

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jesse J. Nehez at 7:00 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, Mary Volny, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, John Schlueter, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan and Engineer Richard Wasosky were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: were not available

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

NONE

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. **MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated that he met with both unions and the Fire Department and all is going well. Tonight's agenda includes the possible passage of the new union contracts.

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

1. Is working on the 2013 Appropriations, Chief Wentz had been on vacation and just presented his proposal this week.
2. Mayor and Council should have received a memo from Jay Mutter with his recommendations for new accounting software.
3. Explained that the power supply in her computer crashed, therefore, she has been without a computer for 2 days, apologized for not having minutes to Council

C. **ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY** stated:

1. No contracts have been signed yet to begin construction at the Racino, should be ready to sign in January, with a projected date of November 30, 2013 for completion.
2. We need to make sure that we collect our 2% income tax, suggests that a letter is sent making sure everyone is aware that they must pay. Brad Bryan will compose a letter.
3. Working on the plans for the sewer upgrades. If weather permits would like to do the soil boring in February. Mr. Wasosky reminded Council, that the preliminary work can be done prior to July 1 but cannot begin construction until after this date, per the Issue money agreement.

D. **LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN** stated at the January 9, 2013 meeting will need to appoint committees.

E. **DEPARTMENT HEADS:** none present, will be at next meeting

1. **Police Department**, Chief Mark Wentz
2. **Fire Department**, Acting Chief Jason Buss
3. **Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor**, Jason Walters, was unable to attend due to being ill but did provide a written report, which is attached.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. **PLANNING COMMISSION**, BEATRICE GREENLEE – a tentative meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

B. **CEMETERY BOARD**, BEATRICE GREENLEE stated the Villages share of the Budget will be approximately \$11,300.00. Finance Director will provide Council with the amount that was paid for 2012

Mrs. Greenlee was asked, if the Village will plow the Cemetery this year.

Mrs. Greenlee stated that she believes Macedonia will plow this year.

C. **RECREATION BOARD**, MAYOR NEHEZ had nothing to report

D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**, done for the year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. **FINANCE**, LINDA BOWEN asked for approval of Ordinance 2012-95

Ordinance 2012-95 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment of Bills For The Month of December 2012 In The Amount of \$ 75,359.17.

A motion was made for passage by Linda Bowen, seconded by John Bolek, passed with 6 ayes

B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS**, KARYN SELLE had nothing to report

C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE**, MARY VOLNY had nothing to report.

D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**, JOHN BOLEK had nothing to report.

E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS**, JOHN SCHLUETER stated that he felt the negotiations with the unions went well. Tonight's agenda includes the possible passage of the contracts

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2012-87 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 888 Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Charitable Donation Boxes

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

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Mr. Bolek stated that the definition does identify Goodwill but what about the paper recycle/donation boxes.

Mr. Bryan stated that it does not apply.

Resolution 2012-88 1st Reading - An Emergency Resolution Continuing The Appointment Of Richard S. Wasosky Of Euthenics, Inc. As The Village of Northfield Municipal Engineer For The Period Of January 1, 2013 Through December 31, 2013.

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

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2012-89 1st Reading - An Emergency Resolution Designating Councilperson Mary Volny As The Public Records Act Training Designee For 2012 For Mayor Jesse Nehez And Councilpersons Bea Greenlee, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, John Schleuter And Karyn Selle.

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

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

Resolution 2012-90 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution To Make Temporary Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village For The Period From January 1, 2013 Through March 31, 2013.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Mary Volny,
passed with 6 ayes

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

Resolution 2012-91 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments To The Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee,
passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2012-92 1st 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.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Mary Volny,
passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2012-93 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Approving A New Collective Bargaining Agreement With The IAM.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Mary Volny,
passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2012-94 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Approving A New Collective Bargaining Agreement With The Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association.

A motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Mary Volny,
passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bolek stated that he has received several calls from residents in his ward asking why there are no decorations in the Plaza and complaining of the condition of the Plaza. Mr. Bolek explained that the previous owner, several years ago, did decorate but the new owner chooses not to do so. Mr. Bolek also explained that the building inspector has sited the owner and some improvements have been made to the Plaza but still working on it.

Mr. Bolek also stated that he has received calls that the Blockwatch is a farce. There was not treasurers report, it is being run by the Police Department and should be done by the residents.

Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Selle explained that there is no money, so cannot have a treasurer report, it is not run by the PD and there was a poor turnout yesterday, but probably due to the holiday season.

Mrs. Volny found a story on the news that one community is banning the feeding of domestic animals outside, after dark because it attracts, raccoons and other rodents, very interesting.

Mayor Nehez wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.,
passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council