

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to amend the August 27th, 2014 minutes was made by Linda Bowen to add in response that was said by Linda stating that she was aware that he doesn't live here in the village and that statement goes back to when Victor Milani was Mayor. A second to amend the minutes was made by Nick Magistrelli, carried with 4 aye votes, 1 abstain from Beatrice Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by for approval of the August 27, 2014 minutes was made by Alan Higgs and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 4 ayes, 1 abstain from Beatrice Greenlee.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

A speaker, Lori Pesci from Summit County Executive Russ Pry's office who is the Senior Administrator for Public Safety to speak about Issue 12 sales tax increase.

Katie of MDA, spoke about the "Fill The Boot Program" that the Village Fire department held over Labor day weekend this year and raised \$10,442.00 for MDA. Katie stated that this money stays local due to the local chapters that the MDA has even though they are a national organization. Katie presented Captain Colt Eberling with a plaque to thank the Village on behalf of MDA for their participation. Colt thanked everyone that works for the Village, Mayor, Council, Dept. Heads and also ODOT, and stated this was something the Village did as a whole. Lt. Joseph Zemek presented Katie of MDA with a donation check of \$10,442.18 that they raised during their fundraiser. Firefighters Jason Bocskey and Paul Celinski were also on hand for the presentation. Mayor Nehez thanked everyone involved with the fundraiser and stated that it is a very good cause.

Resident, Tim Walters asked why the agenda was online and not the legislation, because he said it would be nice if residents could review the legislation that was going to be discussed at each meeting prior to the meeting. Mayor asked Lisa Rodriguez and she said that she emailed the webmaster, but there has been something wrong with email lately and will look into it. Mayor Nehez said he will speak with the webmaster.

Resident of 9121 Cranbrook Ave., Doris Wolfe asked if the rumors were true that the curbs were going to be made out of asphalt? Rich Wasosky stated that never was a fact, they will be concrete and that is the only type of curb that has been talked about. Next Doris asked if the park that is proposed to be next door on Route 8 could be moved to behind the fire department away from the highway. Brad stated that the land behind the fire department is not the Village's property and park is not the word that should be used, since the building has been taken down it will be used as green space as supposed to a parking lot. Linda Bowen stated that it would be like Northfield Center. Brad stated there would be a gazebo and some benches and plants, nothing of much expense. Doris asked if the recreation and parks committee was going to be disbanded? Mayor Nehez stated no, they just had a meeting last Thursday. Doris stated that she was never notified. Mayor said that Sheri Botta contacted everyone or left a message and he apologized to Doris. Nick Magistrelli stated that he attended the

meeting and Sheri said that she called everyone and left a message for two people, then waited at the town hall. Nick apologized as well to Doris.

Vicky Salsbury resident of Ledge Rd., spoke regarding the ATV ordinance. She asked to Mayor and Council who wrote this ordinance? She continued on, that Alan Hipps was the head on this piece of legislation and that the rest of Council would follow, is what she was told. Vicky stated yes everyone can agree that something needed to be done, but not ban them completely. Vicky said she will not back down and she will not take silence as an answer any more. Vicky stated that this is her third council meeting she has attended and gotten nowhere so she has looked for help elsewhere. She said that she made one phone call, left a voice mail and got three return calls from Kristina Roegner, who is a State Representative for Summit County. Vicky said that there is a right and a wrong and Council knows they are wrong.

Resident Jack Morgan spoke regarding his support of the ATV ordinance and how he feels the Village should compromise with the residents.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ no report because a lot of items he wants to discuss are included in Jason Walters report for discussion.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER said that there is a Resolution up for consideration for Chestnut Ave for reconstruction. Tim stated that we don't have up to date monthly statements yet, but he does take comfort with the monies the Village has in the bank, and the tax collections are coming in nicely and because of that he told Mayor Nehez that he has comfort in taking the project on. Nick Magistrelli stated that as long as Tim is comfortable then Council feels comfortable, and they still do not want to delay any project in the future, and the Village would be fools not to do this project.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY, gave his report. (see attached) Mayor Nehez stated that he doesn't want to delay the future projects, and they will not delay projects even if they proceed with the Chestnut Ave., project. Rich stated that his recommendation to Mayor and Council is to proceed with the Chestnut Ave. project just due to the savings.

Mayor Nehez asked if prior to the Village putting up the stop sign at Roosevelt and Houghton would we put up signs. Rich stated yes, Jason will do that along with flashing beacons. Rich recommended 90 days notice.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN, had no report.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz, gave his report. (see attached)

2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss, had no report. Looking at rehiring an employee who left about two years ago, she had a career opportunity and moved, but now she is coming back here for school and he would like to rehire her.

3. Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters, gave his report. (see attached). Jason thanked the police for all of their support and help regarding matters. He also wanted to thank his employees because they make him look good and they work hard. Jason also stated that Lisa Rodriguez does a great job and thanked her for her hard work so that he is able to get out of the office on the job sites. Jason thanked the fire department as well for working hand and hand with his departments. Mayor Nehez stated that the residents on Vincent Ave., have noticed the work. Nick told Jason to make sure that he tells the guys. Nick Magistrelli, Alan Hipps and Beatrice Greenlee all thanked Jason and his employees of his departments, that they all take pride in their work.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS, had no report.

B. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ, stated that the board met last Thursday on September 4th and Nick Magistrelli attended. Nick stated that they are the nicest group of women who are a breath of fresh air and have a lot of ideas and plans for the Village. Nick said that there never was this board and we should have always had it according to the Charter, and it started with Mayor Nehez administration. Nick said that they need a date for santa. Chief Buss stated it is normally around the 2nd weekend in December. Mayor Nehez stated they want to set up pictures with santa and then a craft for the children to do. The group is trying to setup something for Thanksgiving and Christmas, Easter and then movie night in the parks. Nick stated that he feels that they are looking for some type of budget, nothing much, but he feels they need something to get these programs started. Mayor Nehez stated that he feels they should have about a \$1,000 budget to get these programs up and running, and he discussed this with Tim Clymer. Jason Walters stated that maybe they can use the funds from the grass cuttings. Nick stated to Mayor Nehez that he would like to attend more of these meetings if he is able. Mayor Nehez stated that the ladies on the Recreation Board are doing an outstanding job.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN, had Brad read the Northfield Village Mayors court monthly disbursal for July 2014 and a motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes. Brad read the Northfield Village Mayors court monthly disbursal August 2014, a motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes. Linda Bowen reported that the next Finance meeting will be September 24, 2014 at 6:30pm.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC no report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH, was absent. No one on the committee had anything to report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS, had no report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI had no report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE had no report.

LEGISLATION:

Brad read 2014-49, an emergency Ordinance amending sections 1444.01-1444.03 of the Point of Sale Exterior Inspection Ordinance. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, and passed with 5 aye votes.

Brad read 2014-50, an emergency Ordinance establishing Chapter 1446 of the Building and Housing Code relating to rental certificates for rented single-family dwellings. Brad suggested that Council take time to review this Ordinance. Council decided to put this on second reading at the September 24, 2014 Council meeting.

Brad read 2014-52, an emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 1490 of the Building and Housing code relating to maintenance standards. Brad suggested that Council take time to review this Ordinance. Council decided to put this on second reading at the September 24, 2014 council meeting.

Brad read 2014-51, an emergency Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Kokosing Construction Company Inc., for the milling and paving Chestnut Avenue from Electric Blvd., to Rte. 8. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic and carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Alan Hipps and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and passed with 5 aye votes.

OLD BUSINESS; None

NEW BUSINESS; Linda Bowen made the announcement that on September 17th at 6pm there will be a Block Watch meeting.

Mayor Nehez stated that he is participating in “Dunk The Mayor” at Hot Heads in Northfield Center to raise money for breast cancer and invited everyone to stop by.

Alan Hipps told everyone that he would be participating in the Molon Labe Crossfit workout to benefit the Battered Womens Shelter and invited everyone to stop in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;ADJOURNMENT -

A motion for adjournment a p.m. was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and passed with 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Lisa M. Rodriguez
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Clerk of Council