

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

**ROLL CALL** was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Council Persons Nick Magistrelli, Jim Daugherty, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters.

Mayor Nehez turned the floor over to Fire Chief Jason Buss for a presentation and swearing in several new firefighters.

Chief Buss recognized and awarded a letter of commendation to Fire Fighter Joe Hon-gosh, Lieutenant Tim Cingel, Fire Fighter Courtney Root, Fire-Medic Paul Wojtkiewicz, and Lieutenant Chris Hrach for their outstanding life-saving services on two cardiac arrest calls at the Hard Rock Rocksino on August 13, 2016.

Mr. Bryan announced that there were a number of appointments and pieces of legislation for the Northfield Village Fire Department. Mr. Bryan requested permission from Council President Nick Magistrelli to vote on all seven pieces of legislation regarding the Fire Department appointments at once. Mr. Magistrelli granted permission for the same.

**2016-81** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of John Walendzik as Full-Time Fire Fighter. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rules, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All members were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

Chief Buss gave a brief summary regarding Mr. Walendzik's background. Mr. Walendzik was then sworn in as a Full-Time Fire Fighter for the Northfield Village Fire Department by Chief Buss.

**2016-82** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Raymond DiSanto as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

**2016-83** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of William Millard as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

**2016-84** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Andrew Miller as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

**2016-85** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's

Appointment of Matthew O'Donnell as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

**2016-86** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Luke Sawyer as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

**2016-87** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Matthew Taylor as a Part-Time Fire Fighter.

A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

Chief Buss gave a brief summary of the six candidates and their backgrounds. Mr. DiSanto, Mr. Millard, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Sawyer, and Mr. Taylor were then sworn in as Part-time Fire Fighters for the Northfield Village Fire Department by Chief Buss.

Chief Buss then stated from his report today that he would like to recognize Fire District 27 in Northfield Center Township. Fire Chief Frank Risko was present for the meeting because several of Fire District 27's Fire Fighter/Paramedics were sworn in this evening. Chief Buss thanked Chief Risko for being a good friend to him for the last several years. Chief Buss extended his gratitude for Fire District 27's professionalism. Chief Buss thanked Fire District 27's Association for donating several items to the Northfield Village Fire Association. Chief Risko thanked Chief Buss for the recognition and for giving his Fire Fighter/Paramedics a new place to continue their careers.

Chief Buss was excused at 7:56p.m. His report is attached.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes for the August 24, 2016 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. Mr. Magistrelli, Mr. Hipps, Mr. Daugherty, Ms. Noack, and Ms. Domzalski approved the minutes. Mr. Vojtush abstained as he was absent from that meeting. The minutes for the August 24, 2016 Council meeting were approved.

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

**Mayor Jesse J. Nehez** – Mayor Nehez reported that there were two businesses that had grand openings within the Village, Health Markets and Sheer Talent Salon. Mayor Nehez also stated Mr. Chicken is remodeling their building, the Northfield Veterinary Hospital is close to their remodel being complete, and that McDonald's is looking to remodel their facility. Mayor Nehez stated that Mariner Financial is looking to rent space in The Plaza.

Mayor Nehez also reported that he spoke with Chief Wentz regarding the staffing needs of the Police Department, and he would have a full report to Council as soon as he has his facts and figures compiled.

**Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Report attached.**

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the August 2016 Cash Reconciliation by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All members were in favor of acknowledgement of the receipt of the August 2016 Cash Reconciliation, zero opposed.

Mr. Vojtush asked whether or not the tree trimming/removal on Ledge Road was part of the original estimate for the project. Ms. Ingrassia and Mr. Wasosky both stated it was not. Mr. Vojtush also asked for clarification on the increase to the Police Department vehicle maintenance account regarding the charges for an accident that occurred early in 2016. Ms. Ingrassia explained that the reimbursement from the insurance company was received and entered into the revenue line, but the appropriation for the year needed to increase to accommodate the expense that was incurred for the cruiser repairs.

**Village Engineer, Rich Wasosky –Report attached.**

Mayor Nehez asked for confirmation that the Presidential Subdivision would be a curb to curb resurfacing eliminating the gutter. Mr. Wasosky stated that the gutter will be paved over.

Mr. Daugherty stated that two residents on Magnolia Drive were very upset over the lack of progress on their driveway aprons and asked what was happening with regard to the repairs that need to be made by Chagrin Valley Paving. Mr. Wasosky answered that no progress has been made with the company. Mr. Daugherty stated as the residents' representative he would like to go after the \$25,000.00 bond. Mr. Daugherty also stated that he spoke with the two residents on Heights Avenue and confirmed that they were never asked to sign a waiver of release. Mr. Wasosky requested the addresses so he could contact them. Mr. Wasosky stated that he would contact Chagrin Valley Paving and instruct them to make the necessary repairs to the aprons by Friday, September 23, 2016. Mr. Wasosky stated that if Chagrin Valley Paving does not complete the requested repairs, on Monday, September 26, 2016, he will contact the bonding company. Mr. Daugherty agreed with this strategy. Later on Mr. Daugherty requested clarification as to who would be doing the driveway apron repairs, whether it would be the Service Department or another contractor. Mr. Wasosky clarified that would be up to Service Director Jason Walters. A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Vojtush, to authorize the Engineer and/or Law Director to contact the bonding company of Chagrin Valley Paving Company with regard to the incomplete 2015 road repairs made on Heights Avenue and Magnolia Drive. All members were in favor of this motion, zero opposed.

Mr. Vojtush asked Mr. Wasosky where he received the information regarding the Lee Eaton students that walked to school. Mr. Wasosky replied that he received a report from Mr. Hartman from an independent consultant that conducted a survey. Mr. Vojtush stated that he feels the numbers are skewed, as he resides on a road that has many students that walk/ride a bicycle to Lee Eaton. Mr. Wasosky read the statistics of the report from the independent consultant.

Ms. Noack asked Mr. Wasosky whether the Ledge Road construction will be completed by November 15, 2016 or October 15, 2016. Mr. Wasosky stated that Ohio Edison completed their needed changes to their lines. The completion date depends on whether Windstream and

Time Warner move their lines. He stated that he expects the project to be complete by the end of October or 2016.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – No report.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Chief, Mark Wentz** – Report attached.

**Fire Chief, Jason Buss** – Report attached.

**Service and Building Superintendent, Jason Walters** – Mr. Walters thanked the Mayor and Council for the fruit basket he received due to his Grandmother's passing.

Mr. Walters stated regarding the Heights Avenue/Magnolia Drive repairs, he thinks that the four driveways that need to be completed would exceed the \$25,000.00 retainer that is being held.

Mr. Walters stated leaf season is approaching, so the road repairs done by the Service Department will cease once the leaf collection begins. Mr. Walters stated that he would like to overlay Coventry Drive to give the residents temporary relief until after the Presidential Subdivision and then Ledge Road Phase II. The approximate cost would be \$30,000.00 in materials the Village would purchase and less than \$19,000.00 for the contractor to perform the work.

Mr. Walters described why the tree trimming/removal on Ledge Road was necessary. He also stated with regards to Ledge Road, the Village is purchasing the materials as opposed to the contractor purchasing them for a marked up amount when unforeseen repairs arise.

Ms. Noack thanked Mr. Walters for the complaint that arose out of Huntington Drive and Milford Drive. Ms. Noack said he has made progress and that the driveway is being repaired.

Mr. Hipps asked Mr. Walters about his intention to complete Coventry Drive and whether or not Windsor Circle needed to be completed as well. Mr. Hipps asked what the additional cost would be to complete Windsor Circle since the trucks and crew would already be present. Mr. Walters estimated between 100-200 tons of additional material. Mayor Nehez asked if a motion or legislation was needed to proceed with the repairs to Coventry Drive. Ms. Domzalski stated she is in favor of the repairs if the money is available. Ms. Ingrassia stated the money for Coventry Drive repairs was allocated, but she would need to revisit the money if Windsor Circle were added to the repairs. Mr. Daugherty requested a work session to discuss these road repairs and another department. Mr. Hipps asked what the budget would be for the Coventry Drive repair. Mid-Ohio, Inc. said they would complete the project for \$18,800.00, and the cost of the materials for only Coventry Drive would be \$33,000.00. Ms. Domzalski asked what the deficit amount would be. Ms. Ingrassia stated that the cost of the contract for Mid-Ohio, Inc. of \$18,800.00 plus any overage of the already-appropriated materials would be an amendment to the appropriation ordinance. Mr. Hipps made a motion for the acceptance of the \$18,800.00 contract with Mid-Ohio, Inc. for the road repairs to Coventry Drive, seconded by Ms. Noack. Ms.

Noack, Mr. Magistrelli, Mr. Hipps, and Ms. Domzalski were in favor of the motion. Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Vojtush said no. The motion was approved.

Mr. Walters also stated another issue that he wanted to bring to Council's attention was there is a hole in the road on North Plaza. Mr. Walters stated he cannot patch this hole until the Cleveland Water Department fixes the leak in their water line first.

Mr. Vojtush stated he was pleased to see John DeBrouse picking up garbage on the sides of the street over the weekend when Mr. DeBrouse was in checking the pump stations.

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

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – The Recreation Board met on September 1, 2016. Ms. Noack was present for this meeting, in addition to the Recreation Board members, to discuss the soup tasting event to raise money for Christmas Decorations. Ms. Noack stated when she approached the facility they were speaking with about using their location for the event, they were in favor of it. However, after the facility considered it further, they came back to Ms. Noack requesting that the Village use their menu. Ms. Noack stated the idea behind the soup tasting was they were hoping to have more community involvement. The facility then requested the Village to change the event hours. Ms. Noack has requested that the Recreation Board members and Mayor meet again to discuss the need to find a different facility, and perhaps, a different date. Mr. Daugherty asked if the facility would supply the soup or if the residents would supply the soup. Ms. Noack explained that she was hoping to get the community involved by them making soups, having a judge to award a winner, and holding a 50/50 raffle, etc. Ms. Noack stated the original date was November 5, 2016 at 5:00p.m. Mr. Daugherty asked how big of a facility was needed. Mayor Nehez indicated they were hoping to sell at minimum 250 tickets. Mr. Daugherty said he would reach out to people at The Gospel House Church to see if the Village could use the youth center and get back to the committee before tomorrow's meeting at 7:30p.m.

Mayor Nehez stated the Recreation Board also discussed the holiday party after Santa goes around on the fire truck. The date and time is December 11, 2016 at 5:30p.m.

**Cemetery Board, Beatrice Greenlee** – No report.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance, Mr. Magistrelli** – No report.

**Roads/Public Works, Mr. Daugherty** – No report.

**Health and Welfare, Mrs. Noack** – No report.

**Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush** – No report, but Mr. Vojtush would like to see a work session put together after the Mayor compiles his report on the Police Department staffing.

**Fire and Safety, Mrs. Domzalski** – No report.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

**2016-79** – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Section 1268.11 of the Planning and Zoning Code Relating to Lighting in B-1, B-2, and B-3 District Parking Lots. Mr. Bryan explained this legislation was discussed in a Work Session on August 24, 2016. Mr. Bryan stated the legislation was amended as requested by Council. Mr. Magistrelli made a motion to suspend the three reading rule, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

**2016-88** – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2016 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution. A motion was made to suspend the three reading rule by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. Motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

**2016-89** – 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 three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

**2016-91** – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a New Volvo L60G Salt Loader from Rudd Equipment Company. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor a suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

**2016-90** – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Huntington Public Capital Corporation to Finance an Ambulance and a Salt Loader. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, zero opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage, zero opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Nehez announced that he will be looking for three additional candidates to fill the vacancies on the Recreation Board. Mayor Nehez requested letters of interest be submitted by

October 1, 2016 and be either mailed to Town Hall or emailed to mayor@northfieldvillage-oh.gov. Mr. Vojtush requested that the positions be advertised. Mayor Nehez stated that he would advertise on the Village website and on Facebook. Mr. Daugherty asked if we were adding three people. Mayor Nehez said that there are five positions in total provided by the Charter. Mr. Vojtush thanked everyone for the support after the passing of his father. Mr. Vojtush stated that the support meant a lot to his family and himself.

Chief Wentz announced that he became a Grandfather for the ninth time.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of adjournment, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council

## **Finance Report at September 14, 2016 Council Meeting**

1. Meeting with Mike Troyan of TMC Employee Benefits Group to discuss the upcoming November 1st renewal of benefits.
2. The August 2016 end of month reports have been distributed to Council. I would like a motion for acceptance of the August 2016 Reconciliation of Cash.
3. The appropriation amendments for this evening are for the following reasons:
  - a. Police Vehicle Maintenance Account – January accident
  - b. Service Capital – Tool set/sub pump purchase
  - c. Mayor Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions – Mayor's Association Dues
  - d. Court Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions – Remove from Computer Fund to Court's General Fund accounts
  - e. General Fund Transfers Out – Ledge Rd. tree removal
  - f. Fire Vehicle Maintenance – Unforeseen repairs to ambulance
  - g. Ledge Rd Contractual Services – Tree Removal
  - h. Mayor's Court Fund – It is required to report the expenses and revenues of Mayor's Court within the Village's total fund cash. An appropriation is necessary to show payments made to State and other local agencies.
4. Transfers – General Fund to Ledge Road Improvement for tree removal.

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

**September 14, 2016**

*Subject:* Ledge Road Reconstruction Phase 1

*Comment:* Lockhart Concrete Co. has installed all of the new 12" cross over sewers and catch basins, as well as the 6 inch PVC sanitary sewer connection to the Salemi property. East Ohio Gas Co. has completed the gas relocation along the northside of Ledge Road. East Ohio Gas is currently installing a new 4 inch connection to the Salemi property. Lockhart is currently raising catch basins to grade and excavating the poor subgrade material.

I will need Council's approval to hire a concrete testing company to test the paving of the roadway and sidewalk concrete during construction.

*Subject:* Presidential Subdivision Resurfacing

*Comment:* I will be starting the final survey, plans and specifications either next week or the week after in order to bid the project in late February 2017.

*Subject:* Lee Eaton School Safe Routes to School Travel Plan

*Comment:* I have reviewed the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan presented by the Nordonia School District for the Lee Eaton School and have some concerns about the practicality of the recommendations concerning the sidewalks along Northfield Road and the proposed sidewalk from the rear area of Lee Eaton School to Northfield Road across the Assisted Living property. I totally agree with the recommendations to install sidewalks along Ledge Road in the areas without sidewalk in front of the school. Some parents have indicated that the sidewalks are not well maintained, and they also had concerns about safety at the intersections. I was surprised about how few children (10 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon) walk to school. Approximately 96% to 98% of the 506 children attending Lee Eaton School either ride the school bus or are driven to the school by a family member or carpool. According to the School District 0 children ride their bikes to school.

The Study recommends Northfield Village 1) Offer Safety Town Refresher Course for Older Students; 2) Have the Village Police Department Help Teach Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety; 3) Enforce School Zone Speed Limits; 4) Utilize Speed Trailers Around the School; 5) Start a Safety Patrol Program; 6) Send Adult Crossing Guards to ODOT Training; and 7) Enforce Removal of Snow and Debris from Sidewalks within the first 12 months of the program.

Long term the Study recommends 1) changes in the crosswalk locations on Ledge Road near the school; 2) adding ADA Curb Ramps at the crosswalk locations; 3) moving the school zone flashing beacons on Ledge Road 300 east and west of the school property lines; 4) adding sidewalk in front of the school property; 5) adding lighting along the sidewalks along Ledge Road in front of the school; 6) adding pedestrian pushbuttons and count down timers at the S.R. 8 and Ledge Road intersection; 7) adding a sidewalk or multipurpose trail between the north end of the

school through the Northfield Retirement property to Northfield Road (approximately 1150 feet); and 8) improving the S.R. 8 east and west sidewalks by widening them to 5 feet and providing a buffer between them and the curb.

The estimated construction cost of the infrastructure improvements is \$510,000.00. This cost does not include survey, engineering design, construction inspection and construction administration, environmental work, right of way acquisition, maintenance of traffic or mobilization.

*Subject:* Abnormal Cleveland Water Usage at the Moose Lodge

*Comment:* Jason Walters and I have been investigating the abnormally high water readings at the Moose Lodge in August and September of 2015. I have been in contact with the Cleveland Water Department. I believe there may be a resolution to the problem within the next month. Cleveland's position is the Moose Lodge did use all of the water shown on the meter; however, they may agree to a compromise with the Moose Lodge on the amount of water usage.

# Northfield Village Council Meeting

September 14, 2016

■ **POLICE PERSONNEL:** Mayor Nehez and I met this afternoon and discussed various police personnel scenarios as we enter into the last quarter of 2016 and move into the first part of 2017. We discussed police staffing needs for the present and the immediate future, as well as my concerns once the pending retirements begin in mid-2017.

- In 2016, we have **lost** the services of the following part-time officers:
  - **Andrew Dziak** (Medina PD)
  - **Corey Zidlicky** (Walton Hills PD)
  - **Spencer Sabelli** (Garfield Hts. PD)
  - **Eric Gregus** (Lorain County MetroParks)
  - **Nicholas Miltner** (Burton PD)
  - **Michael Malak** (Macedonia PD)
  - **Alex Simon** (Accepted a full-time position with a local heavy equipment company and worked his last shift on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He will consider staying on part-time with us, but will have very limited availability, possibly one or two shifts per week at most.
- We may **also lose** the services of the following part-time officers:
  - **Erica Gregg** remains a candidate for a full-time position with Lyndhurst Police Department, from whom she received a letter on September 13, indicating their interest.
  - **Jim Catania**, our longest tenured part-time officer, is considering retiring either at the end of 2016 or when **Chief Wentz** retires in August 2017.
- We are looking through applications and have met with two prospective candidates and have a third on our radar. Det. Grams completed one background. That candidate is being brought back in for a second interview. The other prospective candidate has yet to turn in his completed hiring packet, while a third person who we have an interest in has made application, but we have yet to review his submission.

## ■ **NEW CRUISER:**

The new cruiser, a 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor, was delivered to the Police Department on August 23, 2016. It replaces 832, a 2010 Ford Crown Vic with more than 120,000 miles on it. The plan is to recycle the old 832 as the "Road Job" cruiser and eliminate the old 836, a 2008 Ford Crown Vic, which has been used as the Road Job cruiser for the past several years and is also well in excess of 100,000 miles. We are hoping to have it striped and equipped by the end of September or first week of October.

## ■ **CALLS FOR SERVICE:**

We had **835 Calls for Service in August**, including making 184 traffic stops, 27 vehicle lock-outs, 63 rescue squad assists, 18 traffic details, 27 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 8 domestic violence or dispute calls, and just shy of 100 community policing and bank escort details. Again, we experienced an increase in traffic and expect even more now that Ledge Road is closed for

reconstruction. Additionally, we are seeing a noted increase in follow-up investigations. We typically conduct anywhere from 20 – 25 follow-up investigation each month. Over the past few months we have seen a near 100% increase. In August, our detective bureau handled **50 follow-up investigations**, including the bank robbery investigation, which they worked in conjunction with East Cleveland PD and the FBI.

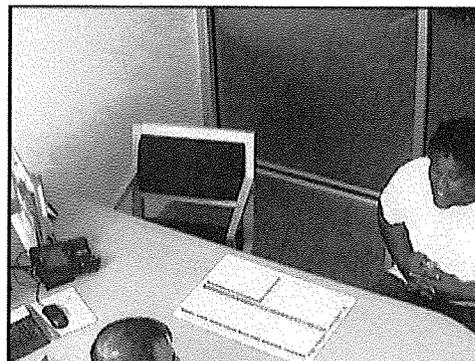
**■ GOOD POLICE WORK:**

- **Bank Robbery Update:** The investigation of the bank robbery at Citizens Bank on August 15, 2016 has concluded. **Det. Sgt. Ed Carlile** and **Det. Matt Grams** did an outstanding job and worked tirelessly over several weeks with the East Cleveland Police Department and the FBI. Tragically, our main bank robbery suspect, a 17-year-old female, was found murdered in East Cleveland just days after the bank robbery. Two accomplices in the bank robbery have been arrested and charged with her murder. Additionally, three juveniles have been arrested in connection with the case. They allegedly supplied the stolen car used to pick up the victim days after the bank robbery and drive her to the spot in East Cleveland where she was then shot multiple times and killed by one of the bank robbery accomplices. All of the subjects involved are alleged members of, or have an affiliation with, the **Black Disciples**, a local East Cleveland gang. The case will be presented to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury by the East Cleveland Police Department for indictment. Our bank robbery charges will be included with their homicide. Det. Sgt. Carlile and Det. Grams are commended for their exceptional work on this case.



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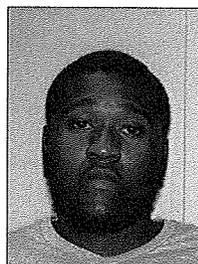


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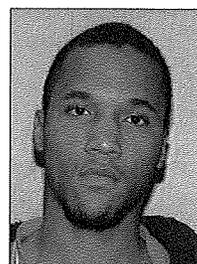
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**BREANNA N. FLUITT**  
Age 17, Deceased  
Bank Robbery Suspect  
Murdered



**JEFFREY C. DOSS, JR.**  
Age 22, In Custody  
Bank Robbery Suspect  
Homicide Suspect



**KIECHAUN N. NEWELL**  
Age 19, In Custody  
Bank Robbery Suspect  
Homicide Suspect

- **Amber Alert Arrest:** Sgt. Brian Zajac is commended for the apprehension of William Roberts, wanted in the kidnapping of his 15-year-old daughter from a K-Mart store in Brunswick, Ohio the previous night. Roberts, a convicted and registered Sex Offender, was arrested on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 by Sgt. Zajac after a high-speed pursuit that started on Ledge Road and came to a conclusion on Olde Eight, just south of Highland Road.

Sgt. Zajac was stationary on Ledge Road at the Closed Road sign of the construction site, when he observed an older black Ford Ranger pass by him and turn left onto Langston Court. As the vehicle made the turn off of Langston Court to head east on Ledge Road, Sgt. Zajac observed a male driver and a younger female in the passenger seat through the partially rolled down driver's side window. Knowing the vehicle matched the description given out in the Amber Alert, Sgt. Zajac attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic offense, when the vehicle suddenly sped up and fled from him. Despite the license plate having been switched from the one posted on the Amber Alert, Sgt. Zajac was positive he had the suspect vehicle from that alert and radioed for assistance. Lt. Mackie and Chief Wentz responded, as did multiple Macedonia cars and the Summit County Sheriffs. The pursuit went south on N. Bedford Road to Rt. 82, then left onto S. Bedford Road to Highland Road. The male turned left on Olde Eight and came to a stop shortly thereafter. He surrendered without further incident and the victim was made safe and secure. Brunswick PD responded to our station, as did a Portage County Sheriff's deputy and a child services representative. The victim was transported to Akron Children's Hospital for a medical evaluation. The suspect was later transported to the Summit County Jail. Brunswick PD placed a holder on the subject. We will charge Roberts with felony Fleeing & Eluding. Brunswick has charged him with two counts of kidnapping, with other possible charges still pending.

- I would also like to recognize **Officer Micheal Bonfield** for his "Rolling Meth Lab" arrest on a traffic stop. Officer Bonfield showed good awareness and was very attentive to the suspect's actions and demeanor during the stop which lead to his discovery and subsequent arrest.
- Additionally, **Officer Michael Malak** should be recognized for his work on the night shift. Over the past several months he has made a multitude of OVI arrests, including a stretch of four in five nights. Also, I would like to commend **Officer Erica Gregg** for her first OVI arrest and several follow-ups she has conducted on other cases she was responsible for handling. For a new officer, she has handled herself extremely well and we are fortunate to have her as a member of our department.

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- **Det. Grams Compliment:** E-mail Received by Chief Wentz

*Dear Chief Wentz,*

*This e-mail is to commend the great detective work of **Detective Matthew Grams**. We left a phone behind at a Hard Rock Rocksino slot machine and it was subsequently stolen. Detective Grams worked with Hard Rock Rocksino staff to get the phone back and return it to us. In doing so he reviewed videotapes from the casino, identified the suspect, collaborated with Lorain P.D., and traveled all the way to the suspect's home in Lorain to recover the phone. In doing so he had to convince her to turn it in and he was very effective in doing so. His great work enabled us to recover our phone which was worth well over \$600. Many people told us that we would never get the phone back, but thanks to your detective we did. Please know how grateful we are. If you ever need someone to talk to your officers about substance use or how to deal effectively with diverse or LGBTQ individuals, please let us know. We would be happy to help.*

*Dianne L. Kerr, PhD, MCHES*

*Professor*

*Health Education & Promotion*

*Provost's Faculty Associate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*

*Kent State University*

#### ■ **HALLOWEEN FRIGHT NIGHT:**

Halloween Fright Night will be on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6 – 8pm at the Village Hall's plice garage. Chief Wentz has been in contact with the various businesses who have made donations in past years and everyone appears on board again. Thus far, the following businesses have committed:

- Walmart – Candy (Up to \$230.00 worth)
- Northfield Fireplace Shoppe – \$75.00 Donation
- Subway – Trays of Assorted Sandwiches
- Sunoco – Liters of Pop
- Circle K – Donuts, Pop, Sherbet, Punch
- Peppers Fresh Market – Pumpkins, Apple Cider
- Russo's Pizzeria – Pizzas
- Spennato's Restaurant – Pizzas
- Dunkin' Donuts – Donuts
- Petitti's Garden Center – Cornstalks for Decorations
- Chick-fil-A Restaurant – Discount Coupons and free kids' meals
- World Wines & Liquors – Pop

#### ■ **EQUIPMENT AWARDS:**

- Chief Wentz successfully petitioned for **E-Citation thermal printers** through the Ohio Department of Public Safety by way of a federal grant that had been awarded to the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. The **Brother PJ-773 PocketJet 7 Mobile Thermal Printers** have a cost of **\$759.00 each**. Northfield Village Police Department has been awarded six of these printers. **Total cost of the award is \$4,554.00**. Once installed, the printers will

print out our citations vs. writing them out by hand as our officers presently do. They will tie in directly with our still-to-be-received electronic traffic citation modules.

- Chief Wentz petitioned the **Summit County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** for **Disaster Blankets** to be used in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency situation. They were picked up at the New Franklin Fire Department last Friday (September 9<sup>th</sup>). We received enough blankets to have two in every marked cruiser and unmarked vehicle. Chief Wentz submitted a follow-up request for additional blankets to be placed inside our designated emergency lockers at each school in the Nordonia Hills School District as part of our ***Securing Our Students Emergency Preparedness Plan***.

■ End of Report ■

Respectfully submitted by Police Chief Mark C. Wentz

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September 14, 2016

## Activity Report

- A detailed copy of fire department activity is available upon request.
- As of *September 13, 2016* NVFD responded to a total of **589** incidents. We responded to a total of 777 incidents in 2015, which was a 17% increase of 2014 and a 55% increase since 2013. **469** of those incidents were EMS related and **115** incidents were FIRE related. We ended August 2016 with 102 incidents, our busiest month ever as a department.
- NVFD has provided mutual aid for **63** incidents, provided automatic aid **35** times, and received mutual aid for **21** incidents and automatic aid for **1** Incidents. (*Total MA received in 2013 was 13, 2014 was 15, 2015 was 22*)
- NVFD's average response time from time of call till time on scene is **3:43**
  - o As mutual and automatic aid has increased, our overall response time has been increased on average

## Fire Inspector / Prevention Report (As of September 13, 2016)

- 30 Annual Fire Inspections have been completed
- 17 Hood/Duct/Alarm/Sprinkler Tests have been completed
- 58 Standby Events at Hard Rock Rocksino

## Department News

- **Firefighter Commendations** – Lt Chris Hrach, FF Courtney Root, FF Joe Hongosh, Lt Tim Cingel, and FF Paul Wojtkiewicz all are be recognized this evening for outstanding emergency medical care.
- **Replacement Ambulance** – Delivery Expected in late October, 2016
- **Staffing** – With the hires this evening, the total staff on NVFD now is 44 members. This consists of one (1) part time Chief, three (3) fulltime firefighter paramedics; 28 regular part time firefighters, five (5) Emergency Medical Technicians (Race Track Staff), and seven (7) members on leaves of absence. While I can anticipate a continued flux in staffing due to members achieve full time status at surrounding fire departments, I am hoping our newest hires will over all stabilize our staffing situation.

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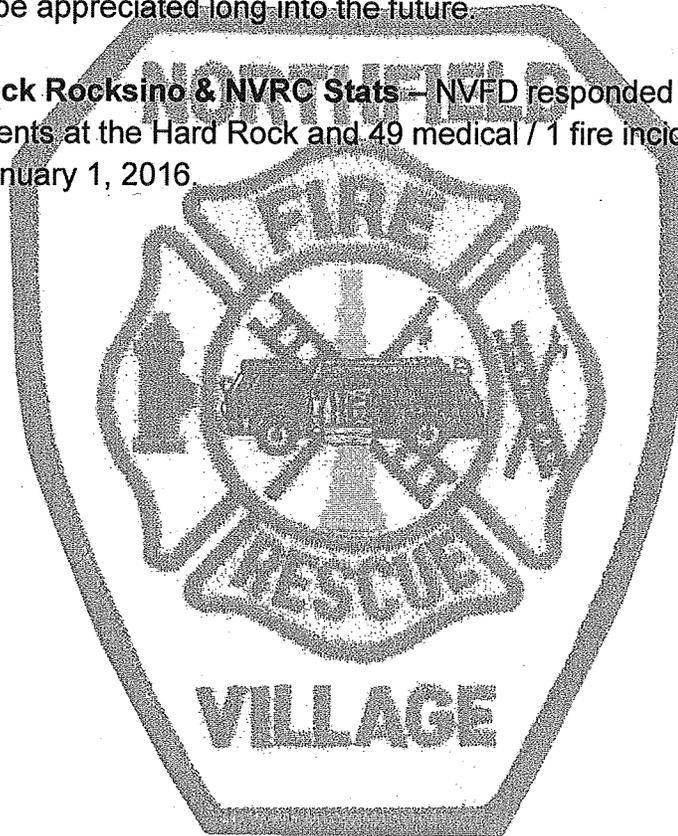
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- **Fire District 27** – I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Chief Risko and all members of Fire District 27 and the former Northfield Center Fire Department on their years of professional service and cooperation with our department. With their assistance we were able to improve our ISO rating and they have always responded quickly to our community when needed. I would also like to thank the Fire District 27 Firefighter's Association for their kind donation to our Northfield Village Firefighter's Association of a fire station table, TV, and weight equipment. Our department is grateful for the donation and will be appreciated long into the future.
  - **Hard Rock Rocksino & NVRC Stats** – NVFD responded to 79 medical / 2 fire incidents at the Hard Rock and 49 medical / 1 fire incidents at NVRC Since January 1, 2016.



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