

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Council President Nick Magistrelli. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Magistrelli.

**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 and Service Director Jason Walters.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 23, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of approval of the Minutes from the January 23, 2019 Council Meeting; none were opposed.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of approval of the Minutes from the February 13, 2019 Council Meeting; none were opposed.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:** None.

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

**Mayor Jesse Nehez**– Mayor Nehez was absent; however, Mr. Magistrelli stated he is aware there have been complaints and concerns regarding Wow Communications moving into the Village. Mr. Magistrelli stated there is little control the Village has over the situation, but the installation of lines should be done within three weeks.

**Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia**– Ms. Ingrassia explained the first reading of the 2019 Appropriations are on the agenda for this evening. Ms. Ingrassia continued these appropriations are the first draft in order to put the matter before Council, and further adjustments would be made once the Committees meet and discuss the needs of their respective Departments.

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

**Law Director, Brad Bryan**– Mr. Bryan stated the Police Chief distributed a copy of the Police Department's new Policies and Procedures for Council's review. Mr. Bryan continued it is necessary for Council to authorize by motion the Police Department to put the new Policies and Procedures into effect. Mr. Vojtush asked if there was a report of all the changes that have been made. Mr. Bryan stated there is no report because all of the Policies and Procedures have been completely redone. Mr. Magistrelli suggested waiting on the motion in order to allow Councilmembers time to review the new Policies and ask any questions they may have.

Mr. Bryan requested two members of Council to serve on the Firefighters' Dependent Fund Board for 2019. A motion to appoint Mr. Vojtush and Ms. Noack to the Firefighters' Dependent Fund Board for 2019 was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

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

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

**Service Department, Jason Walters**– Mr. Walters stated the salt bin is three-fourths full, but the Salt Loader needed repairs due to erosion from the salt. The cost is just over \$800. Mr. Walters continued there were some trees that needed chipping due to the windstorm that recently occurred. Mr. Walters, Ms. Domzalski, and Mr. Magistrelli discussed the final Department budget at the Roads and Public Works Committee meeting. Mr. Walters stated the final meeting for the Department budget would be Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ledge Road Building.

**REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps:** No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez:** Ms. Noack stated the next Recreation Board meeting would be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli**– Mr. Magistrelli stated there was a Finance Committee meeting this evening. Mr. Magistrelli stressed the importance of getting the budget finalized.

**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**– Ms. Noack stated the Fire and Safety Committee met to list the final priorities for the Police and Fire Department budgets.

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

**LEGISLATION:**

**2019-05** – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 1280 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Signs (Third Reading). Mr. Bryan discussed the changes that were made to the ordinance since the last Council Meeting. 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 votes to 1.

**2019-11** – A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Northfield to Enter into the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Stormwater Management Program Community Cost Share Program Agreement for the Houghton Road Reconstruction and State Route 8 Traffic Signals Improve-

ment Project and Authorizing Mayor Jesse J. Nehez, Chief Executive Officer, to Submit the Authorization and Execute All Contracts with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Declaring an Emergency (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none were opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The Resolution passed.

**2019-12** – An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth the Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2019 and Submitting the same to the County Fiscal Officer (First Reading). Ms. Ingrassia requested that no action other than a reading be taken this evening because the budget is still a working document. Mr. Vojtush made a motion to table the Resolution until the budget is finalized. The motion was not seconded and therefore did not advance to a vote. The Resolution will be placed on the agenda for a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Magistrelli stated Ms. Greenlee was sworn in for a new three-year term on the Cemetery Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of adjournment; none were opposed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council