

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2013

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

ROLL CALL: The Roll Call was taken by the Finance Director, Monica James. The following were present: Mayor Jesse J. Nehez; Mary Volny, John Schlueter, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Jason Buss, Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky, Lt. Jamie Mackie, and Finance Director Monica James were also present. Chief Mark Wentz and Service/Building Supervisor Jason Walters were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2013

A motion for approval of the May 22, 2013 minutes was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

Mayor Nehez stated would deviate from the Agenda:

Resolution 2013-60 1ST Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment Of Patrick Pizzuli As A Part-time Police Officer.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Mary Volny to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed With 6 ayes.

A motion was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee for passage, passed with 6 ayes

Lt. Mackie did swear-in Officer Pizzuli and Officer Pizzuli was welcomed and congratulated by all those in attendance.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

County Council member Bill Roehmer was present, asked if Mayor or Council had any questions or concerns, they would like to discuss.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ stated that there have been many questions and rumors going around concerning expenses of the Mayor Office. Mayor Nehez stated that when he ran for office, he ran on the beautification of the Village. \$11,000 was spent on remodeling the Mayor's office but it was part of the beautification process, in addition, the office, along with many aspects of the Village Hall there are safety concerns. Prior to the remodel last year, the Mayor had to use extension cords because only one outlet was in His office. Mayor Nehez stated that his W-2 for 2012 listed an income of \$34,990.00. In addition, Mayor Nehez stated that the previous Mayor earned \$38,000.00 plus: \$8,000.00 for in lieu hospitalization premium payments, \$2500.00 stipend, plus a Village Car, gas and mileage.

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES stated:

1. Reminded Council there will be a work session on June 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Mike Tyron will be meeting with Council to update on the impact of the Healthcare Reform on the Village, for

2014 and answer any questions or concerns, which Council may have. Mrs. James asked if Finance Committee would like to meet before or after the work session.

Finance Committee agrees to meet at 6:00 p.m., prior to work session, to allow ample time for Council to meet with Mr. Tyron.

2. The new Windstream telephone system appears to be working well, the mute issue as discussed previous, appears to have gone away, some issues with internet speed but that is a Windstream issue at their main office, not with the new phone system.

Mayor and Village employees having issues with people calling the incorrect extension. A suggestion was made to have the new extensions listed on the website as well as the Board. The welcome greeting should also be changed.

3. Sewer invoices will be ready to go to printer the week of June 24 and mail to the residence on July 1, 2013.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY – see attached report.

Mr. Wasosky asked for a motion to bid the Summit Avenue Sanitary Sewer and Elm Pump Station Elimination section of the project.

John Bolek made a motion authorizing Richard Wasosky, Engineer to go for bids as requested, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN stated he will have the information to Council regarding the PRS issue prior to the next meeting.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, was not present and Lt. Jamie Mackie left after the swearing-in
2. **Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss** see attached report
Mayor Nehez stated Fire Chief Buss was doing an excellent job with turning the department around; in addition the Mayor has received calls from other departments praising the work of Chief Buss.
Council agreed with the Mayor and also thanked Chief Buss
3. **Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters** was not present

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE asked if there was a reason to plan a meeting.
Brad Bryan and Richard Wasosky stated no.

B. CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE, had nothing to report.
John Bolek stated the building looks very nice since the clean-up

C. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ stated they have been working on planting flowers at various Village properties, Village Hall, parks, Fire Department, etc. This is their summer project; their winter project is to design a Village flag.

Karyn Selle asked if they were going to do anything to help with holiday decorations.
Mayor stated he would discuss with the Recreation Board.

D. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, MAYOR NEHEZ stated they were finished for the year

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE, JOHN BOLEK stated the committee met tonight to review invoices for payment.

Ordinance 2013-64 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving the Payment of Invoices for the 1st Half of June 2013 for the amount of \$105,112.66.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

Next meeting will be on June 26, at 6:00 p.m.

John Bolek made a motion to accept the May 2013 Mayor Court Report seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, Passed with 6 ayes.

B. ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter, had nothing to report.

C. HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee, reviewed the trash bids would be opened on June 25, a report presented to Council on June 25 and possible awarding of the contract at either the Special Meeting on July 3 or the regular meeting of July 10.

D. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Karyn Selle, had nothing to report.

E. WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, Linda Bowen, had nothing to report

F. FIRE AND SAFETY, Mary Volny, had nothing to report.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2013-56 2nd Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1442.46 and 1490.04 Of The Building Code Relating To Rain Barrel Connections To Gutters
Will be on 3rd reading, next meeting.

Resolution 2013-61 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.

A motion was made by Karyn Selle, to suspend the 3 reading rule seconded by John Bolek, passed with 6 ayes

Discussion regarding other area senior citizens that attend the center, yet their community is not participating in the agreement. A suggestion was made to ask for the \$2.00 donation from Northfield Center, Northfield Village and Sagamore Hills residents but ask for \$5.00 from the communities.

Mayor will contact Macedonia, Oakwood, and Walton Hills to discuss the issue further with their Public Officials.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Karyn Selle for passage, passed with 6 ayes

Ordinance 2013-62 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 660.17(b) Of The Safety, Sanitation, And Health Code Relating To Grass cutting And Weed Control

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 6 ayes

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Ordinance 2013-63 1st Reading – Am Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 1262 of The Planning And Zoning Code Relating To Zoning Certificates.

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by John Schlueter to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 6 ayes

Karyn Selle asked if a building permit was also needed.

Richard Wasosky advised that Summit County Building would issue building permit.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Mary Volny thanked everyone that participated in the Memorial Day Parade

Mayor Nehez thanked the Moose Lodge for their donations to the Police and Fire Associations.

Mayor Nehez stated that there will be a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony this Friday, June 17, 2013 for La Rivera Maya, the new Mexican restaurant in the Plaza.

Mary Volny stated that from her experience, it would be nice for the Village to write a Thank You note to various organizations that donate to the Village. These organizations must file paperwork and the Thank You helps to prove their cause.

Linda Bowen reminded everyone the Blockwatch will hold a public information event at Smith Park on June 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with the event, there will be a planning on Wednesday June 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. here in the Village Hall.

John Bolek stated that the rules for temporary signs need to be again reviewed, Council passed legislation banning them, yet businesses continue to erect and they have 10 days in which to take them down. Either they are allowed with restrictions or not. Jason Walters should have the authority to remove at once, if the rules are not followed.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen for adjournment at 8:27 p.m., passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council