

# *The Village of Northfield*

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2014

Mayor Nehez asked for a moment of silence for the Greenlee family due to her daughter passing.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 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 and Service and Building & Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were in attendance. Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief, Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Jason Buss and were not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes for the Council meeting of November 12, 2014. Brad Bryan asked for a motion to amend a sentence on page 2 in the first paragraph fourth line where he stated "on peopled constitutional amendment rights". Brad wanted "amendment" removed. A motion was made to amend by Linda Bowen and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstain. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Alan Higgs, passed with 4 aye votes and 1 abstain.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:** None

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

**A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** welcomed the Greenlee family to the Council meeting for the presentation of a Proclamation to Council President Beatrice Greenlee. Brad read the Proclamation: A Proclamation naming the administrative area of Village Hall in honor of former Village Mayor and Councilperson Charles A. Greenlee and Council President Beatrice Greenlee. A motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Nick Magistrelli and passed with 4 aye votes.

Mayor Nehez had Brad read the plaque that was presented to Beatrice: This tree serves as a living memory in honor of Charles A Greenlee for his dedicated service from 1984-1989.

Mayor Nehez stated that Bea is sure amazing and the plaque will be placed at the Village Hall and he thanked Bea personally for being part of the Village.

**B. FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER** was not present.

**C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY** was not present.

**D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** had no report. Brad asked Council if they would like to move the December 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Council President Bea Greenlee stated they would like to move it to Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm and council agreed.

Brad stated that Beatrice Greenlee asked him to read a statement to everyone. Bea wanted to thank Mayor Nehez, Council and administration for the beautiful arrangement of flowers that were sent to her daughter Charlene's funeral. Her family was deeply touched by the gesture and thoughtfulness. Bea personally wanted

to thank everyone for their sympathy and kindness. Bea related that it was a great comfort to know that everyone was thinking of them in their time of grieving.

Bea thanked everyone again.

#### **E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz** was not present.

**2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss** was not present.

**3. Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters,** gave his report. Jason stated that they were behind with leaf pickups due to the snow, but will continue and never leave anyone uncollected. Jason stated that he has a piece of legislation for Council tonight to purchase a backhoe with trading in the one we currently have while it has some value. Jason said also to purchase a skid steer. Ethan asked Jason if the Village paid money towards the purchase of the backhoe and skid steer would it pay down the principal. Jason said yes it would, and the finance director is looking into finance at another bank for comparison. Jason stated that there will not be a payment until 2016. Jason stated that they really won't need the machines until spring. Jason stated that with these two pieces of equipment they will be able to do a better quality of work. Brad said that he spoke with Tim and he said he wanted to go for 5-years on the loan. Ethan Miladinovic asked Jason how old the backhoe is. Jason said it is 2006. Ethan wondered how often they need to be replaced. Ethan asked how old the loader is. Jason said 1997. Ethan asked if Jason foresees any problems with the loader. Jason said knock on wood, good so far,, last year had to make some electrical repairs. Ethan said in the long run the skid steer will prove itself very useful. Bea and Mayor both said that everything sounds good. Nick Magistrelli asked when the price would increase. Jason said they aren't really sure, but definitely before the first of the year, but the letter states that once the state approves it and it goes onto the website, the increase will be \$7,000 more. Brad read 2014-66, an emergency Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into agreement to purchase and finance a 2014 case 580sn loader backhoe and case sr250 skid loader and the equipment necessary therefore for service department use. A motion to amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> "whereas" paragraph to change "police" to "service" was made by Alan Hipps and seconded by Bea Greenlee, carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Bea Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 5 aye votes.

Jason did mention that they will keep collecting leaves as long as the snow holds off and if anyone sees a resident that needs collected, please contact him and they will pick them up.

#### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**A. PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS,** stated that he will have a full report at the next meeting and they had a Planning Commission meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p and discussed the lot splitting 115 Lowrie Blvd. Alan said that they should have the final information for Council to review at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alan stated that he will have the Planning meeting minutes for Council at the December 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting to review.

**B. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ,** stated that their next meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN.** Brad read Resolution 2014-67, An emergency Resolution approving the payment of bills for the month of November 2014. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and passed with 5 ayes.

Linda stated that there will be a Finance meeting on December 22nd at 6:30pm.

**ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC** had no report.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH** was absent. Beatrice Greenlee had no report. Mayor Nehez stated that they are looking into senior citizens having their trash paid for by the Village. Mayor Nehez wants to set up a meeting with Council to discuss. Brad stated that due to the timing of the contract they will not be able to get the program together by the end of the first quarter of 2015, and if they go forward with it, it will be put together at the end of March 2015 for when the bills come out for the second quarter of 2015.

Nick Magistrelli asked Brad if we could go into a middle of a contract like that. Brad said yes, it is within the contract that we signed last year and Rumpke stated they would be happy to allow the Village to make the payments for the seniors instead of having to bill all of the seniors individually. Brad said that Rumpke offered to give the Village .10¢ discount per household above and beyond the senior discount, and the Village would pick up that amount. The problem was there is too much to do because the deadline was December 1<sup>st</sup> for it to be in place for the first quarter of 2015. Jason said that they just need some time to setup. Bea said that Council will have a work session on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. To discuss senior trash pickup. Ethan asked for Jason to have Rumpke provide some paperwork discussing the program for Council to review.

Mayor said he would also like to discuss the senior community bus. Bea suggested to add this into the work session on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS** had no report.

**WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI** had no report. Nick stated that December 16<sup>th</sup> they have labor agreements scheduled the service department, and the police meeting isn't scheduled yet.

**FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE** stated that she will contact Chief Jason Buss to set up a meeting time for fire and safety committee discussions. Mayor said that Chief Buss has some equipment needs that he wants to discuss with Bea and wants to make sure it gets added into his budget for 2015.

## **LEGISLATION:**

Brad read 2014-63, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-An emergency Ordinance amending section 1610.13 of the fire prevention code relating to permits and permit fees. Council put this on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for the council meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Brad read 2014-62, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-An emergency Ordinance amending section 246.065 of the codified ordinances regarding the recovery of costs associated with the delivery of fire department service beyond ems service. Council put this on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for the council meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Brad read 2014-64, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-An emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Village's agreement with the legal defenders office of Summit County, Ohio for indigent representation in Stow Municipal Court. Council put this on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for the council meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS;** none.

**NEW BUSINESS;** Mayor Nehez said to Beatrice Greenlee that she, her husband and family have been a big asset to this community and it needed to be noted.

Linda Bowen stated that block watch won't meet until after the new year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT -**

A motion for adjournment at 8:16 p.m. was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, passed with 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Beatrice Greenlee  
President of Council

Attest:

  
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Lisa M. Rodriguez  
Clerk of Council