

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2012

Mayor Jesse Nehez called the meeting to order at 7:30PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by Finance Director, Bill Day with the following Councilpersons present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Schlueter and Linda Bowen. John Bolek was absent. Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to to approve the February 8, 2012 council meeting minutes. A motion was made by Karyn Selle. Beatrice Greenlee asked the Building and Zoning Inspector if it was 500 people without heat? Jason Walters stated that it could be approximate, but he couldn't give an actual number because there were many buildings, but an estimate could be around 100. Brad Bryan stated that it was a statement that John Bolek said, so you can't change what someone said, and it doesn't need to be amended. Linda Bowen seconded the motion and it carried with 5 ayes.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances owner Dave Klein of Scoreboards spoke regarding upcoming Ordinance 2012-13 relating to internet cafe sweepstakes license, prohibiting the gaming machines where an establishment has a liquor license. Dave Klein asked if Mayor and Council would consider to not eliminate them completely, but to limit them. He stated that trying to draw customers, it is nice to have the additional items to add into a businesses sales.

Mayor Nehez reported that they have five people to put on the Recreation Board and four people on the Charter Review Commission with the fifth person to be added at a later date. Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-14, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Charter Review Commission. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen. Mary Volny made a motion to amend the spelling of Theresa Lesler, to Lefler. Brad Bryan stated that he would make the correction, and it was seconded by Karyn Selle, the amendment carried with 5 ayes. The motion as amended carried with 5 aye votes.

Brad Bryan suggested to hold the Charter Review Commission meetings on the first Wednesday each month and there is no set amount of meetings. Mayor Nehez stated that they hold a four year term, and Brad Bryan stated that maybe we need to align it with the municipal election year.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-15, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Recreation Board. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Schlueter and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes. Beatrice Greenlee asked how long the term was and Mayor Nehez stated five year terms. Mayor Nehez recognized in the audience, Scott Selle who will be on the Charter Review Commission, Elizabeth Lapore and Shari Botta who will both be on the Recreation Board. Mayor Nehez said that the others who were named on the Committees had prior commitments and were unable to attend this evening but he would like to get each Board or Commission together so that they can meet Council and elect a chair of each Committee. Mayor Nehez stated that he will let everyone know what those meeting dates would be. Mayor Nehez stated that the new website has some of the pictures already up and to follow the progress.

Mayor Nehez spoke with Mr. Greenberg over the phone about some possible commercial businesses possibly moving into town. Mayor Nehez also met with Howard Shafron about a new tenant moving into the old JCPenney's, that they are working with a broker on that space.

Finance Director, Bill Day stated that his office has more space thanks to Jason Walters and the service guys. Lisa Rodriguez came up with a better work flow for the purchase orders so those are going well. Lisa Thellmann is a very helpful teammate. Year end reports are coming along, but is taking time. The auditor of state has a huge book and we are filling those requests which is difficult and time consuming which needs to be in Columbus by Wednesday. Oscar Knicely is back in the hospital, so keep him in everyones prayers.

Linda Bowen asked for a motion to be made to accept the Mayor's Court Report for December 2011. It was seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, and carried with 5 ayes. Linda Bowen made a motion to accept the Mayor's Court Report for January 2012 and it was seconded by Beatrice Greenlee and carried with 5 ayes.

Law Director Brad Bryan stated that Mayor Nehez has made a decision that it is more cost effective to do the sewer assessment billing in house. The bills went out for this quarter, and we have time for next quarters bills. A motion was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Mary Volny to terminate the Village's sewer maintenance billing and collection agreement with OMITS. It carried with 5 ayes.

The decision in the NEORS case, is that the District does have the authority to regulate storm water as well as sanitary issues and charge the storm water fee which is new and everyone would have to pay depending on the surface of the property. This should be \$60-\$80 for a household and more stringent for businesses. Mayor Nehez stated look at the surface area of Northfield Park. Jason Walters stated that the parking would cost \$10,000 but with this it would cost \$40,000. They can get up to 10% of the fee back for rain barrels. Mayor Nehez stated that that percentage was nothing compared to the cost of a rain garden in a parking lot. Jason Walters asked if that would include ditch work, and Brad Bryan stated that they hope it will. Karyn Selle stated that the Village of Northfield residents will pay 25%, and Brad Bryan stated yes. Brad Bryan stated that it is still uncertain if they are going to appeal, but when he has more information he would let everyone know.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report but stated that there was a major house fire in Walton Hills and the fire went well, all of the equipment worked well and there were a few glitches that need to be addressed. No one was hurt, but there were 19 total cats, and 13 of them that perished, 5 cats they did get out of the house. But the house most likely will be a total loss.

Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters gave his report. (See attached) John Schlueter stated what a great job Jason and his crew are doing. John Schlueter stated that they are efficient and quick and this is a privilege. Jason Walters stated that if anyone does receive a call from a senior that needs out immediately and is stuck to call and let them know and if they can, they will get over there and help.

Mayor Nehez asked Jason Walters if he got all of the records out of the old sewer plant moved? Jason stated that he couldn't even take a 10<sup>th</sup> of those and it would fill up the record room, so Jason stated that he is working on the current records. Mayor Nehez stated that he feels that a records retention board needs to be put together so that we can get rid of some of these items. Brad Bryan stated that would be the good thing about a record retention schedule to follow it for proper disposal. Mayor Nehez stated that he is glad Jason Walters brought up about Village expansion so that some where down the road, we are looking towards expansion.

Mayor Nehez asked how big the area was behind the property on Ledge Rd that we cut and Jason Walters stated that it is about 1 acre. Mayor Nehez asked if we have had that property since the 60's, and Jason Walters stated that most likely before that time.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting on March 21st at 7:30pm.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-12, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of the bills for the month of February 2012. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. It carried with 5 ayes.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Mary Volny, of the Health and Welfare Committee stated that their committee met briefly and that they are moving forward on the Vials of Life and getting the information to Jeff Saunders of the News Leader. Mary Volny stated that residents can pick up the information at the Village Hall or if they don't have transportation to the Village Hall, they can call the Village Hall and leave their name, address and Council members can take the information to them.

John Bolek of the Building and Grounds Committee was absent. Mary Volny stated that they did meet before the last meeting regarding the ground work of the Village expansion. They also discussed the start of the Recreation Committee to start investigating surrounding communities playgrounds, to see what residents want to proceed.

John Schlueter, of the Wages and Working Committee had no report.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report.

Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-13, an emergency Ordinance establishing section 804.085 of the codified ordinances relating to internet cafe and computerized sweepstakes device licenses. Brad Bryan thanked Dave Klein the owner of Scoreboards for attending this meeting and giving everyone his perspective on this Ordinance. Brad Bryan stated as for himself and Chief Wentz, that there are a lot of people involved with the approval of these sweepstakes

machines, so it is better if we regulate these. Beatrice Greenlee stated that she feels that they should vote on it now. Beatrice Greenlee also stated that she we let this happen, there will be other establishments that sell alcohol that might want to put those machines in also. She personally doesn't like the machines, but she knows that it has happened, and it is her feeling that once the state passes the proper legislation, these machines will be removed. Mary Volny asked what the two cafes in the Village pay out with, cash or gift cards? Mary Volny also asked, if what everyone was saying that the liquor would be a problem, is that what the issue is? Brad Bryan stated yes. Mary Volny asked if surrounding communities are having the same issues as we are? Brad Bryan stated that some are and some are not, regarding this liquor issue. Mary Volny stated that she is most afraid of what is to come with this. John Schlueter stated that some people noticed the cafe's and were concerned that the Village would have too many, so he stated that many residents have made it known, that alcohol and gambling don't go together. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Schlueter and carried with 5 aye votes.

There was no old business. In the new business, Beatrice Greenlee stated that there is going to be a Block Watch meeting at 6:00pm on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Beatrice Greenlee stated that she will contact the residents on the applications. Mayor Nehez asked Beatrice Greenlee how many applications she has received so far. Beatrice Greenlee stated that she has 10 applications and they will decide at the meeting how many positions they will have on the Block Watch Committee. Brad Bryan reminded everyone that there will be a meeting at 6:30pm regarding the Route 8 Corridor. John Schlueter asked if that meeting was for everyone and Beatrice Greenlee stated yes the meeting is for everyone. John Schlueter asked if it was too late for Block Watch applications because there is someone around where he lives that would be perfect for that Committee. Beatrice Greenlee stated it is not to late. Beatrice Greenlee stated that Chief Wentz spoke with Hy-Ko today and they are going to donate some signs. Beatrice Greenlee told John Schlueter to have the interested resident fill out an application, or print the application from the Village website and invite her to the meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. Mayor Nehez stated that Beatrice Greenlee spoke with another party with donating money towards the Block Watch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. following a motion by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Karyn Selle. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

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Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk  
Council

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President of Council

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Clerk of