The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 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, Linda Bowen, Karyn Selle, and Beatrice Greenlee. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Finance Director Monica James, Police Chief Mark Wentz and Village Engineer Richard Wasosky were present. Service/Bldg Supervisor Jason Walters and Fire Chief Jason Buss were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to amend the minutes of August 28, 2013 was made by Karyn Selle seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 5 ayes.

A motion for approval of the August 28, 2013 minutes was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Mary Volny passed with 5 ayes.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Several Residents were present to voice their concerns about the condition of Cranbrook.

Mayor Nehez, Council, Law Director and Village Engineer explained that the repairs were contingent upon receipt of the one million dollars from the State due to the construction of the Racino. As of this date, that money has not been received. It was to have been received last December and since then, the communities have been postponed at least three times. The State has guaranteed receipt by October 31, 2013. The Village needs the money for this and other projects. The Village finances are sufficient for daily operation but there is no money for necessary projects. The Village must rely on outside financing such as Issue II or other Grants for bigger projects.

Some residents asked if the Village does not have money, why the building next door was purchased.

Mayor and Council explained that is for future development, looking at 10 years down the road, the opportunity presented itself and Council went for it.

Other residential concerns was the multiple garage sales at one home on Milford, they believe the home has had at least 6 this year. The cars parking on the road, cause traffic issues.

Mayor Nehez and Mary Volny stated Village Ordinance allows for three per year and permits must be obtained. The Village had two community garage sales which are not included in the three allowed.

Chief Wentz stated when complaints are called in, an officer does respond to investigate and have violators removed. Tickets are not issued because he feels it is not right to cite "visitors" and the moment that the violator and the police leave, someone else will arrive to take the spot. Chief Wentz further stated he would need to post a police officer at the scene the entire day to prevent the traffic issues.

Mayor and Council will meet with Building Supervisor to determine if a solution to can be found

Gary Vojtush stated as he is walking around campaigning for Ward C Councilperson, he is asked several questions that he cannot answer. One of these questions is why the ditches on Ledge Road have not been enclosed as the other ditches in the Village. And if the resident pays, can the Village fill in the ditch

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky stated that the other projects were completed with Issue II Grants and Permissive License Tax monies, and Ledge Road was not eligible for the work. Mr. Wasosky is not sure if the Village could perform the work if the resident paid but will look into it.

Because two residents had to be stopped when they reached the 5 minutes allotted, Council wants to remind residents that the 5 minutes allotted for speakers, is not always sufficient to have their questions answered. Therefore Council stated questions and concerns should be emailed to Mayor or Council, all email addresses can be found on the Village website.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. **MAYOR** JESSE J. NEHEZ stated there is a lot going on; he will have a complete report at a later date.

B. **FINANCE DIRECTOR** MONICA A. JAMES stated she along with Mrs. Greenlee met with Mike Tryon, and Mrs. Greenlee will give a synopsis later in the meeting. In addition Mrs. James has begun meeting with employees to assure they receive their copy of the information sheet regarding the Healthcare Market place. A copy must be received by all eligible and ineligible employees.

C. **ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY,** see attached report

D. **LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** had no report

E. **DEPARTMENT HEADS**:

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz,** see attached report. In addition, Chief Wentz stated he is concerned about the traffic issue with the construction and the job fair tomorrow. He has met with surrounding police departments and The Hard Rock. This will be a dress rehearsal for what might be expected when the Hard Rock opens in December.
2. **Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss,** was not present
3. **Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters,** was not present

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. **PLANNING COMMISSION**, KARYN SELLE, stated the Planning Commission did meet on August 21; one item of discussion was to have meetings more frequently. The next meeting will be on September 18 at 7:30 p.m.

B. **CEMETERY BOARD**, BEATRICE GREENLEE, had nothing to report. .

C. **RECREATION BOARD**, MAYOR NEHEZ, stated the planters in front of the Village Hall look beautiful, the women do a nice job. The next meeting is October 3 at 7:30 p.m.

D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**, MAYOR NEHEZ stated they were finished for the year. Brad Bryan stated notification of the information to be placed on the ballot would be included with the next sewer billing.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. **FINANCE, Karyn Selle** stated the Committee had met tonight and the next meeting would be on September 25 at 6:030 p.m.

Ordinance 2013-102 - 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment of Invoices for the 1st Half of September 2013 in the amount of $56,435.36.

A motion for passage was made by Karyn Selle seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 5 ayes.

A motion to accept the Mayor's Court Clerk's report for July 2013 was made by Karyn Selle seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 5 ayes.

A motion to accept the Mayor's Court Clerk's report for August 2013 was made by Karyn Selle seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 5 ayes.

B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, stated Mr. Wasosky gave a nice report updating us on the roads. Mr. Schlueter also stated Council had met with Mr. Walters for a work session prior to tonight's Council meeting. Mr. Schlueter would like to research further driveway issues, what is the best material for them to be made of, and meet again with Mr. Walters.

C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee,** see attached synopsis of the meeting with Mr. Tyron. A copy will also be given to each Council member.

D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Karyn Selle**, had nothing to report.

E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, Linda Bowen,** had nothing to report

F. **FIRE AND SAFETY, Mary Volny,** extended her congratulations to Det. Carlile for his award from the County, for his work on the rape case.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2013-101 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Amending Section 1610.13 Of The Fire Prevention Code Relating To Permits And Permit Fees.

Because Council would like to research this matter further, will be on 2nd reading next meeting

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

A General work session will be held on September 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor is accepting applications to fill the Council seat in Ward D, until September 23, 2013

Mary Volny and John Schlueter are working on the Newsletter. Once ready, a draft will be sent out for review by the Council members prior to the final draft being printed. This will be mailed with the sewer invoices.

Brad Bryan stated a Charter Draft will also be sent with the invoices

Linda Bowen stated the next Blockwatch is September 18.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Linda Bowen for adjournment at 8:33 p.m., passed with 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Volny
President of Council

Attest:

Monica James
Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ENGINEER'S REPORT – RICHARD S. WASOSKY, P.E., P.S.

September 11, 2013

Subject: Northfield Road and Houghton Road Sanitary Replacement Sewer
Comment: All of the 15 inch sanitary sewer and 12 inch sanitary sewer has been installed between Houghton Road and Filly Lane, and all connections have been made to the existing Magnolia, Heights, Summit, Kennedy, James Place and Racino sanitary sewers. The sewers have been televised, and a mandrel test has been done on each section of the completed sewer. The Contractor is currently restoring the trench pavement. The concrete base should be completed this week, and the asphalt should be completed next week. The sewer construction on Houghton Road should begin next week.

Subject: Summit Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Elm Pump Station Elimination
Comment: I received the signed contract document books back from DiGioia-Suburban Excavating, L.L.C. on Monday, September 9, 2013. I will set up a preconstruction meeting for 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the Service Department's office on Ledge Road, and I will issue the Notice to Proceed on September 18, 2013. Both Jason Walters and Chris While should attend the meeting.

Subject: Northfield Racino Traffic Signals
Comment: Perram Electric, Inc. has installed all of the traffic signal poles and handicapped ramps. The signal lights and wiring have not been installed. Invoices No. 1 and No. 2 have been paid to Perram. Invoice No. 3 for $52,371.00 was submitted for payment on September 3, 2013, and has not yet been paid.

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Police Department Report by Chief Mark Wentz

POLICE PERSONNEL:

- **OFFICER PATRICK PIZZULI** is still in the mix for a full-time position with Akron PD. Their background investigator met with Chief Wentz and his field training officers last week and reviewed his personnel file. As in the past, we would prefer to maintain the officer as a member of our department, but should he choose to accept their offer, if one is made, we understand the financial and security aspect of the situation.
- Former Northfield Village Police Officer, **ERIC GREGUS**, has turned in his paperwork for reinstatement as a part-time member of our department. As mentioned previously, Eric resigned in April 2012 to accept a full-time position with the Lorain County Sheriff's Office, but has since found it difficult to juggle his full-time position there, his own business, and his desire to complete his college degree. I am asking Council to approve his rehire and to pass his resolution for hire at the September 25th Council Meeting.

POLICE EQUIPMENT:

- I would like to extend my thank you to the Macedonia Walmart and their marketing manager, Kimberly McKelroy, for the kind donation of a 32" Samsung LED / HD Multi-Media Interface TV ($298.00) for use in the Lieutenant/Detective Bureau office.

REMODEL UPDATE:

- The locker room remodeling is moving slowly, but at least it's moving. The remodel was delayed as the main server and telephone system had to be transferred to the room under the stairwell or relocated above the drop ceiling line to accommodate the new walls, cabinetry, and other improvements. Lowe's is hoping to complete their portion by week's end, followed by the installation of the floor by Everstone. The lockers should be arriving within the next two weeks. My thanks to Jay Mutter and Lt. Mackie for all their hard work in moving the server and telephone lines without interruption of any servicees to the Village Hall.
- E.C.R. Construction completed the installation of the new mail boxes for the Police Department. They look great and are a definitive upgrade over anything we had in the past in both functionality and appearance. Our thanks to Mayor Nehez for pushing E.C.R. to get the job done.

GREAT POLICE WORK:

- Congratulations to Detective Ed Carlile for his comprehensive investigation into the rape of a 16-year old female juvenile that occurred in January of this year. His hard work resulted in the conviction of John Muzic on charges of Rape, Kidnapping and Gross Sexual Imposition on August 30, followed by his sentencing on September 6, 2013 to fifteen (15) years in the Lorain Correctional Institution. Summit County Judge Alison McCarty presided over the case. For his efforts, Detective Carlile was nominated and selected for the Top Cop Award presented by Summit County Prosecutor Sherrie Bevan Walsh's office. This is Detective Carlile's second Top Cop award.

HARD ROCK JOB FAIR:

- Chief Wentz, Lt. Mackie and Sgt. Zolgus met twice over the past week with the new Hard Rock Security Director, Kevin Goskowski, along with other Hard Rock and track personnel to discuss the upcoming Job Fair being held on site at the track on Thursday, September 12th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We believe we have a good game plan in place. Hopefully, everything will go smoothly. While the number of people attending is unknown, we believe we can expect upwards of 10,000 job hunters over the course of the six hours. I sent a letter out today to area businesses and to as many of the residents as possible on the streets directly across from the Hard Rock, informing them of what they can expect. I have attached a copy of that letter to my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Mark C. Wentz