

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 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 was Service Director Jason Walters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were not available for the meeting but will be ready to present at the April 10, 2019 Council Meeting.

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

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez and Council President Nick Magistrelli will be going out to collect donations in the next month for beautification projects and the baseball fields.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia stated the super blanket purchase orders need an amendment and there is a legislation for that purpose.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky will be at the next regular Meeting of Council.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan will be at the next regular Meeting of Council.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – Chief Zolcus will be at the next regular Meeting of Council.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Chief Buss will be at the next regular Meeting of Council.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Mr. Walters mentioned that the Service Department has reviewed its full year budget, and he is hoping it passes this evening.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps: – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated that the Recreation Board is still working on the Easter event, and \$600.00 was approved for the events budget.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated next month's Finance Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24 2019 at 6:30pm.

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:

2019-12 –An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth the Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2019 and Submitting the Same to the County Fiscal Officer (Third Reading). A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Mr. Czerr questioned why items of lesser value are not in the budget because he doesn't feel we are doing enough for the residents. Ms. Domzalski stated that the Village does a lot for the residents, but the Village cannot do everything all at once. Mr. Czerr stated that Smith Park needs updated. Ms. Domzalski countered that Council will work on planning for park improvements, but nothing has been set in stone. Ms. Domzalski also added that Smith Park was in the budget, but there were more pressing items that came up and needed to be done before updates to the park happened. Mr. Walters agrees that we need to have updates to the parks in our budget for next year because playground equipment has changed drastically since the last major update in 2007. Ms. Ingrassia stressed the importance of a five year forecast in aiding the administration in determining the long-term needs and projects of the Village. Mr. Vojtush stated his biggest concern regarding the playground equipment at Smith Park is that if it is deemed unsafe, then we must find a way to replace it if it is taken down. Ms. Ingrassia asked who was in favor of passing the resolution. Mr. Magistrelli, Ms. Domzalski, Mr. Hipps and Ms. Noack were in favor of passage; Mr. Vojtush and Mr. Czerr opposed. The appropriations were passed 4-2. Mayor Nehez commented that he feels neither Mr. Vojtush nor Mr. Czerr should vote on anything pertaining to the Village spending money in 2019 since they did not vote to approve the budget.

2019-18 –An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Use of and Establishing Limits on Open Blanket Purchase Orders (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none were opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The resolution was adopted.

2019-19 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease and Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Financial Services for Police and Fire Department Copiers (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Noack. 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 Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2019-20 – An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth the Salary of the Mayor (First Reading) Mr. Magistrelli stated this piece of legislation would be held for a second reading.

2019-21 – An Emergency Resolution Setting Forth the Salary of Village Council (First Reading). Mr. Magistrelli stated this piece of legislation would be held for a second reading.

2019-22 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude for the Fire Department Use as the Fire Chief's Vehicle (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 were opposed. Ms. Ingrassia mentioned for Council to please keep in mind that the price of the vehicle will go up after April 10th. The next council meeting is not until April 10th. Ms. Noack commented that the Fire Chief's current vehicle is a 2008, and the Village definitely got good use out of the current Chief's vehicle. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS: – None

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 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council