

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2015 - revised

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL was read by Timothy Clymer, Finance Director in Clerk of Council Lisa Rodriguez's absence. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Nicholas Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, Alan E. Hipps and Ethan Miladinovic. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Jason Buss Service, Building & Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes for the Council meeting of March 25, 2015. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes votes.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

None

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ had no report.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER read that Lisa Rodriguez apologized for not attending the meeting due to her illness, but wanted to thank Mayor Nehez and Council for the care and support with regards to her hard times with her mother and her own illness, she said that their support meant a lot.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY gave his report. (See attached) Gary Vojtush asked when the last time Ledge Rd was re-done. Rich said 2005. Brad said the base wasn't done. Rich said there are two big problems, no under drain and from Peppers to Route 8 it is on foundry sand, which is junk. Gary asked if we are past the life expectancy then on Ledge Rd. Rich said yes. Jason said that the trucks are killing Ledge Rd. Rich said that the Village did get their monies worth out of the job.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN had no report.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (See attached)

2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss gave his report. (See attached) Chief Buss wanted to dispose of a fire hose. Some will go to Jason Walters for sewer jetting. A motion was made by Gary Vojtush and was seconded by Nick Magistrelli to donate a fire hose to Alan Hipps, passed 5 ayes, 1 abstain by Alan Hipps.

3. Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters, gave his report. (See attached) Jason asked for approval to dispose of old signs and posts.

Jason said also the computer programing is outdated and needs updated on the laptop for vehicle maintenance on service, police and fire vehicles. He would like to use money from scrapping the signs and sign posts towards the

A motion was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed 6 ayes.

Gary asked about the court computer that was replaced could be used for service. Jason asked if it was a laptop and they said no. Jason said the one Ryan uses needs to be a laptop. Jason said that Jay is looking into the replacement for Chris and the service dept.

Gary said that one of the residents in his ward asked that why there were two men in the truck doing the replacement of the signs. Jason said they are not just taking out the posts, they are cleaning up the yards.

Gary said the other day he saw the forklift driving past his house, is there not a trailer that it fits on. Jason said it is way to heavy to get onto a trailer that we have. Jason told Gary that if he every has any questions at any time he can just ask him. Gary said it just popped into his head.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS, no report and no meeting scheduled for this month.

B. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ, wonderful Easter event thanked Gary Vojtush for attending with Sparky the Dog and also thanked Tim Clymer for assisting the Easter Bunny.

C. CEMETARY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE, no report, but there is a meeting in May. Mayor Nehez asked Bea to let everyone know the date in May once she finds out. Mrs. Greenlee stated she would inform everyone of the date.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN said that the next Finance Committee meeting will be on April 22nd at 6:30pm.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC would like to setup a Roads and Public works session prior to the next Council meeting about the sounds system. Ethan also stated that maybe they should discuss the Issue 1 grant. Council President said they will meet at 7:00p on April 22nd prior to the Finance meeting will move to 6:15pm..

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH had no report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS had no report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI had no report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE no report.

LEGISLATION:

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2015-06, 2nd reading, emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 1446 of the Codified Ordinances relating to rental certificates for rented single family dwellings. Brad stated this is the 4th time this has been on the agenda. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes.

Brad read, Resolution 2015-14, 1st reading, emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Bryan Schuman as the Village's part-time on call electrician. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Nick Magistrelli and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic and passed with 6 ayes.

Brad read , Resolution 2015-15, 1st reading, emergency Resolution authorizing the mayor to purchase a CAM Superline trailer for the Service Dept from JTI, Inc. Jason stated that he thinks the lip might be too big to load the fork-lift. Gary asked Jason if they were going to try to load the for-life. Jason said yes they will try. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 6 aye votes.

Brad read, Resolution 2015-16, 1st reading, emergency Resolution setting forth the rates of pay for the Fire Department. Gary Vojtush made a motion to remove section 2 and put that to its own Resolution. Gary said it was it is his understanding that the Resolution is to only be one subject matter, and he knows that it is only payroll, but this includes salaries that already exist and also want to include increases. Brad said that it can be done that way, but this does not break the two-subject rule, and it is only 2015 pay for Fire Department and this was discussed extensively by Council at the budget hearings and they wanted to go forward with this pay for the Fire Department. A motion was made by Gary Vojtush to amend the Ordinance, to remove part of it, failing a second, it died.

A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and was seconded by Linda Bowen, an it carried with 5 ayes, and 1 nay from Gary Vojtush due to reasons previously stated. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and passed with 5 aye votes and 1 nay from Gary Vojtush.

Brad read, Resolution 2015-17, 1st reading, emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Dana DiPenti to the Recreation Board. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Alan Hipps, carried with 6 ayes. Gary Vojtush asked if these were open positions. Mayor Nehez stated yes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes.

Brad read, Resolution 2015-18, 1st reading, emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Sabrina Pines to the Recreation Board. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 6 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS; None

NEW BUSINESS; Gary Vojtush said that he didn't want to go into a big elaborate story, but stated with the recent happenings in the Village, he hopes this never happens again, and he would like to be made aware of things like this and never received a call from the Mayor, Council or Department heads, he had to hear about this on the news and then receive phone calls after the fact. Mayor Nehez stated that he contacted the all of the members of the Fire & Safety Committee, Council President and the Council Ward representative. Gary said he did leave a message for Mayor Nehez. Mayor Nehez said his phone was lost for a couple days but he will notify him in the future. Gary said he would like to be notified. Mayor Nehez agreed.

Nick Magistrelli asked Rich Wasosky which end of Sagamore Rd, they were going to start on for this resurfacing project. Rich said the contractor was not sure and it is up to them, and they have not decided. Brad asked if we were going to have to make any payments this year. Rich said we will have to make a payment at the end of the year, because they should finish the asphalt in the fall. We are obligated to make 50% payment in December and then the rest next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Linda Bowen said that Block Watch will be on April 15th at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion for adjournment at 8:11p.m. was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee passed with 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:



Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Attest:



Lisa M. Rodriguez
Clerk of Council

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ENGINEER'S REPORT – RICHARD S. WASOSKY, P.E., P.S.**

April 8, 2015

Subject: Cranbrook Drive Reconstruction

Comment: The pre-construction meeting was held with Perrin Asphalt Company on March 24, 2015. The centerline of Cranbrook Drive was surveyed and stationed by my survey crew, and the contractor's shop drawings for the materials and asphalt and concrete mix designs were reviewed. The work on the project should begin later this month.

Subject: Sagamore Road Reconstruction

Comment: The contract for the watermain replacement portion of the Sagamore Road Reconstruction project was awarded to Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company for \$1,435,625.00. All of this cost will be paid by the Cleveland Water Department. The pavement recycling and resurfacing contract will be bid later this Summer.

Subject: Safe Routes for Schools 1025 Grants

Comment: ODOT has not completed their review or project rankings for the applicants for the Safe Routes to School projects for Year 2015. Nordonia School District applied for a grant for installing sidewalk along the northside of Ledge Road between S.R. 8 and the west driveway at Lee Eaton School. ODOT indicated that their review and recommendations for project funding should be completed by the end of May or early June 2015.

Subject: Cake and Candy Parking Lot Undermining and Flooding

Comment: There was extensive damage to the pavement subbase and also damage to Summit Avenue due to a watermain break under Summit Avenue approximately 75 feet from S.R. 8. The Cleveland Water Department took over a week to fix the leak. It took numerous calls to the Water Department to finally get a crew out to fix the leak. Cake and Candy will try to recoup the cost of repairing the damage done to their parking lot by the water leak from the Cleveland Water Department.

Subject: Ohio State Issue 1 Grants or Loans for 2016

Comment: The Grant and Loan Applications for the State Issue 1 Program are due June 26, 2015. Two projects that the Village should consider applying for are the S.R. 8/Houghton Road/Maple Avenue Traffic Signals project and the reconstruction of Ledge Road project. The Traffic Signal project would be a 50 % grant application, and the Ledge Road Reconstruction project would be a 90% zero interest loan application. I would need to know within two weeks if Council desires to submit either application in order to complete preliminary plans for either project.

Subject: Moving of the Fourth Transformer on Ledge Road and Northfield Road

Comment: The fourth transformer was moved on April 7, 2015 by Edwards Moving and Rigging Company.. I was there during both the pre move video inspection on April 2 and the moving day of April 7. There appears to be no damage to either road due to the moving. The moving crew was very carefully to avoid the bad broken up parts of the roadway and to keep the wheel loadings in the center of the roadway and not on the pavement edges. I will review both the pre move videotape and the day of the move videotape next week to verify that there was no damage caused by the move.

Council Meeting

April 8, 2015

Police Department Report by Chief Mark Wentz

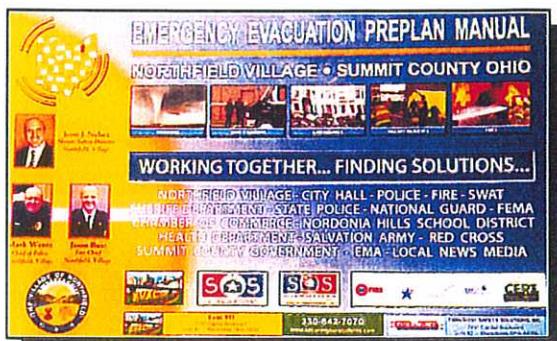
■ **POLICE DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL:**

- ☒ Part-time officer Michael Malak successfully completed his field training and has been moved into the regular rotation on the schedule.
- ☒ We are beginning to examine submitted employment applications to prepare a list of potential candidates to fill part-time vacancies that may arise after several current members informed Chief Wentz of their intentions of testing for full-time positions with other area departments.

■ **CALLS for SERVICE**

- ☒ As mentioned in the March report, Calls for Service have remained consistent over the first three months of 2015. In January we had 730 Calls for Service, in February we responded to 737, and in March we had 725 Calls for Service, or an average of just under 24 calls per day. These totals are not an exact accounting of all of the Calls for Service as not all walk-ins, tow releases, etc. are necessarily recorded with dispatch, who supplies the monthly Calls for Service to the chief. Presently, we are on pace to far eclipse 2012 and 2013 totals by more than 2,000+ calls for the full year.
- ☒ The majority of the increase in Calls for Service is tied to the Rocksino. They accounted for 24% of the 725 calls for service in March. The Police Department had **179 calls for service at the Rocksino** during March; including several hit-skips, nine private-property accidents, a number of property damage reports, 16 follow-up criminal investigations, 23 escorts, 11 traffic stops on the property, 13 vehicle lock-outs, several non-arrest disturbances and reported assaults, a dozen medical squad assists, numerous parking violations, several theft reports, three disorderly conduct arrests, having a weapon (loaded handgun) while intoxicated arrest, and a high volume of officer walk-thrus at the request of the Hard Rock management and for police visibility purposes.
- ☒ Additionally, we are experiencing an increase in drug, alcohol, and gun related incidents within the community. In one week alone in March, the Police Department responded to Trotter Lane involving a heroin overdose death of a 56-year-old male (*we are conducting a follow-up investigation to hopefully determine from whom he bought the drugs and charge that person with his death*), charged a Cranbrook resident with Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments and Possession of a Schedule I Drug (Heroin), and arrested a Kennedy Blvd. resident for Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments. Additionally, while on patrol, officers found an intoxicated male parked in the rear lot of Scoreboard's with a handgun in his possession and arrested a male for Disorderly Conduct While Intoxicated in that same rear lot the previous night. They also took a weapon from a home for safekeeping during a Domestic Dispute on North Plaza Drive, made several OVI and Physical Control arrests this past month and made 131 traffic stops.

■ **VILLAGE EVAC-911 PLAN**



Chief Wentz has been working diligently over the past year with Foremost Safety Solutions to complete an **Emergency Evacuation Preplan Manual for Northfield Village**. Foremost Safety Solutions founder, Roy Meadows, is hoping

to make the formal presentation of the completed plan to the Mayor and Council at the next council meeting in April or the first meeting in May.

■ THANK YOU TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wentz received the following e-mail from a resident on April 1, 2015. While she included her name, address, and phone number, I redacted it herein for protective reasons based on what she divulged about her past in the e-mail. I spoke with her in person, however, and thanked her for the kind remarks and asked if I could share her e-mail with the Mayor and Council. She said yes.

Dear Mr. Wentz.

I wanted to say thank you for your staff. This weekend (Sunday) I was walking from my home (Steeple Chase II) to Circle K to purchase a newspaper. On the way there was a man in an older greenish Jeep Cherokee that circled around in the Best Gyro parking lot with his window open staring at me and continued on to circle in the Spennatos parking lot only to pull up to the stop sign by Spennatos with his window open waiting on me to approach. When I did, he asked if I wanted a ride and I told him no and kept walking. He headed down 8 towards 82 as I kept to myself and kept walking.

On my way back from Circle K I kept seeing many police cars driving up and down 8 and thought I should tell one of the officers just so they are aware if one of them stops. After seeing my neighbors by Russo's, I noticed an officer parked by the closed gas station waiting for speeders so I walked up and said hello to him.

Unfortunately, I hate to let people know I am a rape victim, stalking victim, and sexual harassment victim, but the last thing I wanted was to have a young girl be approached by a man like this. I let Officer Jim [Catania] know I was all of these and what he had done. He asked if I was okay and I told him I was. For me, dealing with this happens way too often and it's a sad thing to admit. The officer said he hoped I felt safe, which I am glad I do feel safe in this town as I know the police are always around when I've needed them...even when I've been outside at 3:30am having to take the dog out for a walk. In 10 years I can't say I've felt I couldn't count on them being there if I needed them. I appreciate that.

All the best!

- End of Report -

The Village of Northfield Fire Department

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April 8, 2015

Activity Report

- A detailed copy of fire department activity is available upon request.
- As of *April 8, 2015*, NVFD responded to a total of **212** incidents. We responded to a total of 664 incidents in 2014. 176 of those incidents were EMS related and **36** incidents were FIRE related.
- NVFD has provided mutual aid for **16** incidents, provided automatic aid **7** times, and received mutual aid for **4** incidents and automatic aid for **1** Incidents. (*Total MA received in 2013 was 13, 2014 was 15*)
- NVFD's average response time from time of call till time on scene is **3:50**
 - o As mutual and automatic aid has increased, our overall response time has been increased on average

Fire Inspector / Prevention Report

- 22 Annual Fire Inspections have been completed
- 8 Hood/Duct/Alarm/Sprinkler Tests have been completed
- 16 Standby Events at Hard Rock Rocksino
- An inspection of all commercial buildings exterior fire service features will start in May (Fire Lanes, Knox Boxes, Hydrants, Addresses, etc)

Department News

- **Blood Bourne Pathogen & Exposure Training** – Have completed a BBP and exposure training that I will be rolling out to all the firefighters, police officers and service workers
- **15 Years Back In Operation** – On April 1, 2015 the fire department celebrated 15 years back in operation. Northfield began providing fire service for itself on April 1, 2000 after a yearlong restructuring process.
- **Hard Rock Rocksino & NVRC Stats** – NVFD responded to 26 medical / 0 fire incidents at the Hard Rock and 26 medical / 3 fire incidents at NVRC Since January 1, 2015.

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HAROLD JASON WALTERS, SERVICE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

April 8, 2015 Council meeting: Service, Building and Zoning Department report:

1. **ROUTE 8 SIDEWALKS** – Letter were sent out to the businesses reminding them of their responsibilities to clean up the sidewalks. The majority of them have complied and I will be following up with the ones who have not complied.
2. **POTHoles** – Crews are currently cold patching. We are hoping to move into hot-patch within the next month.
3. **STREET SWEEPING** – We are working on scheduling the street sweeping with Riley Sweeping and should happen over the next month. Once the street sweeping is done, we will begin actual road repair work.
4. **TRANSFORMER MOVE** – The move was successful. We had no real issues. Thank you to all departments who helped make the move go smoothly.
5. **SENIOR TRASH SIGNUPS** – We currently have 217 seniors registered.
6. **SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL** – This program has ended for the season and all stakes have been removed, and we have crews currently working on cleanup.
7. **TRUCK & EQUIPMENT REPAIRS** – We are currently working on repairs of the 1994 bucket truck front end work, and the 2011 F450 is having transmission pan and exhaust manifold replaced.
8. **EQUIPMENT** – New backhoe is to be delivered by the 20th of April.

Thank you,

Harold J. Walters

HJW:lmr