

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge Of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Clerk of Council, Tim Clymer. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Gary Vojtush, Alan E. Hipps and Nicholas Magistrelli. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Superintendent and Building and Zoning Inspector Jason Walters were also in attendance. Police Chief Mark Wentz was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes for the Council meeting of June 24, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Bowen and seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor of approval, Motion passed.

PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL: PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Char Bowser expressed her concern about cars disregarding the stop sign at Milford and Cranbrook. Chief Wentz and Lt. Mackie will be advised of the situation. Ms. Bowser also congratulated everyone on the new roads. Chad Bradley also expressed his concerns about stop signs and that vehicles are parking too close to the stop sign. Jason Walters advised some of the vehicles are from construction crews and they will do their best to control the problem. Joe Buzalewski commended the Mayor and Council on the construction company and road work on Cranbrook Road. He also asked when the other half of Cranbrook gets done if the can park on Milford and at the playground for those who don't want to park on the street. Jason Walters advised they are going to let them park there, and he will communicate with the police for extra patrol. Jim Daugherty introduced himself and stated he submitted a resume for the vacant Ward B Council seat. He stated he has lived in the Village 26 years and was on Council in the 90's. Jack Morgan asked what is going on with the 9-1-1 system. He advised he called three weeks ago to report a garage fire and had to call three times before they answered with no problems. Mayor Nehez advised this is the first time he has heard there is a problem. Chief Jason Buss advised we contract with Macedonia for dispatch, and he will look into it. Bill Roemer, the Chairman for Fair Districts for Summit County, advised that he, along with a bipartisan committee, are promoting initiative legislation that would require a more logical redistricting of the Summit County Council Districts and additionally have a nonpartisan commission do the redistricting in the future. 15,000 signatures are needed to put this issue on the ballot. Mr. Roemer will be available after the meeting for any input or questions and if anyone wants to sign the petition. Mr. Roemer also introduced John Bruce, a 2015 Nordonia Hills graduate who is a candidate for the Nordonia Hills City School Board. John Bruce shared his interest in serving on the School Board and advised he has his petition if anyone was interested in signing it.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Village will receive another million dollars from the State. \$500,000 at the end of this year, and the other \$500,000 the following year. Council and Mayor Nehez will meet in the next couple weeks to discuss what road projects are going to be next.

FINANCE REPORT: Tim Clymer has two Resolutions, 2015-51 the Pay resolution and 2015-52 for the tax budget to be submitted to the County. Mr. Clymer advised it is not the actual budget, it is a document used by the County to verify on their end that we need the property tax millage that we normally get from the County. Mr. Clymer also reported he is still working on getting quotes for a new copy machine for Village Hall.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report attached) Richard Wasosky gave an update on the Cranbrook Road project.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brad Bryan read the Mayor's Court Dispersal for the month of June 2015 (report attached). Motion for acceptance by Councilwoman Bowen, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor of acceptance.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz- no report.

Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss- Full time Firemen started July 5. We are down one fire engine. The newer of the two engines is in for repair with an electrical problem.

Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters- The Service Department is still working on the catch basins on Cranbrook Road. The street sign project is almost complete. Jason also discussed other roads that need to be re-done/repared. The painting of the fence on Magnolia is complete. Two of the summer help employees will be leaving around mid August.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- The party at the park went great; there was a great turnout. The Recreation Board will not meet again until September.

CEMETARY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- A truck was purchased, so the cemetery will be doing their own plowing.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE, LINDA BOWEN- Councilwoman Bowen asked Law Director Brad Bryan to read Emergency Resolution 2015-47 to pay bills for the month of July 2015 in the amount of \$186,941.33. Motion for approval by Councilwoman Bowen, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed. Councilwoman Bowen advised the next finance meeting will be August 26, 2015 at 6:30pm.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: - Councilman Hipps advised they will be scheduling a work session.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH - No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS- Work session will be scheduled.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI - No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2015-40 - An emergency ordinance amending section 220.02(a) of the Codified Ordinances relating to the business of Council. 3rd Reading. Motion to pass by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2015-46 - An emergency ordinance amending section 222.01 of the Codified Ordinances relating to posting places. 2nd reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-48-An emergency resolution declaring the month of August 2015 kids month in the County of Summit and Village of Northfield. - 1st reading. Motion to suspend three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-49 - An emergency resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2016 Ford Interceptor utility vehicle for the Police Department use. 1st reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, second by Council President Greenlee, all in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-50 - An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract for renewal of the Village's insurance policies with Argonaut Insurance Company through McGowan Governmental UW. 1st reading. Motion to suspend three reading rule made by Councilman Magistrelli, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-52 - An emergency resolution adopting the tax budget of the Village of Northfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and submitting the same to the County Fiscal Officer. 1st reading. Motion to suspend three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. Councilpersons Greenlee, Bowen, Magistrelli and Hipps in favor, Councilman Vojtush opposed. Motion passed. Motion to pass by made by Councilwoman Bowen, second by Council President Greenlee. Councilpersons Greenlee, Bowen, Magistrelli and Hipps in favor. Opposed by Councilman Vojtush. Resolution is passed 4-1.

Resolution 2015-53 - An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 2015-2016 Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of understanding for job creation and retention and tax revenue sharing. 1st reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Bowen, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS; Mr. Buzalewski asked about the sound system for Council Chambers. He was advised they did get bids. Cost is a factor, they are still looking. Jason Walters advised he will talk to the Village Electrician to see if he can take on this task.

NEW BUSINESS; Council President Greenlee asked all Council if they received a copy of the resumes of those interested in filling the vacant Council seat. All Council had copies. Councilman Hipps nominated Jim Daugherty, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Mr. Jim Daugherty is appointed to the Council seat. Arrangements for Mr. Daugherty to get sworn in will be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; Mr. Buzalewski asked about the shredding. He was advised it ended at 8pm tonight. Mr. Buzalewski advised he and his neighbor knew nothing about the shred day. Jason Walters advised him it was in the News Leader, in the Village News Letter that comes with the sewer bill, and it was posted online and on the front board outside of Village Hall. Jason Walters advised he can take his documents to the shred location, and they will shred the paperwork on site.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion for adjournment was made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Timothy Clymer
Clerk of Council