

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 24, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Ms. Ingrassia. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief John Zolcus, Fire Lieutenant Joe Zemek.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of approval of the Minutes from the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting, the exception of Ms. Domzalski who abstained. The minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES: None.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated he is aware there has been much discussion regarding the proposed hookah bar coming into the Plaza. Mayor Nehez stated the proposal for the hookah bar was withdrawn.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion to approve and then and now purchase order and payment to the City of Cleveland for the annual fire hydrant usage. A motion to approve the then and now payment to the City of Cleveland in the amount of \$7,087.86 was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of approving the payment to the City of Cleveland, none opposed.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky will be at the Regular Council Meeting on February 14, 2018.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan stated he spoke with Mr. Wasosky prior to this evening's meeting, and Mr. Wasosky asked if a motion could be made to put the Ledge Road Phase II project out to bid. A motion to advertise and bid the Ledge Road Phase II project was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Mr. Bryan stated work easements are required from the property owners on Ledge Road in order to complete the project. Mr. Bryan stated he is preparing to send and deliver the necessary documents to the affected residents.

Mr. Bryan discussed the Overlay District Project and the changes made to the language after Mr. Wasosky reviewed the document. Mr. Bryan stated the code provisions will be put in ordinance form in order to be ready for the February 21, 2018 public meeting at 6:30pm. Mr.

Bryan also stated he will be preparing a letter to go out to the affected and adjacent property owners.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – Chief Zolcus stated he distributed the report for December's activities. (Report attached.) Chief Zolcus requested a Fire and Safety Committee meeting for Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss promoting a part-time officer to replace Sgt. Urbanowicz.

Fire Department, Lt. Zemek – No report.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Mr. Walters will be at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez reported the Recreation Board will meet on February 1, 2018 at 6:30pm. Mayor Nehez stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be this year held at Smith Park. The blood drive will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 11:00-4:00pm at Village Hall.

Cemetery Board, Mr. Magistrelli – No report.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli reported the Finance Committee met this evening, and all items appeared to be in order. Mr. Magistrelli discussed abatement of penalties and interest for residents trying to rectify their outstanding income tax payments. Mr. Magistrelli asked if Council is amenable to waiving the penalty and interest on unpaid tax amounts that are being collected by the Regional Income Tax Agency. A discussion ensued, and Council determined they are amenable to waiving the penalties and interest for all taxpayers on years that are delinquent under the former tax collection agency. A motion to waive penalties and interest on unpaid taxes prior to 2017 was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

Roads/Public Works, Mr. Czerr – Mr. Czerr stated he wished to further discuss the additional traffic signal at Houghton Road and Route 8. Mr. Czerr stated the reason he disagreed with a signal being placed at Houghton Road and Route 8 is not advantageous to the residents of Ward B and Ward C. Mr. Hipps stated he pressed Mr. Wasosky on the signal at Houghton Road and Route 8, and Mr. Hipps stated the Village cannot determine the location of traffic signals because the signal must be warranted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. Hipps continued Mr. Wasosky stated once a traffic signal was placed on Houghton Road and Route 8, the Village can request another traffic study to determine if another signal is warranted. Mr. Czerr

stated he felt the traffic study was completed by someone who doesn't reside in the Village and isn't affected by the difficulty in exiting the side streets in Ward A. Mr. Magistrelli discussed the initial traffic study that was completed when the Hard Rock Rocksino was being built and stated part of the reason it is so difficult to exit side streets onto Route 8 is because the current traffic signals are not all sequenced together. Mr. Magistrelli continued the installation and programming of the new signal at Houghton Road and Route 8 should create a gap in traffic between the Hard Rock and Houghton Road. Mr. Czerr stated he wished to see the study for the signal on Houghton Road and Route 8. Mr. Bryan stated he was sure Mr. Wasosky would be willing to detail the process of petitioning the State for a different signal once he returns.

Health and Welfare, Ms. Noack – No report.

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

Fire and Safety, Ms. Domzalski – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2018-09 – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Section 1268.12 of the Planning and Zoning Code Relating to Prohibited Window Frame Lighting in B-1, B-2, and B-3 Districts (Second Reading) Mr. Bryan recommended this piece of legislation be held for a third reading due to the phone calls and concerns of the community. Mr. Vojtush asked where in the Village this lighting is applicable. Mr. Bryan stated there is no place in the Village that currently has this lighting. Mayor Nehez stated Luna's, the Marathon Station and the old Cannery restaurant in Northfield Center, have this lighting.

2018-10 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease and Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Financial Services for a Service Department Copier (First Reading) A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Mr. Hipps. Mr. Czerr; yes. Ms. Noack; yes. Mr. Vojtush; no. Mr. Magistrelli; yes. Mr. Hipps; yes. Ms. Domzalski; yes. The three reading rule was suspended. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Hipps. Mr. Vojtush asked why the cost of the copier was so high. Mr. Vojtush asked what the grade of the copier is that the cost is so high. Ms. Ingrassia stated the new Service Department building copier is equivalent to the copier in Village Hall; however, the Service Department uses more drawers for differing paper sizes for picture printing and such. Ms. Ingrassia also stated the Service Department uses a higher color copier count which will affect the pricing as well. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2018-11 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 246 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Provisions Specific to Firefighters (First Reading). Mr. Bryan discussed the additional code section for the Fire Department and the changes being made. Mr. Magistrelli made a motion to suspend the three reading rule, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2018-12 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 891 of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code as Required by Ohio HB 49 (First Reading). Mr. Bryan discussed the changes to this portion of the Code stating the municipal tax code must mirror the State of Ohio's tax code. 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. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Nehez stated the reason he has been less available the past few days is because his grandmother has been very ill.

Ms. Noack stated one of our residents, Dawn Scherma, is having a fundraiser for the opioid crisis at the VFW on March 3, 2018 for \$30.00 per person.

Mr. Czerr stated he would like to discuss free trash collection for the residents.

Mr. Magistrelli welcomed the latest addition to the Village and congratulated Ms. Domzalski on her newborn.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of adjournment, none opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council