

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 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, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Jason Buss and Service/Building Supervisor Jason Walters Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky and Finance Director Monica James were also present. Chief Mark Wentz was not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 29 and May 8, 2013**

A motion for approval of the April 29, 2013 minutes was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 4 ayes, Linda Bowen and Beatrice Greenlee abstained.

A motion for approval of the May 8, 2013 minutes was made by Karyn Selle seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek abstained

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

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky stated that at Noon, today, the bids for the installation of the traffic lights at the intersections of Northfield Road and Filly Lane, Vincent Ave., and Sagamore Road were opened and read aloud. A total of 7 bids were received, one had to be rejected because they did not have the proper documentation. The 2 lowest bids had a difference of \$1700.00.

Mr. Wasosky recommended to Council to accept the bid from Perrum Electric. Mr. Wasosky also stated that as of now, have not received agreement from Walton Hills nor the Track.

Mr. Bryan stated that both Walton Hills and the Racetrack have verbally agreed to the installation.

A motion was made by Karyn Selle to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract and to accept the bid of Perrum Electric in the amount of \$442,485.00, pending Racetrack and Walton Hills present written agreements, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

Mr. Wasosky will present Legal Council will a list of all bidders.

Robert Riedel, former finance director of the Village of Northfield. Mr. Riedel asked the Mayor, Law Director and Finance Director, what is going on with the 2010-2011 State Audit. He spoke to the Auditor's of Varney, Fink and Associates and he checked on the State Auditor's website, nothing has been posted. Mr. Riedel questions Mr. Bryan regarding information that was posted in the News Leader. Mr. Riedel also asked Mrs. James about figures that were stated yet do not agree with the Finance Report as posted on the Village Website.

Maxine Jones is the Chairman of the Board of the Senior Center. Ms. Jones stated that everyone has a wonderful time when they attend. A list of scheduled activities is available

Mayor Nehez and Mrs. Greenlee advised the activities are posted on the Village's website.

Ms. Jones, thanked the Village for their support and looks forward to many more months at the Senior Center.

Mr. Jim Simsack, lives in Eaton Estates, neighbors behind him live on May Ave., stated that due to safety issues, the Village should ban open burning. Every year he must put up with the smoke and smell.

Mr. Bolek stated that State Law does allow cooking fires.

Mayor asked if Mr. Simsack has contact the police or made any type of former complaint.

Chief Buss stated that a fire can be 3foot max diameter, if anything bigger to please call the fire department, would be happy to come out and investigate.

Mr. Simsack stated that he does not have a problem with people sitting around a small fire but these appear to be quite large.

Jason Walters asked Mr. Simsack is the location near the bend, is so, this is a problem area and will look into the matter with the Police and Fire Departments.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated that he had nothing to report

**B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES** stated:

1. Update on the installation of the new phone system, is complete. At this time, we are working on getting the small issues cleaned up. The phones will go mute, Village employee can still hear the caller but the caller cannot hear the Village Employee. Mrs. James advised that it usually will come back in about a minute.
2. Chief Buss and Jay Mutter are discussing the addition of phone lines to the Fire Department
3. Asked Council if/when they would like to meet with Mike Tryon to receive updates on Healthcare issues the Village may be dealing with in the future.  
Council would like to hold a work session.
4. The Village updated our affiliation with UH Corporate Health, they have sent notification of periodic webcast discussion of various health issues and notice of a 5k walk/run coming up on June 23, Mrs. James will forward this information to Department Supervisors to pass along to the employees

**C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY** – will be present at next meeting

**D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** stated that the Garbage Bid Package is ready, is being proofed at this time, ad will run next week, with opening on June 24.

**E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, was not present

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

Mr. Bolek asked Chief Buss what type of service was going to be preformed on the vehicle.

Chief Buss advised would be fluids, oil change, and minor service. Ladders were tested earlier in the

Year

Mrs. Volny asked what type of violations were being found at the Ledge Road Apartments

Chief Buss advised, faulty smoke detectors or not enough, emergency exit lights not working

Mr. Bolek asked if Ledge Road and Lincoln Apartments were owned by the same person

Chief Buss stated yes.

3. **Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters**, see attached report.

Mrs. Volny asked about the hole in the driveway of 199 Ledge

Mr. Walters explain need to replace the sewer pipe under the driveway

Mrs. Volny stated that at this time 26 residents have signed up for the Garage Sale

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

- A. PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE** asked if there was a reason to plan a meeting.  
Brad Bryan and Richard Wasosky stated no.
- B. CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE**, stated the Flags will be placed on the Veteran's graves on Friday at 7 p.m.
- C. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated they have been working on planting flowers at various Village properties, Village Hall, parks, Fire Department, etc.
- D. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated they were finished for the year

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. FINANCE, JOHN BOLEK** stated the committee met tonight to review invoices for payment.

Ordinance 2013-58 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment Of Bills For The Month Of April 2013, in the amount of \$142,440.74

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

Next meeting will be on June 12, at 7:00 p.m.

- B. ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, asked why parking was only allowed on one side of the street.  
Mr. Walters explained that cannot park on the fire hydrant side of a street  
Mr. Schlueter further explained where he lives, residents must park on the same side as the mailboxes, and then the mail delivery weaves in and out to get to the mailbox.  
Mr. Walters stated that he has spoken to Lt. Mackie about this, may need to discuss with Post Master General and have mailboxes moved to the other side.  
  
Mrs. Volny asked about residents mowing lawns and blowing grass into street.  
Mr. Walters and Sgt. Zolcus stated this is not permitted and the Police should be notified to respond.  
Sgt. Zolcus suggested a notice in the newspaper to alert residents.  
Mrs. Volny stated she would put something in the Village Newsletter
- C. HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee**, advised Mr. Bryan that she would like to be present at the June 25 meeting.  
Mr. Bryan stated meeting would begin at 11:30 a.m.
- D. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Karyn Selle**, stated that the Garden Club had weeded and cleaned up the Fire Department
- E. WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, Linda Bowen**, had nothing to report
- F. FIRE AND SAFETY, Mary Volny**, reminded Council that Chief Wentz would like to have the hiring of Patrick Pizzuli on the next agenda.

## **LEGISLATION:**

Ordinance 2013-56 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1442.46 and 1490.04 Of The Building Code Relating To Rain Barrel Connections To Gutters

This ordinance is regarding the credit that residents can receive on their water and sewer bills

Council would like to go to 3 readings

Resolution 2013-57 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement With The Village Of Walton Hills For Traffic Signals To Be Erected At Northfield Road And Sagamore Road

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes

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

Resolution 2013-59 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Northfield Park Associates pertaining to the installation of traffic signals at Northfield Road and Filly Lane, Northfield Road and Vincent Ave, and Northfield Road and Sagamore Road.

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

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

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

Mrs. Volny stated that she had received information from the American Cancer Society asking for a donation, as we have done in the past.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Linda Bowen to donate \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society.

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

Motion failed

Mary Volny reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27, 2013. The VFW will hold the Ceremony at the Northfield Macedonia Cemetery after the Parade, then everyone is invited to a luncheon at the VFW. There will be another Ceremony at All Saints Cemetery around 1:00 p.m.

Karyn Selle stated the Blockwatch will hold a public information event at Smith Park on June 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

John Schlueter reminded everyone to have a small paragraph ready for the Village Newsletter by June 15

Linda Bowen stated that she has received several complaints due to no return envelopes being sent with the sewer maintenance invoices.

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny for adjournment at 8:27 p.m., passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council