

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

ROLL CALL: The following were present: Mayor Jesse J. Nehez; Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Alan Hips, Gary Vojtush and Nicholas Magistrelli. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Finance Director Monica James, and Fire Chief Jason Buss were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the December 23, 2013 minutes was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Nicholas Magistrelli, passed with 5 ayes.

Mrs. Greenlee asked Mr. Vojtush if he had prepared changes as proposed at the last meeting.

Mr. Vojtush stated he had asked for a copy of the recording and has not received, he is not prepared to submit changes, therefore, at this time he would like to stand as is, approve the minutes as presented.

A motion to approve the January 8, 2014 minutes was made by Linda Bowen, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

GUEST SPEAKER: NONE

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ stated he had the opportunity to speak before the Ohio State House of Representatives Committee in regards to Substitute HB 377. This Bill would take money away from the Village, 11% would go to Walton Hills and 6% would go to Macedonia. Mayor Nehez stated he is against this Bill because that is a lot of money the Village would lose. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Vojtush also attended to represent the Village.

Mr. Bryan and Mayor stated that a lot of time was also spent talking to our area Representatives. Mayor Nehez stated he had a four page testimony and if anyone would like a copy, he would give to them.

Mr. Vojtush suggested that the testimony become part of the minutes and a copy be placed on the Village's website.

Mrs. Greenlee agreed this will keep our residents informed, what is going on.

Mayor Nehez agreed with Mr. Vojtush and Mrs. Greenlee, this will show the residents that we are all fighting for them. He also thanked Council for their support.

Mrs. Greenlee asked when the House would be voting on this HB.

Mr. Bryan stated there are no time limitations.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES had nothing to report.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY, was not present.

D. **LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN**, stated he had nothing to report, but would like an Executive Session.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, was not present.
2. **Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss**, stated he had no report but would like to request a Wage and Working Condition meeting on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. if the Committee can get together.
Mr. Magistrelli stated he had spoken to the Committee and it was acceptable to meet with Chief Buss
Mayor Nehez asked Chief Buss the status of the 800Mhz radios.
Chief Buss stated he was just waiting for Official word from Summit County.
Chief Buss also wanted to thank the Service Department for their help, one of the vehicles broke down last week but they were able to repair it.
3. **Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters**, was not present.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- A. **PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN HIPPS**, stated they are accepting applications for the open seat and at this time there are no meetings scheduled.
- B. **RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR JESSE NEHEZ**, stated the Board does not meet in January or February, the first meeting is scheduled for March 6, the first Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. **FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN**, stated the Committee had met tonight, then asked Mr. Bryan to read Ordinance 2014-06.

Ordinance 2014-06 – 1st Reading - An Emergency Ordinance Approving the payment of invoices for the month of January 2014, in the amount of \$ 157,559.04.

A motion for approval was made by Linda Bowen, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes

Mrs. Bowen stated the next Finance meeting will be February 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

- B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ALAN HIPPS** had nothing to report
- C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH**, stated he had nothing to report but once the vacant seat is filled, would schedule a meeting for next month
- D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS**, no report but a meeting is scheduled for next month
- E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI**, stated the Committee will meet on February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Fire Department
- F. **FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE** had nothing to report

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2014-04 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Extend The Senior Center Lease Agreement Between The Village, Northfield Center Township, Sagamore Hills Township, And Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Mr. Bryan explained that the Resolution would be for the entire Year and Attorney Snell was still working on some of the contract issued.

Motions to suspend the three reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 5 ayes

A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 5 ayes.

Resolution 2014-05 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Appointment of Joshua Harter To The Position Of Part-Time Maintenance 2 With the Service Department

A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Nicholas Magistrelli, passed with 5 ayes.

A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 5 ayes.

Mr. Vojtush stated that he had spoken to Mr. Walters regarding Mr. Harter, Mr. Walters stated Mr. Harter has gone above and beyond and has progressed in the time he has been employed by the Village.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

A motion for an Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Linda Bowen.

ROLL CALL: Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; Nicholas Magistrelli, aye; Alan Hipps, aye; Gary Vojtush: aye.

This motion was made at 7:45 p.m.

A motion to return from Executive Session was made by Nicholas Magistrelli, seconded by Linda Bowen.
ROLL CALL: Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; Nicholas Magistrelli, aye; Alan Hipps, aye; Gary Vojtush: aye

This motion was made at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Bryan explained that since there was a problem with getting the Reconciliation done, Mayor and Council have agreed that it best to hire Local Government Services, LGS, to get them completed. Their estimate is 300 hours at \$50.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Linda Bowen, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Local Government Services, of the State Auditor's Office to review the Reconciliations for 2012 and 2013 and prepare the Annual Financial Reports.

ROLL CALL: Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; Nicholas Magistrelli, aye; Alan Hipps, aye; Gary Vojtush: aye

A motion for adjournment at 8:10 p.m. was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen,
passed with 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:



Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Attest:



Monica James
Clerk of Council