

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2017

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, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters, and Police Department Officer in Charge Sgt. John Zoligus.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES: None.

Presentation of a Proclamation Congratulating Nordonia Hills High School Student Anthony Perrine on His 2017 OSHSAA State Wrestling Championship

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. Mr. Magistrelli, Ms. Domzalski, Mr. Hipps, Ms. Noack and Mr. Vojtush all were in favor of approving the minutes from the March 22, 2017 Council Meeting. Mr. Daugherty abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez reported the residential building and zoning permits will need to be waived by a motion of Council for the May Cleanup month. A motion to waive the residential building and zoning permits in the month of May was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Mayor Nehez also requested that Council make a motion to waive the garage sale fees for the June 3rd Community Garage Sale event. A motion to waive the fees was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of waiving the June 3rd garage sale fee, none opposed.

Finally, Mayor Nehez announced that the Hard Rock is in the process of building the car wash, gas station and convenience store and a third smoking patio. Additionally, a nail salon is going in at the Plaza.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Report attached. A motion for acknowledgement of receipt of the March 2017 Reconciliation of Cash was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of acknowledgement of receipt of the reconciliation of March's cash, none opposed.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Report attached.

Regarding the Mobilitie cellular tower, Mr. Bryan stated Mobilitie is not a utility company. It acquires the right to place or utilize a pole on spec. Mr. Bryan thought that Sprint and one other cellular company, possibly T-Mobile, usually lease their space. The small cell facility needs site distance from an existing tower to work. The equipment is usually co-located on existing utility poles. Mr. Bryan stated he would oppose the current plan and seek a resolution and location that is more palatable to the Village.

Mr. Wasosky added to his report Summit County is looking to form its own storm water program that is expected to be less expensive than that of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORS) program. Mr. Wasosky added the Summit County program would be less expensive for the residents, and they would receive much more in return. Under the NEORS program, the Village receives a credit of 25%, where the Summit County program offers a 100% credit. Mr. Wasosky stated the Village is required to stay in contract with NEORS for at least another five years.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – No report. Mr. Bryan indicated he will explain the legislation for tonight's meeting at the time legislation is brought before Council.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Sgt. John Zolcus – Report attached.

Regarding the personnel report: Mayor Nehez asked Sgt. Zolcus to clarify that the current unfilled seven part-time positions that are presently open are not open due to current employees deciding to take employment with other agencies, but rather the vacant positions were never filled under the former Chief. Sgt. Zolcus stated that is correct, those vacancies have not been filled going back to August 2016. Sgt. Zolcus added that he has had conversations with the Mayor and the Finance Director to perhaps add two additional full-time employees to the department to add more manpower.

Regarding Lexipol: Mayor Nehez asked Ms. Domzalski what her thoughts were regarding contracting with Lexipol as head of the Safety Committee. Ms. Domzalski said she is in favor of moving forward with the new policies and procedures for the safety of our officers and the protection of the Village. To further clarify the need for the update on the policies and procedures, Sgt. Zolcus stated that the Police Department's current policies and procedures have not been updated since 2011. Mr. Daugherty asked Sgt. Zolcus if he needed a motion to move forward with Lexipol to update the Police Department's policies and procedures. Sgt. Zolcus replied yes. A motion to authorize Sgt. Zolcus to contract with Lexipol to update the policies and procedures for the Police Department in the amount of \$6,587.00 was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Mr. Magistrelli asked Sgt. Zolcus why these policies and procedures have not been updated since 2011. Sgt. Zolcus replied he would have to ask that question of the former Chief. All were in favor of contracting with Lexipol in the amount of \$6,587.00, none opposed. Sgt. Zolcus stated that Lexipol was an idea that was brought forward by Lt. Mackie to better the department.

Sgt. Zolcus added to his report that himself, Lt. Mackie and Sgt. Zajac have signed up for a seminar on how to solve morale and entitlement issues within a department in June. Mr.

Daugherty asked for clarification on the length of the seminar since three officers of rank will be in attendance at this seminar. Sgt. Zoligus stated the seminar is only one day long.

Sgt. Zoligus also added that the Village is moving forward with setting up a GovDeals.com account to sell assets the Village owns or has confiscated.

Ms. Noack asked for clarification on the TAC reporting versus what the Police Department is currently using for their reporting system. Sgt. Zoligus stated the current reporting software is through OHLEG, a program provided by the State of Ohio and Attorney General's Office. Sgt. Zoligus said there are many issues with OHLEG because it does not have crash reporting or interface with other surrounding communities. Sgt. Zoligus continued that this new software would also assist Mayor's Court with processing as well. Mr. Vojtush asked if the \$26,000.00 charge was an annual charge. Sgt. Zoligus replied this was a one-time start up cost, but there would be minimal service fees.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Report attached.

Chief Buss stated he has a supply of carbon monoxide detectors in addition to the smoke detector program the Fire Department conducts annually from Kidde. These items are free to the residents.

Chief Buss requested a motion to proceed with Bowen and Associates for the building assessments for Village Hall, the former National City Bank building and the Fire Department in the amount of \$34,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Service and Building Superintendent, Jason Walters –Report attached.

Regarding the Senior Snow Plow Program, Mr. Walters requested a work session to discuss this program. A Council Work Session was scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00pm.

Regarding the sewer camera, Mr. Magistrelli complimented Mr. Walters on the old ambulance that has been transformed into the sewer division vehicle.

Regarding the new Hustler Super Z Hyper Drive lawn mower, Mr. Walters asked for a motion from Council to purchase this new mower as it exceeds the Mayor's spending authority. A motion for approval of the purchase of the new mower in the amount of \$11,284.00 was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Regarding the repair of the 2000 Ford F-550, Mr. Walters requested a motion to proceed with the repairs to this truck from Council in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. A motion to proceed with the repairs of the 2000 Ford F-550 was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Regarding the 1994 Super Duty Bucket truck, Mr. Walters said that repairs are needed on this vehicle as well in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00. A motion to proceed with the repairs of the 1994 Super Duty Bucket truck was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Regarding promotion of Larry Schilk to full-time status, Mr. Walters clarified that Larry Schilk would be switching places with Roger Stone. Mr. Walters continued that Roger maintains he will be retiring in December. Mr. Daugherty requested that Mr. Bryan prepare the legislation to hire Larry full-time for the next Council Meeting.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30pm to discuss the Mobilite small cell tower application.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated the Easter event went really well at Smith Park. There were approximately 60 people that attended. Mayor Nehez said the Recreation Board will meet Thursday, May 4th at 7:30pm to discuss neighborhood parties and garage sale weekend.

Cemetery Board, Beatrice Greenlee – No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee meeting will be April 26th at 6:30pm.

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

Health and Welfare, Mrs. Noack – Ms. Noack discussed the meeting held with Rumpke regarding the change to the rubbish collection days. Ms. Noack stated Rumpke will be sending out flyers to the residents letting them know their new rubbish collection days. The East side of the Village will be collected on Mondays. The West side of the Village will be collected on Tuesdays effective the beginning of May. Mr. Bryan added the collection will remain the same until April 27th with the days shifting the first week of May. Mr. Daugherty asked why Rumpke was changing the collection days. Mr. Bryan said that changing the days fits into Rumpke's overall collection schedule, and better affords Rumpke the opportunity to collect any trash that was not picked up on Monday. Mr. Bryan stated another reason for the change is that one driver will no handle the whole Village as opposed to using two drivers.

Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush – No report.

Fire and Safety, Mrs. Domzalski – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2017-24 – An Emergency Ordinance Repealing Section 1060.08 of the Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code Relating to Garbage Hauling License Regulations and Requirements (First Reading). Mr. Bryan stated this repeals 1060.08, which was enacted when the Village Service Department was collecting the rubbish instead of contracting the collection out. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2017-25 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 452.03 of the Traffic Code Relating to Parking on the Fire Hydrant Side of the Street (First Reading). Mr. Bryan passed out a revision to this legislation adding number 19 regarding vehicles parking facing oncoming traffic. Mr. Bryan continued that number 17 clarifies the language of parking on tree lawns and lawns in general. Mr. Bryan stated number 18 was added to allow parking only on one side of the street. Mr. Bryan stated the fines for illegally parking were left unchanged and asked Council what their pleasure was with regards to parking fines. Mr. Daugherty asked for this piece of legislation to be left on First Reading to further discuss the fine rates. Mr. Daugherty requested a work session to discuss the fine rates. This legislation will be discussed further at the Work Session on April 26th.

2017-26 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 816.04 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Garage Sale Permit Fees (First Reading). Mr. Bryan indicated this is a housekeeping item to change the rate of the permit amount. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2017-27 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Proteus Portable Mainline Camera System for Service Department Use (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2017-28 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2017 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty stated Mr. Buzalewski is not feeling well and requested that the Village send him a card letting him know that the Village administration is thinking about him. Mayor Nehez agreed to put something together.

Ms. Noack stated there are many things going on with the children in our community. Ms. Noack continued she is active in the "Team Tessa" initiative and announced several fundraising events going on to benefit Tessa Puma. Ms. Noack stated there is a need for volunteers for these fundraising events. Additionally, Ms. Noack stated Mr. Bozse's grandchild was recently diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The Bozses are seeking volunteers for Wheels on the Runway event in Twinsburg on May 6, 2017 at 11:00am. Ms. Domzalski requested the Village make a \$500.00 donation to each event. A motion was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the donations, none opposed. Mr. Vojtush requested that all of Council wear pink for the Council Meeting on April 26th.

Mr. Vojtush announced his family is having a fundraiser to support the Autism Society of Greater Akron on April 22nd from 10:00-1:00pm at The United Methodist Church of Macedonia. Mr. Vojtush also stated Chick-Fil-A in Macedonia will be sponsoring Spirit Day on Thursday, April 27th from 6:30am-10:00pm for the Autism Society of Greater Akron for the Andrew's Heroes Walk where 15% of the day's sales will be donated to the Autism Society of Greater Akron.

Mr. Hipps stated he is participating in a fashion show called Product Runway on May 6, 2017 at the Cleveland Museum of Art from 6:00-11:00pm with the proceeds going to the Providence House.

Mr. Magistrelli commented the Village should be proud to be able to help with these events in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adjournment, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council