

# **The Village of Northfield**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **April 11, 2012**

Mayor Jesse Nehez called the meeting to order at 7:35PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by Administrative Assistant Lisa Rodriguez, with the following Councilpersons present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Schlueter, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Police Chief Mark Wentz were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the March 28, 2012 council meeting minutes. Mary Volny asked for a correction to be made on the second page, from "repaired" to "prepared". A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Schlueter to accept the amended minutes as submitted. The motion carried with 6 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, Don Young, owner of Mixers spoke to Council regarding the rumors that have been going around about his business. He stated that they have an open door and they are not trying to hide anything or do anything illegal and are following every state law plus some laws he has implemented his self. He stated that he has had various people out to see the establishment and he has had nothing but complements. He stated that over the years he has only had the police at his establishment twice. Mr. Young stated that he tried to run a clean place, enforce a dress code and invited Mayor Nehez and Council to stop and check out their establishment and there is no private back room despite the false allegations. John Bolek stated that he has had quite a few complaints about how young the girl looks in the advertisement for Mixers, that was in Scene magazine. Mr. Young stated that is the first time he has heard that, and that advertisement is over.

Carol Zeyman stated that she asked Finance Director William Day for a public record request. She stated that she made the request in January 2012 and she spoke with Mr. Day at the end of February or beginning of March. Ms. Zeyman stated that Mr. Day told her that he was moving into a new position, she stated that she understood and can appreciate Mr. Day getting acclimated to the position, but she stated that request still stood. Ms. Zeyman stated that she and Brad Bryan had mutual requests back and forth. Brad Bryan stated that he did follow up on that because someone asked him a question about the request, but didn't know about the request until it was brought to his attention. Brad Bryan stated that he asked Mr. Day about this request and he stated that the request was withdrawn, that he was told by someone that the request wasn't necessary any more, and that Ms. Zeyman had the information that she needed, and Brad stated that Mr. Day told him to not worry about it. Ms. Zeyman stated that she had no information, the request was not withdrawn, but she stated that she would take pressure off since she understands the situation where you want to get acclimated to a position. Brad Bryan asked Ms. Zeyman to forward the request to him and he will handle it as soon as he can. She stated that the request was for financial statements and carryover balances to the county.

Bill Roemer of Summit County Council at-large just stopped by to see how things have been going in the Village and get in touch with some of the issues facing the Northfield Village and northern Summit County. Mr. Roemer complimented the residents on the turn out at the Council meeting.

Mayor Nehez reported that he is delighted at what is going on at Northfield Park in regards to the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel, and that it has been in the works for awhile and finally coming to fruition. Mayor Nehez read the press release he submitted to the newspapers.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached). Mr. Wasosky asked for a motion to be made by Council to authorize the Village Engineer to make boring samples for the Ledge Rd. reconstruction project not to exceed \$2,980.00. A motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan had no report.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (see attached) Chief Wentz thanked Anita Swensen for all of her hard work and time she puts in with everything she does to help anyone who asks her in the Village. Chief Wentz stated that Anita Swensen filed and alphabetized 16 lateral file cabinets of records for the police department into the new cabinets. Mayor Nehez stated that she would be good for the records retention committee. Chief Wentz asked Council to give him a date when he can have Detective Rude from Summit County Sheriff's Sexual Offenders Unit come and speak about 20 minutes before a Council meeting and explain the offenders registry. John Bolek thanked Chief Wentz about the research that he did on the sexual offender who is living 133 ft away from the County Group home here in the Village. John Bolek stated that the law needs to be changed, so he has been in contact with State Representative, Lynn Slaby and State Senator Frank LaRose to see if they would sponsor some

legislation regarding these matters. John Bolek stated that there is nothing that we can do about this right now. John Bolek had the service department go and get some quick measurements and found out that the apartments on Lincoln are within 1,000ft of group home.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Mayor Nehez stated that the Recreation Board met on April 5<sup>th</sup>. John Bolek gave the report and stated that they will be focusing on Village signs and landscaping cleanup. John Bolek stated that they will contact different organizations to help with cleanup such as Boy Scouts or honor society and any other group that needs community service, along with residents to have a day to clean up the all Village parks. John Bolek stated that they will be putting together a pamphlet to present to Council. Mayor Nehez stated that the next Recreation Board meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

Mayor Nehez stated that the Charter Review Commission met on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Brad Bryan stated that was the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and they discussed the drafts from the first meeting and they made some revisions. Brad Bryan stated that he prepared the amendment and they are hoping that the first meeting in May will be the last Charter Review Commission meeting since they are hoping to have everything completed. Karyn Selle asked Brad Bryan what the deadline was for putting charter amendments on the ballot. Brad Bryan stated that the time frame is 90 days prior to election day.

Mayor Nehez stated that they are putting together a records retention board consisting of himself, the Law Director, the Finance Director and one resident. Brad Bryan stated that the Village does have records policy currently and there are certain requirements under state law that the Ohio historical society have an opportunity to save some of the records before they are destroyed. Brad Bryan stated that we can also make some modifications and improvements to the policies.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance Committee stated that there will be a Finance meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mary Volny, of the Health and Welfare Committee had no report.

John Bolek of the Building and Grounds Committee previously gave his report regarding the Recreation Board.

John Schlueter, of the Wages and Working Committee stated that they are working on a couple things, but had no report.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report.

Beatrice Greenlee stated that she went to the cemetery meeting last night and the next meeting regarding the budget will be in Macedonia.

Beatrice Greenlee stated that April 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Village Hall will be the block watch kick off with refreshments.

Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-27 an emergency Ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; to approve, adopt, enact and publish new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; and to repeal ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Schlueter and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Mary Volny and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-28, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Monica James to the position of Director of Finance.

A motion to go into executive session was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, for personnel. It carried with 6 ayes.

A motion go come out of executive session was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 6 ayes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. with a motion by John Bolek and seconded by Linda Bowen and passed with 6 ayes.

**Respectfully Submitted by;**

**Attest:**

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Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council