

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

REVISED May 9, 2012

Mayor Jesse Nehez called the meeting to order at 7:31PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by Finance Director, Monica A. James, with the following Councilpersons present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Schlueter, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Fire Chief Gary Vojtush were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the May 9, 2012 council meeting minutes. A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 1 abstain from Karyn Selle.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, resident Charla Mozina stated that since it is nice weather out, on Lowrie and McKinley they are getting a lot of loud music and speeders. She wanted to make the police aware of the situation, that the music so loud it is an issue with residents putting children to bed. Charla also asked if any captains have been assigned to the block watch, or who do they call if they see anything. Linda Bowen stated that they will make those decisions and have that information at the May 16th meeting. Charla asked if there were some "slow" signage that make people aware that there are children in the area and that the driver needs to slow down around the curve. Mayor Nehez stated that he will address these concerns with Chief Wentz.

Mayor Nehez reported that he had a meeting with Northfield Park and they are not going to be buying houses on Summit Ave.

Finance Director Monica James stated that the sewer maintenance billing has been mailed out and we have gotten quite a few returns. John Bolek stated that he hasn't received his and Mayor Nehez stated that he received his today. Monica said that she has contacted the post office regarding some of the returned mail. Monica said she has been receiving call also on where they are to send the remittance, since the last mailing company included an envelope, we might do that next time. Monica said for the 2nd quarter mailing she will see how if any payments come here can be posted instead of going to the lock box. Mary Volny asked how much the bank is charging us for their service as supposed to doing that service here in house. Karyn Selle stated that also could we look into electronic payments for the future. Monica said she will check into these things. Monica said that Lisa Thellmann asked to dispose of the broken clerk of court printer Lexmark e342. Motion was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by John Bolek and carried with 6 ayes. Monica has spoken with them at the post office to look into bulk mailing permits also. John Bolek asked what the cost of the sewer mailing was. Monica stated that it was .45 per piece, \$190.00 for the initial permit and \$190.00 yearly to renew the permit, and she will find out what the stamps will cost and what the saving will be for the Village. John Bolek stated that there is only about 1400 households and would it be cost effective to spend \$190.00. Mrs. Tyboroski, 2 service department employees, Jay Mutter and Beatrice Greenlee helped stuffing the envelopes. Monica said that we received a letter from CCA stating that Peppers market has gone to a new company to do their payroll, so Peppers is requesting to pay the interest, but would like to have the penalties waved. Monica sent a letter agreeing that they should have to pay the interest, and they are an upstanding business in the community for them to consider waving the penalties.

Village Engineer Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached) Mr. Wasosky stated that the borings on Ledge Rd came back as foundry sand and silt. John Bolek asked if we need to go deeper with the samples. Mr. Wasosky stated, that they went as deep as the native soil, which is fine. Mayor Nehez asked Rich to make some suggestions to Jason as what could be done temporarily to fix Ledge Rd. Mr. Wasosky said it will be temporary fix, plane the road and fill in the low spots of asphalt and within a couple of years it will be a failure again since the base is in bad shape. John Bolek stated to do the 600ft. Of road it is 1.3 million. Mr. Wasosky stated, no, that is for the whole road and we are going to try and get federal funding. Karyn Selle asked if they will replace aprons for Macedonia residents. Mr. Wasosky said, no we aren't doing the south side of the road, only the part that is in Northfield Village. Karyn Selle asked if there would be any benefit to team with Macedonia on the project. Mr. Wasosky stated that we have teamed with them in the past, but if the monies are earmarked for Northfield Village, it stays in Northfield Village. Mayor Nehez stated that something needs to be done to the road, because it won't even be able to be plowed with the divots in the road. John Bolek stated that the state was on Northfield Rd., spray painting cracks, and sections that are collapsing, are they going to tear it up and fix it in 2014. Mr. Wasosky stated no, they will grind it down and asphalt. Mayor Nehez stated that with the track project, they might push the Northfield Rd project to the front of the line. Mr. Wasosky stated yes that is correct. John Bolek asked if would do the work or pay a contractor. Mr. Wasosky stated that we would have to hire a contractor. Mayor Nehez asked when we would be paving May Ave., would it be cheaper piggy back Ledge Rd at the same time. Mr. Wasosky stated yes it would be more cost effective, he said he would ask the contractor. Rich stated that he thought the track was zoned as highway business, but it is zoned industrial, and we can write our own code as recreation district. Brad Bryan stated that Northfield Park is

non-conforming use. John Bolek asked Mr. Wasosky if he has the ability in June to start by ward doing presentations on what it will cost to rebuild the streets in each ward, with a couple different plans, and qualities of construction, so that the residents will know the costs. Mr. Wasosky stated that he will put something together. John Bolek stated that he would like for the residents to see the costs, because they don't want asphalt curbs and streets, and they don't have any idea on how much it costs. John Bolek stated that a lot of the roads that the Village has rebuilt, they think these roads are paid for, but the Village is paying on these roads for many, many years to come. They are also looking at roads that are 6-7 years old that are falling apart because they are asphalt, but the Presidential streets which these are 47 years old, which are concrete and are pretty good. The residents need to see and understand the costs of these types of projects. John Bolek stated that residents for years now state they want the roads done and we don't have the money. John Bolek said that they need to understand what this is going to cost, and what it will cost as an assessment, since we can't have the money that internally to fix the roads the way the residents want them fixed. John Bolek stated that the cost for asphalt was \$10 million, and concrete will cost more. Mr. Wasosky stated that the concrete will cost more, but with the racetrack the Village will finally get money here and you have to prioritize what you will use the money for. John Bolek stated that to borrow the money to rebuild the roads and to pay it over of 10 or 20 years, the 1 million dollars yearly that will come in, will barely cover it, so we look for other sources of revenue. John Bolek said do we ask the residents to vote for a levy, do we look to ask the residents to raise the income tax level and give them a higher percentage of reciprocity of 150% credit. John Bolek stated that more and more people in this Village are retiring so the revenue is going down. John Bolek stated that if we have to put something together for the ballot, deadline is July. Mr. Wasosky stated that once the money starts coming in from the track, in wages it is about 1 million dollar and Route 8 is going to change for the good, forever. Mr. Wasosky stated there will be money coming in and businesses that want to come to Northfield Village. Mr. Wasosky stated that he is very optimistic. John Bolek stated that we can't wait another 5 years on these roads, Mr. Wasosky stated that they might have to wait unless you get the residents to agree to the assessment or increase income tax, which generally people don't like. John Bolek said that they are waiting for someone to give us the money, and that isn't going to happen. Mr. Wasosky stated that we received \$288,000 for our fire truck from the government, Sagamore Hills park just got their park paved with \$340,000 from the government and Boston Mills is getting the old State Rte 8 bridge replaced which costs around \$1 million dollars which they received from the government. Congressman LaTourette happens to be a very influential man who happens to sit on the transportation committee and does get money for this area, so money does come from the government. Mr. Wasosky said to remember that this is an economic project here, which is going to create job. Rich stated that he has the figures together for Ledge Rd. Mayor Nehez stated then he will get those figures to Congressman LaTourette.

Brad Bryan had no report. John Bolek asked for the update on the brown tarp house. John said that the grass is high and hasn't been cut. Mr. Bolek said that we have bent over backwards since December for them. Brad said that they are aware of the Planning Commission on May 30th and they know the deadlines. John Bolek stated that at some point the deal has to be taken off the table. Mr. Bolek stated that our proposal is to give them the ability to physically build two houses. John Bolek said that we are not giving our residents a fair shake with letting these houses be in this state. John Bolek stated that there are many people who are really doing some nice work to their properties, such as the one on Kennedy and Lowrie. Mayor Nehez stated that there are three on Huntington that have been doing nice work. John Bolek said he doesn't understand that we go in and inspect apartments, some come out ok and some not so ok. John said that we tell them that they have a certain amount of time to fix the violations, then the property owner states we are picking on them, then lawyers get involved and a year later here we are still nothing resolved. John said why don't we haul them into court immediately. Brad stated that was his meeting with the owners and Jason this morning. That a lot of the violations have been completed, but they are going to look at everything this week. A lot of it was communication problems and turnover in management so it was hard to get answers from them.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report. Chief Vojtush stated that the grant money for the fire truck was \$260,000 for the grant and the truck was \$104,000, not \$180,000 like was previously stated. John Bolek asked where we are at July 1st going forward after we wind down with the Walton Hills contract. John Bolek stated that in the approved budget they do not have the ability to put three people on without giving additional funding. Chief Vojtush stated that wasn't totally correct, and there is funding available for this year but will not carry over for next year. Chief Vojtush stated that they would have to borrow from the general fund until the levy money starts coming in, in April, but it will sustain the third man through that time. John Bolek stated that they previously were told they need a four people on duty for safety in case of a fire. Chief Vojtush stated absolutely. John said that we need to put together a fire levy, asking the people this is what we need to run a safe fire department and is this what they want. Chief Vojtush said yes, but he has been running numbers and trying to get the numbers correct. John Bolek stated that in the contract with Walton Hills they were supposed to purchase more gear, but since they are leaving us in July so are we getting half of what their commitment was? Chief Vojtush stated that they have already paid for half of the year. Monica said that is correct. Mayor Nehez stated that at of midnight on June 30th Walton Hills will no longer be with us. John Bolek asked if we could get a copy of their resolution when they pass it, and Mayor Nehez stated yes we can. John Bolek said he wishes them lots of luck. John Schlueter stated that in speaking with Mayor Hurst he realized that there were just some things that didn't work out and a big portion of this that they will save \$70,000 with dispatch and they are looking at building a house and a facility for the fire department to sleep in for the future, so they are learning also. John Schlueter stated that Mayor Hurst is gathering information with other communities that have had casino's come into their town and they are willing to share information with us and

continue to have a positive relationship. John Bolek stated that it is nice that they are building a building for the next fire department they will use, but it was unfortunate it wasn't for our fire department. Mayor Nehez stated that he can't fault them for shopping around. John Schlueter stated that they are our neighbor and it would be nice to have a positive attitude towards them also. Mayor Nehez stated that in the future there might be future project we will deal with them on, he feels that we are parting on good terms.

John Schlueter stated that if you find a property that is vacant and they are not keeping up the property, do you contact Jason or what do you do. Brad stated the easiest thing to do is to just contact Lisa Rodriguez and give her the information and she will followup on it.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission will have a meeting on May 30th at 7:30pm.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Cemetery Board stated that they are having a meeting on May 10th at 7:00pm at Macedonia to pass the budget.

Mayor Nehez stated that the Recreation Board met and they would like to do a powerpoint presentation to Council on May 23rd after the finance meeting, and they only need about 15-20 minutes at 7:00pm.

Mayor Nehez stated that the Charter Review Commission has given all of their recommendations to Council and Council needs to decide when they would like to review the information. Beatrice Greenlee stated that Council will have a work session on June 6th at 7:30pm

Linda Bowen of the Block Watch Committee stated that their next meeting will be held on May 16th at 6:00pm.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance Committee stated that they will have a Finance committee meeting at 6:15pm on May 23rd.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee stated that the trench in front of Village Hall is in the process of repair. Mayor Nehez stated that it is completed. The Huntington catch basin is being repaired. McKinley is in the process of being completed. Karyn stated that the parking lot inspections and the violations have begun to be sent out. John Bolek stated that the trend with striping is to put the glass reflective beads in the paint so that you can see them, and if we are going to ask people to stripe can we ask them to do that as part of their paint. John stated that when he asked Jason, Jason stated that it is very expensive and we don't require people to add that. Rich Wasosky stated that it is expensive. John Schlueter stated that there is about 50-60 holes in the Plaza parking lot that have been repaired. Brad stated that Jason is in the process of inspecting the parking lots since we have passed the legislation. John Bolek stated that at the old Huntington Bank next door someone is really cleaning up the property. Mayor Nehez stated that they have a tenant, that it will be some type deli. Mayor Nehez stated that it is the Italian place that was across from the middle school, same owner that owns the thrift store. Mary Volny asked what the progress was on the patching of any pot holes. Karyn said by next meeting they will have some information. John Bolek stated that Jason reported earlier that the asphalt plant will open mid-may and the crew would be doing vactoring for 6 weeks or so.

Mary Volny, of the Health and Welfare Committee stated that the Vial of Life are on the Village website, thank you to Lisa Rodriguez handling that with Rocky Hill Web Designs. Mary stated that she had contacted Jeff Saunders at the News Leader also. So if any Councilpersons receive a call from Lisa Rodriguez stated that a resident is in need of the Vials of Life they can deliver it to them. Mary also stated that she has the information on the Humana Dental from Monica and will get starting on that information.

John Bolek, of the Building and Grounds Committee stated that there have been a lot of discussions with a site acquisition in the Village, so hopefully we will have something to report on that shortly. Mayor Nehez stated that will be discussed shortly. Brad Bryan stated that John Bolek should hold a Buildings and Grounds committee meeting to discuss the site acquisition information that has been received. John Bolek stated that they will have the meeting at 7:00pm on June 6th.

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

Beatrice Greenlee, of the Fire and Safety Committee stated that Chief Wentz wanted everyone to know that it is National Police week May 13th-May 19th. Beatrice Greenlee also stated that the sooner the better for that house on Electric to come down. She drove her brother-in-law to see the properties and she was embarrassed by the way it was not taken care of. Mayor Nehez stated that he has had many emails regarding this property and working diligently with Brad on this property and he feels that they are close to having some progress at the Electric property.

Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-30, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Summit County and other communities throughout Summit County for a job creation and retention and tax revenue sharing. Council agreed to put this on third reading.

There was no old business.

In the new business, John Bolek stated that Peggy's Lunch Box has reopened after being closed for some time and Police Chief had given them a vase of flowers. John Bolek stated it is nice to see that people follow the proper procedures with regards to sign permits, etc.

John Bolek also stated that he has received some calls commending Mayor Nehez for pulling weeds at the fire department along with the fire department employees. Mayor Nehez stated that the children from the YMCA will be around again to help doing little project around the Village.

Mary Volny asked what is done Village wide for Memorial Day. Mayor Nehez stated that we put up flags in the Village. Beatrice Greenlee stated that we don't have floats, but you could ride on the fire truck. Beatrice Greenlee stated that in the past they have ridden in cars. Mary Volny stated that at 8am on Memorial Day they will have coffee and donuts and a muster and then after the parade that kicks off at 10:00am at St. Barnabas, then after the parade there is a memorial service at the cemetery and then a light lunch at the VFW. Mayor Nehez asked who the master of ceremonies will be, it usually is Arch Milani. Mary Volny stated that she would know more after their meeting.

John Bolek welcomed Howard Shafron's newly opened Jackpots Cafe. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony May 7th that was nice. John Bolek stated that it would be nice to have a plaque with a key that we give to new businesses in town, or even after five years upgrade the key to bronze or silver. John stated that it is great to see that people come to the Village and spend their dollars.

Mayor Nehez stated that May 17-20th Sam's amusements will be at the Plaza, but they haven't gotten any permits yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. with a motion by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and passed with 6 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk

President of Council

Clerk of Council