

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 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 Zoligus, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters

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

The minutes from the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting were not completed in time for approval at this Council Meeting.

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Mr. Craig Shubert of Hudson, Ohio addressed the Mayor, Council and the audience on his intention to run in the Republican primary for a seat in the State of Ohio House of Representatives. Mr. Shubert described his background and qualifications. Mr. Shubert also discussed the issues that concerned him and the platform on which he intended to campaign.

Mr. Tom Babcox, a resident of the apartment complex off Sagamore Road, discussed the proposed new Northfield Village Hall, Police Department, Community Center and Fire Department upgrades. Mr. Babcox wished to offer his opinion in the planning stages of the new buildings and renovations that the Mayor and Council consider looking into renewable energy for heating and cooling.

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

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated he has nothing at this time.

**Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia** – Ms. Ingrassia asked when Council was next available to review the requested 2018 budget for the Service Department. Mr. Magistrelli asked when Mr. Walters would be available to present his requests. Mr. Bryan reminded the Mayor and Council that before the March 14th Council Meeting, there is a scheduled Overlay District Project meeting. Mr. Walters indicated he would be out of town beginning March 7, 2018. Mr. Walters stated he would be available Monday, March 5th at 6:30pm. Council agreed with this date and time.

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Mr. Wasosky will be in attendance at the March 14, 2018 Council Meeting.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan read the Mayor's Court Disbursements for the month of January (report attached). A motion for acceptance of the January Mayor's Court Disbursements

was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of acceptance, none opposed.

Mr. Bryan stated there is an Overlay District Project meeting with Ms. McMahon before the next Council Meeting, March 14, 2018 at 6:00pm. Mr. Bryan continued the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the comments received during the public hearing and incorporate the feedback into the plan. Mr. Bryan added that all are welcome to attend the meeting on March 14th.

Mr. Bryan asked Council if they were interested in moving forward with the Simple Recycling proposal that was presented at the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting. Council agreed they wished to move forward with adding Simple Recycling to the agenda for the March 14, 2018 Council Meeting.

Mr. Bryan requested a motion to waive the residential permit fees for the month of May for the annual home improvement month-long initiative. A motion to waive the residential permit fees for the month of May was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of waiving the residential permit fees, none opposed.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Chief John Zolcus** – Chief Zolcus stated members of the Police Department attended a training during the month of January regarding officer-involved shootings. Chief Zolcus stated he finished a background check on a new part-time officer that he wishes to have sworn in the month of March.

Chief Zolcus briefed Council on the pursuit and standoff that ended in Broadview Heights and appeared on many of the news networks in Northeast Ohio. Chief Zolcus stated he extensively reviewed all the camera footage from the incident, and his conclusion is our officers did comply with the Police Department's policy and procedure regarding pursuits. Chief Zolcus continued there was damage to one of the Village's Police cruisers. Chief Zolcus commended Officer Olesinski and Officer Lipinski (from the Broadview Heights Police Department), who were the two officers that convinced the young man to turn himself in and not harm himself any further.

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

Chief Buss stated he emailed the 2017 Annual Report of the Fire Department to all of Council for their perusal. Chief Buss stated he wishes to hire additional part-time Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) for staffing both the Fire Station and Northfield Park Racetrack.

**Service Department, Jason Walters** – Report attached.

#### **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 Thursday March 1, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss Easter events. Mayor Nehez stated the date of the Easter event is Sunday, March 18, 2018, but he will finalize the plans tomorrow and report back.

## **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli** – Mr. Magistrelli said the Finance Committee meeting has been postponed until after tonight's Council Meeting due to the budget discussions with the Police and Fire Departments.

**Roads/Public Works, Ms. Domzalski** – No report.

**Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr** – Mr. Czerr stated as he is new to Council, and he wished to say something without interruption. Mr. Czerr stated his position on Council is to serve the residents as a public servant and the business owners within the Village. Mr. Czerr stated he didn't wish to discuss the events of the prior meeting as they can be read within the minutes. Mr. Czerr asked to be treated with respect, and added he would in turn show respect to his fellow Councilors.

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

**Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack** – No report. Ms. Noack stated she is looking forward to working with both the Police and Fire Chiefs.

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

**LEGISLATION: None**

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

Mayor Nehez stated there are three items he wished to donate to the historical society: a 75th Anniversary horse blanket and two photos. Mayor Nehez requested a motion from Council for permission to donate these items to the Historical Society. A motion approving the donation was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of donating the items, none opposed.

**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 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council