

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2019

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: Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief John Zoligus, and Fire Chief Jason Buss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes from the August 28, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approval; none were opposed. The Minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES: None.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated he recently spoke with Howard Shafron, the owner of both Plazas in the Village. Mr. Shafron will be redoing the parking lots and putting up new signage in both Plazas that will meet the new sign code.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia distributed the June, July, and August 2019 end of month reconciliations and month end reports. Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion to acknowledge receipt of the reports for all three months. Mr. Magistrelli made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the reports that was seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The motion was adopted.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Report attached. Mr. Wasosky briefed Council on the status of the Ledge Road reconstruction project. CATTS Construction re-graded the Service Department parking lot and the Old Waste Treatment Plant. CATTS still needs to take a look at a piece of broken curb on Ledge Road, West of Milford. Mr. Wasosky commented there may be a dispute concerning who is responsible for the repair. Ms. Noack mentioned that school is back in session, and a school bus might have run over the curb causing the damage.

Mr. Wasosky discussed the State Rt. 8 and Ledge Road Traffic Signal replacement project. Signal Service estimated the cost of replacing the pole to be approximately \$9,000. Once ordered, it will take approximately 9 months for the new pole to arrive. Mr. Wasosky stated a woman driving down SR 8 had a diabetic incident while behind the wheel and crashed into the pole. Chief Zoligus reported the claim has been submitted to the woman's auto insurance carrier. Mr. Wasosky stated he would like a copy of the report for his records.

Mr. Wasosky reported Houghton Road is now open. The Houghton traffic signal improvement project should start sometime in December.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan stated the commencement of the Village Hall South Wall project is being postponed until after the Halloween party.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolgus – Chief Zolgus asked permission for anything above the Police Station that cannot be sold on GovDeals or be used for anything to be tossed out. Mr. Bryan and Councilperson Vojtush asked that Chief Zolgus provide Council with a list general of items before the motion is considered.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Chief Buss stated the Vehicle Exhaust System is being installed in the Fire Station. The project should be completed by Monday September 16th.

Chief Buss mentioned the Fire Department is training with Macedonia the next two Tuesdays.

Chief Buss welcomed MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) representatives to the Council Meeting. On August 23, 24 & 25th, 2019, the Fire Department raised \$11,548 for the MDA. Bob Davet, the President of the Village Fire Fighters Association, mentioned the amount of money raised in 2017 and 2018. The MDA representative was introduced and thanked the Village Fire Department and other Fire Departments for their efforts toward raising money for people like Olivia and Kayla (who were at the meeting to express their appreciation), who benefited from the funds raised and wouldn't be able to have their required treatments every 16 weeks if it were not for the Fire Departments' efforts.

Service Department, Jason Walters–Mr. Walters will be 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 commented that he was going to get in touch with Chief Zolgus' sister to get the Halloween party event started. Ms. Ingrassia mentioned First Natonal Bank of PA reached out to the Village and offered to donate money to any event taking place. Ms. Noack provided the dates of events that the Village currently has scheduled: Halloween October 31st, Veteran's Day at Village Hall November 10th, and the Fire Department Christmas Party December 15th. Ms. Ingrassia stated she will let the bank know about the Village's upcoming events.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – No Report.

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

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – Mr. Czerr began discussing a complaint by a resident about parking limits on Huntington and another resident complaint about people not picking up dog waste by the Pitluk Preserve that the resident believes is causing contamination to his well. Mr. Hipps pointed out to Mr. Czerr that wells are too deep to be contaminated by dog waste and this portion of the meeting is intended to report on or schedule committee meetings. Mr. Hipps stated these issues should first be discussed in committee and then be brought to Council, if necessary. Mr. Czerr then stated he wished to schedule a committee meeting and asked who is on his Health and Welfare Committee. Ms. Noack and Mr. Magistrelli informed Mr. Czerr that they were the

other two members of his committee. A Health and Welfare committee meeting was then scheduled for Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the above issues.

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

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report. Ms. Noack reported on this evening's Council Work Session to discuss Veterans' Banners, park security cameras, and the Fire Station expansion and renovation project. She stated the Chief of Police is planning on having another work session about the park security cameras once he receives more information. Ms. Noack will let everyone know when that meeting will take place once the additional information is obtained.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2019-63 – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Katherine Caporossi as a Part Time Police Officer (First Reading). Chief Zolgus took a brief moment to speak about Ms. Caporossi. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none were opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Noack thanked Council for the Work Session concerning the banners. Ms. Noack also thanked the Service Department for helping her get the information out to the people from whom she needed quotes. Ms. Noack stated without the Service Department, she would not have had what she needed for tonight's Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adjournment; none were opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council