

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia 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 Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes from the June 13, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. There were five yes votes for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Vojtush abstained. The Minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

Mr. Jim Daugherty of 214 Magnolia Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Daugherty stated he has three issues, the first being the property on Magnolia Avenue of which he previously spoke. Mr. Daugherty stated the pond issue on this property has not been resolved, and it is infested with mosquito larvae and tadpoles. Mr. Daugherty stated this pond has to be a health hazard. Mr. Walters stated the Summit County Health Department has jurisdiction to evaluate and enforce those issues.

Mr. Daugherty continued that when people pull out of Magnolia Avenue and an officer is running radar, you cannot see around the cruiser to turn onto State Route 8. Chief Zolcus stated he would take this up with the officers.

Finally, Mr. Daugherty stated two weeks ago he was washing his vehicle on his grass and an officer pulled up and said he shouldn't be parked on the grass. Mr. Daugherty said he followed the instruction of the ordinance and moved his vehicle off the grass. Mr. Daugherty said the Saturday after this incident at the baseball field there were three cars parked 20-25 feet into the outfield on the grass. Mr. Daugherty said he contacted dispatch and reported this matter, but dispatch did not send an officer to respond and have the cars moved from the outfield.

Three employees of Northcoast Behavioral Hospital in Sagamore Hills Township requested the Mayor and Council's support for an informational picket due to the lack of staffing and safety issues occurring at the hospital. Mayor Nehez stated that facility is located in Sagamore Hills Township. Mr. Czerr clarified that he spoke with the women before the meeting and invited them to attend. Ms. Noack stated she invited them as well. The women went into detail regarding what is occurring at the hospital. Most of the conversation was inaudible due to the women not using the microphone. Mayor Nehez stated that the two communities that the women would be better served to speak with are Sagamore Hills, because that is where the hospital is located, and Walton Hills because of the JEDD with Sagamore Hills. Mayor Nehez stated if the women were looking to picket, they would need to set something up and discuss what they were planning with Chief Zolcus. Mr. Bryan went into detail about the guidelines they would have to follow in order to picket. Chief Zolcus requested the women provide him their contact information. Ms. Domzalski asked if they had heard from the property owners where they plan

to picket. Their response was inaudible due to lack of use of the microphone. Veronica Hawkins, a resident of Broadview Heights, addressed the Mayor and Council to describe in detail some incidents that have occurred at the hospital. Ms. Hawkins also clarified how low staffing levels have affected the workers and the patients. Mr. Magistrelli stated he contacted Columbus and spoke with a woman from the women's union, and he suggested the women reach out to their union for support. Ms. Hawkins stated she has been in contact with the union, and they have approved the informational picket. Mr. Vojtush asked if there was minimum staffing requirement in their contract. Ms. Hawkins stated staffing is a management right. Mayor Nehez again suggested the women reach out to Sagamore Hills.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – No report.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for approval of a payment that exceeds the Mayor's \$5,000.00 spending authority for Rumpke for dumpster rental for the spring clean-up program. Ms. Ingrassia stated the payment amount is \$12,617.80. A motion for approval of this payment was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan stated he revised the ordinance amending Section 660.17 and 660.18 relating to grass cutting and weed control based on the discussion at the Work Session the previous evening. Mr. Bryan stated this measure is not on the agenda for this evening's meeting. Mr. Bryan stated there will be another Work Session pertaining to the ordinance prior to the next Council Meeting. Mr. Magistrelli stated this Work Session will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:30pm.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – Report attached.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Report attached. Chief Buss also thanked the participants of the Touch a Truck event.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Report attached. Mr. Walters stated paving of the West bound lane of Ledge Road will begin on Thursday, June 28, 2018. Mr. Bryan asked how long the road would be closed. Mr. Walters stated the road will be drivable, but not open, on Monday, July 2, 2018. Ms. Noack asked how the residents on Ledge would get to their cars in the morning. Mr. Walters stated the construction company is beginning down by Lee Eaton.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated the Recreation Board will meet July 12, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss the movie in the park. Ms. Noack stated she did remind the company that provides the equipment of the upcoming event.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee met this evening to review the expenses for June. Mr. Magistrelli thanked Ms. Ingrassia for her hard work.

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

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – Mr. Czerr discussed the changes to the grass cutting ordinance and stated he was not in favor of the changes and the six inch limit.

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

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2018-40 – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 1267 of the Zoning Code Titled Overlay Area (Third Reading). A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Czerr: No; Ms. Noack: Yes; Mr. Vojtush: Yes; Mr. Magistrelli: Yes; Mr. Hipps: Yes; Ms. Domzalski: Yes. The ordinance passed 5 yes votes to one no vote.

2018-42 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 864 of the Business Regulation Code Relating to Open-Air Food Markets (First Reading). Mr. Bryan stated this piece of legislation should be held for a second reading.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Vojtush stated he was contacted two weeks ago by a resident. Mr. Vojtush continued that two trees were inadvertently cut down on this resident's private property when the dead trees were being removed from the Pitluk Preserve property. Mr. Vojtush stated Mr. Walters worked with her diligently, and he thanked him for how he handled the situation.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of adjournment; none opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council