

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2012

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; Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, and John Schlueter. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, and Service Director Jason Walters were also present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Jesse Nehez asked for a motion for passage.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee,

Passed with 6 ayes.

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

\*NONE\*

Mayor Jesse Nehez stated that Council would deviate from the Agenda at this time:

Resolution 2012-74 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Micheal Bonfield as a Part-Time Police Officer

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by John Bolek,  
Passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen,  
Passed with 6 ayes

Chief Mark Wentz did swear in Micheal Bonfield.

Mayor and Council did congratulate Micheal Bonfield on his appointment to the Police Department

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

A. **MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated:

1. The construction fence has been erected at Northfield Park and ground breaking should be in about two weeks, construction trailers are also on location. The new road for the horsemen should be constructed during the first part of November.
2. Garfield Hts., Lions Club did donate trees that will be planted at Smith Park  
Chief Vojtush asked if plaques will be erected stating donated by Lions Club  
Mayor stated yes.  
John Bolek asked if the plaques could contain the name of the tree. People are always asking What kind of tree this is, if they do not recognize.  
Mayor stated would look into it.

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

That she had attended a Continuing Education Class in Boston Heights, which was presented by the State Auditor. If Council is interested, the handouts/book is available for their review. Mrs. James explained that two items will be added to the list of items that are auditable. They include the notification to employees of the State Fraud Hotline and keeping a log of all Public Records Request. Mrs. James explained that the Fraud Hotline Notification is part of the new Employee Package, and that they must sign-off that they have received a copy. Mrs. James explained that Lisa Rodriguez had modified one of the existing spreadsheet that she uses to comply with the State Auditors request. The Village will begin using the form November 1, 2012. In addition to the form, a copy of the request and the information given to the requestor must be kept on file.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** asked for approval of the Mayor's Court Report

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

**D. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. **POLICE CHIEF MARK WENTZ**, had nothing to report and had left after swearing in Ptl. Bonfield

2. **FIRE CHIEF GARY VOJTUSH** had the following to report:

1. Did meet with the Racino Personnel, they were very easy to work with. Two of the issues that were worked out are the Standpipe has been moved away from the building and when the Fire/EMS personnel respond to an incident inside the building, Racino Security Personnel will remain with the Village Fire/Ems Personnel. Chief Vojtush does not want any issues with Fire Department Personnel, while inside the building.

2. The Helipad/Landing Zone has been moved to the North side of the parking lot during construction

3. If access to the Barns is necessary, will be able to use the Horseman's entrance.

3. **SERVICE/BLDG. DEPT. SUPT. JASON WALTERS**, see attached report

A discussion by Council and Mr. Walters that many of the street lights in the Village are not very bright, especially on Route 8. Will need to research how many street lights are in the Village and the cost to change to brighter bulbs. Not all street lights will need to be changed out, maybe those at intersections and along Route 8.

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**A. PLANNING COMMISSION, BEATRICE GREENLEE** – a meeting will be scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. if necessary. This will follow the Blockwatch meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

**C. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated that the sign had been moved at Smith Park and is looking good. The next meeting will be November 1, 2012.

**D. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, Mayor Nehez** stated that the Service Department had passed out the flyers to the residents regarding the Amendments to be on the November Ballot. Hopefully, they are being read.

Mr. Schlueter stated that he had received a few calls regarding the Amendments.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. FINANCE, LINDA BOWEN** stated that they met tonight and next meeting will be on November 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance 2012-77 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment Of Bills For The Month of October 2012, in the amount of \$169,152.26.

A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee  
Passed with 6 ayes

A motion to amend Ordinance 2012-77 was made by Linda Bowen Seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to change the date for the Clerk of Council certification from September 26, 2012 to October 24, 2012.

Passed with 6 ayes

**B. ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, KARYN SELLE** stated that she had received an email asking that the Park Rules be posted at Pitluk Preserve.

Jason Walters stated that new signs are being made, and it will be posted soon.

Mr. Bolek asked what could be done to prevent the signs from becoming weathered. Maybe we could erect ones like they use in the parks that have the glass fronts.

Again, Mr. Walters stated that they are working on new signs that will be more durable and will look nice.

**C. HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARY VOLNY** stated that she did not have a report other than the two Resolutions.

Mr. Bolek stated that he appreciated Mrs. Volny for her hard work and with meeting with all parties involved with this matter, working together.

Resolution 2012-75 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With COSE And Medical Mutual Of Ohio For Employee Medical And Prescription Coverage For The Period From November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2013

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter,  
Passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny,  
Passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2012-76 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement with Guardian Insurance Company For Employee Dental and Vision Coverage For The Period From November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2013

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 and seconded by Mary Volny,  
Passed with 6 ayes.

Mrs. Volny asked Mrs. James if the transition between insurances would be smooth for the employees.

Mrs. James explained that in anticipation of passage, all forms have all ready been filled out and submitted. Now that Council has passed the Resolutions, will contact Mike Tryon tomorrow morning to advise to move forward.

Jason Walters, on behalf of the unions, Thanked Council for working together to get this issue handled.

**D. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, JOHN BOLEK** stated that the review of temporary signs should fall under buildings and grounds and he would like to schedule a meeting for November 14 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss some

issues with this legislation, it appears that residents would need a permit for real estate signs. In addition, 2012-33 also needs to be revisited, was never decided on. Also, asked Mr. Bryan if setbacks on political signs can be enforced, he feels that most of the signs erected are within the Right-of-way.

Mr. Bryan stated only if a safety issue.

Mr. Walters stated if it is an issue will deal with it, but otherwise they will be removed soon, are handle accordingly.

Mr. Bolek asked Mr. Walters to also attend this meeting, since he had a few questions relating to the temporary signs.

Mr. Bolek asked about the signs that are currently erected, are they not in violation.

Mr. Walters stated that a lot of the signs are grandfathered and cannot be sighted. The fact that old signs are showing through, the property owner has been sited and advised that need to paint those signs so not displayed.

Mayor Nehez asked how signs advertising lot split available for sale, how can this be.

Council, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Walters explained, that property owner is just advertising, fishing for business and if they file the proper paperwork, can apply for a lot split.

**E. WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, JOHN SCHLUETER** had no report

**F. FIRE AND SAFETY, BEATRICE GREENLEE** had nothing to report.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

Ordinance 2012-73 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1280.04(A)(2) Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Temporary Signs.

Ordinance will go into 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and will be discussed at the November 14, 2012, meeting of Building and Grounds.

Resolution 2012-78 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement To Purchase A 2013 Ford Explorer For Police Department Use.

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

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

Mr. Bolek would like to discuss at a future meeting the possibility of suspending the License Fees for the Internet Cafes. They have generated at least ½ million dollars in the last 2 years. Can still collect the 5% but suspend any further fees, like a thank you.

Mrs. Volny not sure if a good idea, many may need to close in the wake of the Racino Opening.

Mrs. Volny stated that on November 11, from 9 am to Noon, their will be free breakfast and POW/MIA ceremony for the Veterans. Everyone else is invited but will need provide a donation.

Mayor announced that there will be an open house on October 30, at the Epiphany Lutheran Church to view the facility to be used as a senior center.

Mr. Bolek suggested that those on the Senior Snow Plow list, be contacted regarding the meeting. Mayor further stated that there is too much money needed to fix-up the old Macedonia Hall but the Church was just renovated a few years back for a Senior Day Care, many of the amenities still there.

Mayor will construct letter that Mr. Walters will deliver to those that are on the new and last years snow plow list.

Mayor stated that the Girl Scouts did tour the Village Hall yesterday; they asked several good questions and it was an enjoyable afternoon.

Mary Volny announced that the Fingerprinting at the Moose, went well about 17 kids in the 4 hours were done. Would have liked to do more children but it takes time to record the kids. The Moose Lodge is planning on doing this again, possibly in the Spring.

John Schlueter reminded everyone of the Halloween Party next Wednesday.

A motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council