

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 27, 2020

The Office Suite HD Video Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:32 p.m.

The **ROLL CALL** was read by Ms. Potvin. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez and Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Jenn Domzalski, Renell Noack, Keith Czerr, Gary Vojtush, and Alan Hipps. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Jason Buss, Service Department Superintendent Jason Walters, and Finance Director/Clerk of Council Jennifer Potvin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The May 13, 2020 Minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – No report.

Finance Director, Jennifer Potvin – No report.

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

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan presented the April Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursal Report for acceptance by Council. The motion for acceptance was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Bryan stated a motion was necessary to waive Village residential zoning and building permit fees for this year's Spring Cleanup period running from May 18, 2020 through July 1, 2020. The motion was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

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

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Chief Buss reported the turnout gear purchased with the Firehouse Subs grant has been delivered and is in use. He picked up the personal protective gear allocated to the Village from the State of Ohio from Summit County last week and distributed the equipment among the Village Departments. The equipment includes masks, face shields, and gloves. Mr. Vojtush asked whether the additional turnout gear and boots that were authorized by Council at the last meeting have arrived. Chief Buss stated no, he expects those items to be delivered within three months.

Service Dept., Jason Walters—Mr. Walters reported Waste Management resumed normal pickup of bulk and additional items. He stated his Department received a lot of compliments about the Veterans Banners. He thanked Ms. Noack for spearheading the program.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez reported Ms. Ware resigned from the Board due to her moving out of the Village. The Village is presently taking applications for the open position on the Board.

Cemetery Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated there is nothing of note to report for the Cemetery Board. Ms. Noack stated she was at the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend, and there were a lot of areas without grass. She asked when the Cemetery plans on re-planting grass in the bare areas. The Mayor stated he would find out and get back to Ms. Noack.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – No report.

Roads and Public Works, Ms. Domzalski – Ms. Domzalski thanked Mr. Walters and Chief Zolcus for quickly and efficiently dealing with the noise complaints from the Dollar General Project construction crew working outside of the permitted work hours. The constituents are very happy this matter was resolved.

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – Mr. Czerr stated he has been researching about COVID-19 and will present his findings and report to Council in the near future. Mr. Czerr asked when Council would be resuming in person meetings and if Council could hold future Council Meetings outside. Mr. Bryan stated at this time, Council is still constrained by the Summit County Health Department prohibition on gatherings involving 10 or more people and scheduling an outdoor meeting might be difficult due to the inability to predict the weather.

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

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

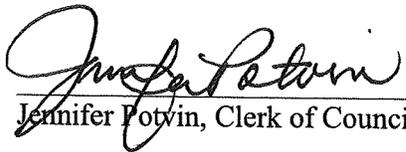
Mr. Vojtush informed everyone about an incident with his Waste Management garbage truck driver. Mr. Vojtush stated during this week's pickup, he observed the mechanical arm drop most of his garbage outside the truck and onto the street and treelawn. He politely spoke with the driver and asked him to pick it up. The driver refused and responded to him in a rude and profane manner. He reported the incident to the Waste Management supervisors and is waiting for a response. Ms. Domzalski stated her street has had similar issues with loose garbage.

Ms. Noack stated the Village stopped taking Veterans Banner orders for this year. The Village wants to see how the banners from the vendor hold up during this season and whether they will be able to be reused next season before ordering more from this particular vendor and determining whether the amount charged is appropriate. That assessment will be able to be made in the fall, and the Village will start to take orders for next year at that time.

Executive Session – None.

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

Approved by Council.


Jennifer Potvin, Clerk of Council