

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 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 was Law Director Brad Bryan and Engineer Rich Wasosky.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes from the June 27, 2018 Council Meeting were not available for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

At this time, two representatives from rubbish collection companies stepped up to introduce themselves to Council and the Mayor regarding the trash hauling contract that was recently put out to bid.

The first representative was Vince Crawford from Waste Management. Mr. Crawford went over his resume, the history Waste Management has had with the Village, the equipment Waste Management offers, and the receptacles that will be provided to the residents. A packet was presented to the Mayor and Council demonstrating that Waste Management was the lowest bid for trash hauling. Mr. Vojtush asked whether or not special calls needed to be made for larger items or if mattresses have to be wrapped. Mr. Crawford explained there is no need to call for a large item pickup, but residents must wrap mattresses in plastic for the safety of Waste Management's employees.

The second representative was Sarah Mathews from Rumpke. Ms. Mathews explained Rumpke is the Village's current trash hauler, and she thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to service the Village for the past two contract cycles. Ms. Mathews explained Rumpke is not the lowest bid, but she felt they were the best bid and encouraged Council to take into consideration that Rumpke was the only bidder to bid the contract as the Village currently collects trash. Ms. Mathews explained why it would be advantageous to retain Rumpke as the trash hauler and gave a brief history of the company. Mr. Hipps asked Ms. Mathews what MRF Rumpke uses if the Village were to go with recycling. Ms. Mathews stated Rumpke uses Waste Management's facility in Akron, but they also use a facility in Columbus.

Mr. Bryan discussed the information he provided to Council regarding the bid results. Mr. Bryan recommended Council make a decision by the next Regular Council Meeting due to the fact the current contract expires on September 30, 2018. Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Magistrelli what Council's pleasure is regarding discussion of the bid results and advised a Work Session would be beneficial to discuss the bids. Mr. Magistrelli requested a Work Session on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00pm. Council agreed to schedule that work session on Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – No report.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia gave a brief description of the 2019 Tax Budget, the Insurance Renewal, a check that needs to be placed into the Unclaimed Fund, and the Appropriation Amendment.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Report attached.

Mr. Wasosky advised Ms. Ingrassia Euthenics, Inc. would be providing engineering services and preparing bid specs for the Houghton Road/Victory Boulevard Catch Basin Repair in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. A motion to authorize that work was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed. The motion was adopted.

Regarding the Summit Soil and Water District MS4 Facility Pollution Prevention Report, Mr. Vojtush requested a copy of the deficiencies.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan clarified the letter he sent to Mayor and Council regarding the trash hauling bid results. Mr. Bryan stated Waste Management's bid does include unlimited pickup, and the residents will be provided with a free container by Waste Management.

Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Magistrelli if he had made a decision on whether to cancel the first August Council Meeting as a summer recess. Mr. Magistrelli stated he did wish to cancel the first August Council Meeting and made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded by Ms. Noack. Mr. Czerr asked why Council would not want that meeting. Mr. Bryan clarified that Council usually cancels one meeting in July or August of each year to give everyone a summer break. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – Chief Zolcus will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Chief Buss will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Mr. Walters will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

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 6:30 p.m. to discuss the movie in the park.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – No report.

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

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – No report.

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

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2018-42 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 864 of the Business Regulation Code Relating to Open-Air Food Markets (Second Reading). Mr. Bryan recommended the legislation be continued to a third reading.

2018-43 – An Emergency Resolution Adopting the Tax Budget of the Village of Northfield, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2019 and Submitting the Same to the County Fiscal Officer (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-44 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract for the Village's Insurance Policies with Selective, Hanover, Cincinnati, and Hudson Insurance Companies through Wichert Insurance Agency (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and 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 and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-45 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to Transfer Funds Representing Uncashed Checks to the Village's Unclaimed Fund (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-46 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer Along with the Necessary Equipment to Outfit the Vehicle for Police Department Use (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and 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 and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Mayor Nehez added all the older cruisers have been sold and are off Village property. Ms. Noack stated Chief Zolcus informed her the price of the cruiser has gone up, but it is still within the budgeted amount. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-47 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Euthenics, Inc. to Provide Construction Administration Services and General Field Inspection for the SR 8 and Ledge Road Traffic Signal Upgrading Project (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Hipps and 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 and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-48 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2018 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. Mr. Vojtush asked if this was for spring cleanup, and if so, didn't Council already approve it. Ms. Ingrassia stated the last motion was to approve payment of invoices exceeding the Mayor's spending authority. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Nehez stated he congratulated Mayor Molnar and stated he is looking forward to working together with him and the City of Macedonia.

Mr. Czerr asked if the tax abatement for the Hard Rock Rocksino would still be in effect based upon the recent sale. Mr. Bryan explained the property and business remain in the name of Northfield Park Associates, LLC so the tax abatement agreement will remain in effect. Mr. Czerr stated the reason he brings this up is because he is aware there is an entertainment tax in effect in Macedonia. Mr. Czerr continued that there is an amount of excessive trash that is thrown around the Village. Mr. Czerr proposed an entertainment tax to help assist with cleanup of excessive trash. Mr. Bryan explained the Village already has a 3% admission tax in place along with a 5% parking tax. Mr. Bryan stated there is a criminal ordinance and fine for littering in place already. Mr. Czerr stated the rubbish and littering is an issue for himself personally. Mayor Nehez stated if trash and littering is an issue, he would appreciate a phone call identifying where the trash is located so that he can address the matter.

Mr. Vojtush stated he noticed that watering the plants up and down State Route 8 requires two men in the Service truck and one Police Officer that follows behind them. Mr. Vojtush stated this procedure takes quite a bit of time, and he feels the Police Department would be better utilized by being out on the road and patrolling. Mr. Vojtush continued he thinks the Service Department should be able to use two of their vehicles as he feels the Police Department is better utilized somewhere else.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adjournment; none opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council