Part-Time Police Officer**

A motion was made by John Bolek, seconded by Mary Volny to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek, seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent

Mr. Ahern and Mr. Sabelli were sworn-in and photographs were taken.

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Mr. Howard Shafron introduced Mr. Tom Krysiak, Of H.P. Technologies, Inc., Mr. Krysiak briefly explained that he is an Energy Consultant, he helps business' save money on their electric and gas bills. Mr. Krysiak presented two articles that show the future increases to gas and electric.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated that he met again with the track and should have the final details by next week for providing police and fire coverage.

**B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES** stated that she met with Mike Tryon last week, he presented an update of how the upcoming changes to Healthcare will affect the Village. Because the Village has had no major changes to the existing plan, in the last 2 years, we are grandfather in for many of the changes. However the Village will have to pay the \$65.00 per person next year. This fee is to help cover the cost for those that do not have Healthcare coverage.

Council asked Mrs. James to follow-up with Mr. Tryon, when renewal of Healthcare was being discussed with the Unions, discussion was to hold monthly or quarterly meetings on various Healthcare topics. Council would like to begin scheduling these.

**C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY** – was not present.

**D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** – no report

## **E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- 1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz, left after the swearing-in of the new police officers.**
- 2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss** was not present
- 3. Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters** – see attached report

Mayor Nehez stated that once the new building is complete, he would like to schedule an open house of all the buildings, in conjunction with presentation of memorials.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**A. PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE** stated the next meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of April.

**B. CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE,** was not present.

**C. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated the next meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of April at 7:30 p.m.

**D. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated the next meeting is April 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Volny stated that she had received a call from a resident asking if a swimming pool could be constructed at Smith Park.

Council and Mr. Walters stated that there have been discussions in the past for the Village to take over the pool at Lincoln Apartments. But due to the high maintenance and liability of owning a pool, the idea has always been rejected.

However suggestion was made that a small pond could be constructed.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. FINANCE, JOHN BOLEK** stated the Finance Committee did meet tonight, the OTAS system appears that it will work very well for our needs. Also, it was decided that the Finance Committee will sign the lower portion of the checks as an acknowledgement of review. Mr. Bolek further explained that since

the procedure for Purchase Order will somewhat changed, the Finance Director will obtain a stamp, that the Finance Committee can check and sign if there is no Purchase Order attached.

Resolution 2013-43 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of: March 2013 in the amount of \$56,437.59.

A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle to approve, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

Mayor stated that in regards to the Budget, everyone did a good job staying within budget. Mayor asked if new legislation needed to be adopted since the copy machine came in under budget. Mr. Walters was able to secure a copier for \$800.00, way under the allotted \$7,000.00.

Mr. Bryan stated that the legislation read, not to exceed \$7,000.00, therefore new legislation not needed.

Mr. Bolek stated the next Finance Committee meeting is April 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

- B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, stated that the test bores were completed on Route 8 and Houghton.
- C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee**, was absent
- D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Karyn Selle**, had nothing to report
- E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, Linda Bowen**, had nothing to report.
- F. **FIRE AND SAFETY, Mary Volny**, had nothing to report.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

Ordinance 2013-32 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 stated that have received the signed notices from Nordonia Schools and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. This legislation will go on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for next meeting.

Resolution 201-35 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Appointment Of Joshua Harter As Part-Time Employee With The Service Department.

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by Karyn Selle to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny for passage, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee, was absent

Resolution 2013-38 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth The Appropriations For The Fiscal Year 2013 And Submitting The Same To The County Fiscal Officer

Mr. Bolek appreciated the co-operation between all the departments, especially with the Village receipts, down by \$600,000.00. Mr. Bolek stated that will still be a few years before we see any income from the Racino.

Mrs. Volny stated the Finance Director, Monica James did a good job. This budget was more difficult due to the implementation of the new Accounting Software. With the new OTAS system, should be better next year.

Mr. Bolek agrees that next year will have a better grasp on the numbers because of the system.

A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

#### Ordinance 2013-39 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1262.05 of the Planning And Zoning Code Relating To Permit Fees

Mr. Bryan stated this will go on the next agenda as a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, some members of Council have expressed a need for further research. Mr. Bryan also stated that some items have not changed since the 1960's.

#### Ordinance 2013-40 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 1040.01, 1040.03 and 1040.05 Of The Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code Relating To Water Line Permit And Tap-In Fees

Mr. Bryan stated again, that this will go on the next agenda as a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

#### Ordinance 2013-41 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 1042.04 and 1042.05 Of The Streets, Utilities And Public Services Code Relating To Sewer Line Tap-In, Bond And Inspection Fees.

Mr. Bryan stated that this will also be a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Bryan stated that in speaking with Jason Walters, Mr. Walters has spoken to other communities and this just brings us more in line with the other communities.

#### Resolution 2013-42 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Amending The Rate Of Pay For The Fire Chief

Mr. Bryan stated that this will decrease the overall pay of the Fire Chief, the last Chief made about fifty percent more than current.

Mayor Nehez also advised that this will make the position more administrative.

A motion was made by John Bolek, seconded by Mary Volny to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny for passage, passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent

### **OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Volny stated that this would be the last week for the Lenten Fish Fries at the VFW.

Congratulation from all was given to Cody Walters for the Great Job he did Wrestling this season, and at the finals in Iowa

A reminder that the community Garage Sale will be held May 31 and June 1, all permit fees will be waived and need to decide on a marker so that those coming, will know what homes are participating. Something should go on the website announcing the Garage Sale and reminding residents to register.

A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle for adjournment at 8:40 p.m., passed with 5 ayes, Beatrice Greenlee was absent.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council