

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 26, 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, Chief Mark Wentz, Service/Building Asst. Supervisor Chris While and Finance Director Monica James were also present. Councilman John Bolek, Engineer Richard Wasosky, and Fire Chief Jason Buss were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2013

A motion for approval of the June 12, 2013 minutes was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Mrs. Doris Wolfe a volunteer with the Parks and Recreation Board stated that a meeting was held with Mr. Shafron the owner of the Plaza and he agreed to pay for half of the expenses to paint and plant flowers around the Gazebo. Mrs. Wolfe is asking Council to finance the other half and volunteer to assist with the painting and planting. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Council and Law Director Brad Bryan agree that since this is not Village property, cannot expend Village taxpayer dollars. However several Council members stated they would be glad to help with the clean-up.

Chief Wentz asked why the Concert could not be moved to Village Property, Smith Park.

Mayor Nehez stated that he had spoken to Mrs. Keiser regarding this issue and she stated that the elderly would not be able to walk-up the hill; in addition she was concerned there would not be enough parking to accommodate the concert attendees.

GUEST SPEAKER – Debra Brady, Akron Zoo

Debra Brady of the Akron Zoo gave a brief presentation regarding the Akron Zoo. Ms. Brady stated Grizzly Ridge would be open in July, August 18-22 was Nordonia Hills day, and residents could obtain tickets to get in free. And, a Renewal Levy would be on the November Ballot. In Addition, Ms. Brady brought an armadillo for everyone to see.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

- A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated The Hard Rock was moving ahead. A soft opening is planned for December 2 and a Grand Opening sometime in January 2014. The traffic signal work has begun on Northfield at Sagamore and Vincent Roads. There were 7 contractors that submitted bids for the Sewer Project. Mayor Nehez that asked residents to be patient, he is aware that there is a lot of construction going on in the Village, creating dust, dirt and traffic. Once the sewer construction is started on Route 8, it will be down to 2 lanes, one in each direction.

- B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES** stated the Village is participating in a County Program, whereby they provide young people to work at no cost to the Village. The County pays the salary for

the worker. Mrs. James suggested to Council, if they provide their Ordinance books and updates, she would have Tyra update the books.

Mrs. James also stated that the Sewer Invoices would be going to Akland Printing tomorrow for processing and will be mailed by end of next week. Mrs. James believes that along with Jay Mutter, issues have been worked out, but more may still develop.

C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY – was not present but will attend the next meeting.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN stated he had spoken with Engineer Richard Wasosky and he is requesting the Special Meeting be held on July 2 regarding the Issue 2 Grant Money and the awarding of the Contracts for the Sewer Project.

Council agreed to move to July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Bryan announced that the Records Retention Committee will meet on July 10, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.

The Charter Review recommendation should go to 3 readings

Announced the Garbage Bids had been opened yesterday. A packet of information was presented to Council for their review. Council must decide if will go on 3 readings or possible award at the July 10, 2013 meeting. Current Contract does not expire until October 2013.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz, see attached report.

Discussion regarding the need to be ready for the opening of the Rockcino. Chief Wentz is concerned with a 3-4 month delivery for Guns, Badges and a vehicle. Council instructed Chief Wentz to order the guns and badges at this time.

2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss was not present.

3. Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor, Jason Walters was not present. However Chris While was present, he stated the service department was mowing 25 vacant properties, patching and complete sewer training for several employees. Mr. While also stated that they would like to replace the 97 truck but if not in the budget, would try to make the current vehicle last one more year.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE stated there may be a meeting scheduled for July 17 to discuss Boss Snowplow and the expansion by Mr. Salemi.

Brad Bryan stated that no plans had been presented by either party.

B. CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE, had nothing to report.

C. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ stated the next meeting would be o July 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. this meeting was rescheduled due to the 4th of July Holiday. The Rec Board has been busy planting at the Service Department and is look very nice.

D. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, MAYOR NEHEZ stated they were finished for the year. However there is legislation on the agenda for tonight.

Ordinance 2013-66 1st Reading - An Emergency Ordinance Providing For The Submission To The Electorate Of An Amendment To Section 3.01 Of The Charter Relating To The Commencement Date For The Term Of Office Of The Mayor Starting With The 2019 Mayoral Election

On 1st reading tonight, will be 2nd reading on the next agenda

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. FINANCE, JOHN BOLEK** was absent. However Committee member Karyn Selle stated that they had met tonight and the next meeting will be July 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance 2013-67 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment of Invoices for the 2nd Half of June 2013

A motion for passage was made by Mary Volny seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent.

- B. ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, had nothing to report.
- C. HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee**, stated Mr. Tyron had been present earlier tonight for an informative work session. Mrs. Greenlee stated the information packet, regarding garbage contracts, from Law Director Brad Bryan had been received for Council review.
- 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**, Thanked Chief Wentz for his report. And thanked the Rec Board for the work well done at the Service Department.

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.

A motion was made by Karyn Selle, to suspend the 3 reading rule seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent.

Resolution 2013-65 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Declaring The Month Of August 2013 Kids Month and Encouraging The Citizens Of Summit County To Join In This Acknowledgement

A motion was made by Mary Volny seconded by John Schlueter to suspend the 3 reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent

A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

John Schlueter thanked everyone for their help in getting the News Letter together. Mr. Schlueter also felt that the Blockwatch party went very well. Maybe next year it can be expanded on, by including a petting zoo or even doing a Village outdoor movie night.

Linda Bowen also thanked everyone for coming out and that the Blockwatch did go well. The next meeting will be on July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Karyn Selle for adjournment at 8:54 p.m., passed with 5 ayes, John Bolek absent.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council