

Village of Northfield

Regular Council Meeting

August 8, 2012

Mayor Jesse J. Nehez called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call was taken by Finance Director Monica James with the following present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Schlueter and John Bolek. Linda Bowen was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan and Service, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the July 25, 2012 regular council meeting minutes. A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances Adrian Smith from Rumpke showed the trash and recycle bins that could be made available to the residents, and this is optional. Mr. Smith said that there are pros and cons of the toters and especially for the senior citizens.

Mayor Nehez reported that he has been in contact with Brock Milstein of Northfield Park as is moving forward with the plans.

Finance Director Monica James reported that the auditors will be here Monday of next week and should finish by the end of the week.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached) Rich asked Brad to prepare for Council a ordinance pertaining to alternative actions for post-construction water quality runoff requirements.

Law Director Brad Bryan reported that there will be five pieces of legislation on the next agenda.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (See attached) Mayor Nehez stated what a tremendous job the police department did with regards to the incident on Monday. Chief Wentz stated that none of this fell on Macedonia, it fell on the alarm company and the bank employees followed the proper protocol that the bank has set in place. Chief Wentz stated that they do have a suspect and they are working with another department who had a similar bank robbery. Mayor Nehez thanked all of the departments involved for their combined effort. John Bolek stated that many of his neighbors received the reverse 911 calls and many didn't and the residents were concerned.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report. Asked Council where they are in the process with the purchase of a first responder and the fire department pay raises. Mayor Nehez said that they would meet with Chief Vojtush at a later date, for him to contact Mayor Nehez. Mary Volny stated that she has heard Mayor Nehez, at council meetings, ask Chief Vojtush to schedule a meeting with him and she asked Chief Vojtush if he had schedule a meeting over two months ago. Chief Vojtush said he had one meeting where they discussed the third man and pay raises and then he had a meeting with Monica and hasn't heard anything since. Karyn Selle asked if the third man was put on after he had discussions with Monica. Chief Vojtush said that they never quit the third man. Mayor Nehez stated to Chief Vojtush to set a time with him for these discussions.

John Bolek thanked the fire department for their quick response to his neighbors house for a propane grill tank fire.

Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters had no report. John Bolek thanked the service department for making the area safe with regards to the hornet nest in the tree lawn area.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission said that the race track is on the agenda for August 15th at 7:30pm for discussions.

John Bolek asked Brad about the brown tarp house and the lot splitting. Brad said that if the building is down then we can consider to split the lot, we are not required to do anything further at this point.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Cemetery Board had nothing to report.

Mayor Nehez said that the Recreation Board had a meeting and discussed signage.

Mayor Nehez stated that there was no report for the Charter Review Commission.

Linda Bowen of the Finance Committee was absent. Beatrice Greenlee stated that there will be Finance Committee meeting on August 22, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Karyn Selle of the Roads and Public Works Committee asked if the legislation that Rich Wasosky had proposed about the pollution would fall into Roads and Public Works Committee meeting. Brad said yes, Health and Welfare and also Roads and Public Works.

Mary Volny of the Health and Welfare Committee reported that they cancelled today's Health and Welfare Committee meeting due to Sgt. Zolgu being on vacation. They will reschedule the meeting for discussion on the insurance quotes.

John Bolek of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that Ordinance 2012-47 is a long term purchase on Ledge Rd for the Village but has not heard any of the public come forward either for or against this purchase. John Bolek stated that there were two phone calls from residents as to why not to purchase this property. Brad Bryan stated this purchase is to protect the equipment purchases the Village has.

John Schlueter of the Wages and Working Committee had no report.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had nothing to report.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-47, *third reading*-an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with the Jellisons regarding the 199 Ledge Road Property. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. John Bolek said he has received some complaints about the appraised value and the county appraisal and stated that everyone's values are different. John Bolek stated that there are very few properties in the Village that meet the requirements we need. John Bolek said that it is an investment in the long term of the Village. It carried with 5 aye votes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-52, *third reading*-an emergency Ordinance amending, repealing, or establishing sections 1220, 1270, 1272, and 1278 of the zoning code relating to the c-1 zoning district, conditionally permitted special uses, and the authority of the Planning Commission related thereto. Mayor Nehez asked Brad to explain why we do not have to go to the voters with this Ordinance. Brad said that if the village is reclassification zoning from one zoning to another then it needs to go to the voters. Brad said in this case we are just making some minor requirements for the c1 zoning that are not present right now to protect the Village and the surrounding residents going forward. There were some amendments made to page 7 amendment 4, there was a typo and page 8 amendment 5 section c, 2 was added in. A motion for the amendments in version three was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek, it carried with 5 aye votes.

John Bolek said he is very happy with all of the work D. B. Hartt has done on this documentation.

In the old or new business, John Schlueter asked when the work would be started in his Ward on the streets. Mayor Nehez said that all depends on the track. John Schlueter asked if it would all be made new like on May Ave. Rich Wasosky said that if the Village gets money in December from the State, and also June of 2013, the project could begin as early as April next year if we have the check in hand. Rich said they would tear out the complete asphalt street and replace with new, replace the catch basins and drains and put in new concrete aprons. John Schlueter said he would like to send a letter to residents in his ward concerning their aprons being replaced and the time frame, so the residents are aware that somewhere in the future these may be replaced. Mayor asked if the resident just replaces their apron, and then the Village does the road repairs, is it possible to work around the apron. Rich said in Garfield Heights they have done that but it looks bad and isn't worth the effort. Jason said that the resident would be told by us when they apply for the permit.

Rich said that the road projects will start at the Plaza working from the east, which is Cranbrook and towards the west. Then work on the presidential streets going east. Mayor Nehez asked Rich to explain why work on two shorter roads instead of one road. Rich said that two shorter roads roughly amount to the cost of one long road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm. with a motion made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek, carried with 5 aye votes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

Clerk of Council