

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

revised- July 11, 2012

Mayor Jesse Nehez called the meeting to order at 7:30PM 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 Police Chief Mark Wentz were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the June 28, 2012 regular council meeting minutes. Beatrice Greenlee asked for a motion to amend the minutes where the wording needed changed from "park" to "party". The motion was seconded by Karyn Selle. John Schlueter and Linda Bowen abstained. Carried with 4 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Karyn Selle. John Schlueter and Linda Bowen abstained. It carried with 4 ayes.

Fire Chief Vojtush arrived at the meeting at 7:33p.

In the business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances, resident Julianne Carsone stated that the ward d block party was a success even with the hot temperatures. Ms. Carsone thanked Mayor Nehez for attending the block party and thanked the ward d residents. Ms. Carsone thanked Jason Walters and the service department for their setting up and help and for bringing their vactor truck. Ms. Carsone thanked Fire Chief Vojtush and Police Chief Wentz for attending the block party and bringing their new vehicles for residents to see. Ms. Carsone thanked Village Engineer Richard Wasosky for his time

Mayor Nehez stated that he attended the ward d block party on July 7th and stated that it was a great gathering for the residents. Mayor Nehez stated that the remodel of his office is coming along well and looks great, should be completed by Friday.

Finance Director Monica James stated that she contacted Varney and Fink regarding the audit and they told her that they will be back and finish the audit around August 15th. Monica stated that she and Mary Volny will be meeting with Mike Tryon at 10:00am tomorrow regarding health insurance if anyone else would like to join the meeting. John Bolek asked if any union representatives gave recommendations. Mayor Nehez stated that no one has but they are all aware of the meeting.

Village Engineer, Richard Wasosky gave his report. (See attached). Mayor Nehez stated that it is great that we finally have a plan to attack the work on these roads. John Bolek thanked Mr. Wasosky for explaining the plan for the roads. Mr. Wasosky stated that he gave everyone this list previously and no one has influenced him on doing this list. John Bolek stated that the list makes sense.

Law Director Brad Bryan stated that D.B. Hartt will have the information for Planning Commission meeting next week and ready for Council at their next meeting. We are making progress with the Jellison issues and they are working out a few details and a final agreement, but it probably will be on council's agenda at the next meeting. John Bolek asked if Council could have a list of machinery that is coming up to be paid off so that the residents knows additional revenue is not needed to pay for the building. John Bolek asked if we had received notice about mosquito spraying, because his breeder was out at 11:30pm at night walking the dog and the truck drove by. John Bolek stated it would be nice to be notified and Brad said that he would call them.

Police Chief Mark Wentz gave his report. (See attached). Chief Wentz stated that they might need to add a temporary reserve unit to the police department due to the uncertainty of the racino. Mayor Nehez stated that they will discuss these types of issues at the July 19th department head meeting. John Bolek asked if any area department have a reserve unit. Chief Wentz stated that Twinsburg, Bedford and Stow have a reserve unit. John Bolek asked Chief Wentz how many additional officers for this reserve unit. Chief Wentz stated 6-8 officers.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush had no report everything is status quo. Mayor Nehez asked how the search was going on the first responder vehicle. Chief Vojtush stated that he received two quotes on new first responder vehicle and are looking at a four door truck like the service department has. John Bolek asked why do we want a truck when surrounding communities have SUV's. Chief Vojtush said that it is more practical and versatile to have a truck.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission stated that there will be a meeting on July 18th at 7:30pm.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Cemetery Board stated that they had a meeting last night and there was nothing new to report. Mayor Nehez asked if they were accepting applications for the open position and Beatrice Greenlee stated the discussion was that they will probably be advancing a current worker.

Mayor Nehez stated that the Recreation Board met on July 5th and had discussions about signs at Smith Park and new Village entry signs regarding size and color. The next meeting will be on August 2nd at 7:30pm.

Mayor Nehez stated that there was nothing to report on the Charter Review Commission they are complete for the year.

Linda Bowen of the Finance Committee stated that there will be a finance meeting on July 25th at 6:30pm.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report. John Bolek said that service department painted all of the hydrants and the cost for them to complete this task was around \$1,000. John Bolek stated that when the Village contracted this job out last time for painting the hydrants the cost was around \$6,000. They did a beautiful job and ward d is completed. Mayor Nehez stated that he has been receiving many compliments.

Mary Volny, of the Health and Welfare Committee has a meeting with the insurance agent at 10:00am on Thursday. Vials of Life is not going well. Mary stated that she hasn't been receiving any calls from Lisa Rodriguez about the packets but the paper will be doing a bigger story regionally.

John Bolek, of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report. Mary Volny asked if we resealed the basketball courts at Smith and Huntington parks. Mayor Nehez stated that it was completed. John Bolek asked when the fire department was going to be striped and sealed. Chief Vojtush stated it will be completed this weekend. Mayor Nehez stated that many violations have gone out on businesses on Route 8, that department has been very busy. John Bolek stated that someone needs to communicate that a sign with an arrow pointing to the handicapped spot is not sufficient. Chief Wentz stated that they cannot enforce that kind of sign. John Bolek stated that it is nice to see people out taking care of their properties. John Bolek asked if we can require what the occupancy of a building is. Chief Vojtush stated yes the occupancy permit should be posted or available through the businesses office and Summit County issues this certificate.

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

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

Brad Bryan state that Ordinance 2012-33, regarding the recreation vehicles, was not on the agenda this evening. Brad stated that council needs to schedule a work session. John Bolek stated that he would like to take some pictures in his ward so they can discuss what is acceptable. Council agreed that they will have a work session on July 25th at 6:45p, and Finance Committee meeting will be moved to 6:00pm on July 25th. Brad stated that it would helpful to look at this ordinance prior to the meeting and look around each ward to see what exists and what everyone wants to allow.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-36, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 4.04 of the Charter clarifying when Council elects the President Pro-Tem of Council. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-37, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 4.05 of the Charter removing the requirement that the

Finance Director also serve as the Clerk of Council and replacing the word “journal” with “minutes”. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. John Bolek asked Mr. Bryan if the word “emergency” should be stricken from the legislation and Mr. Bryan stated no. It carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-38, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 4.06 of the Charter removing the requirement that the voting on any ordinance, resolution or motion shall be by roll call when the vote is unanimous among those Council members present and replacing the word “journal” with “minutes”. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-39, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 5.02 of the Charter pertaining to the timing of the redistricting of wards and repealing section 5.03 of the Charter containing the ward descriptions and proving that the ward descriptions be contained in the Codified Ordinances. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-40, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 8.01 of the Charter that requires that the Mayor serve as the Director of Public Safety. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter. John Bolek asked if it needs to be stated to the voters that this position does not receive additional monies. Brad stated that it needs to be publicize it is all one position. It carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-41, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 8.04 of the Charter providing for the method of removal of the Fire Chief and method of appointment of officers and members of the Fire Department. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. John Bolek said that this brings the fire department in line with all of the other departments and they are all equal now. Brad said correct. It carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-42, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment of section 18.05 of the Charter pertaining to the time frame for the setting the rate of compensation for elective offices and the reimbursement of reasonable expenses to officers and employees. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-43, which is on 3rd reading-an emergency Ordinance providing for the submission to the electorate of an amendment to the Charter to make the format consistent, correct spelling and grammatical errors, make the titles of positions consistent, and establish gender neutral content throughout. A motion for passage was made by John Schlueter and seconded by John Bolek and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2012-46, which is on 2nd reading-an emergency Ordinance amending section 1422.99 of the codified ordinances relating to the penalties for violations of the mercantile, multi-family and institutional maintenance standards contained in chapter 1422 of the building and housing code. John Bolek made motion to put on third reading and stated that the fines need to be looked at and because this effects people and their business. Brad stated that this will increase it to the maximum fine and gives us more ammunition. Council agreed to put on third reading.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-49, an emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for renewal of the Village’s insurance policies with Argonaut Insurance Company through Government Underwrites of America, Inc. John Bolek made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and was seconded by Linda Bowen. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by John Bolek and carried with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2012-50, an emergency supporting the County of Summit’s creation of the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation and the County of Summit’s application for the Ohio Attorney General’s Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program. John Bolek made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and was seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 6 ayes.

In the new business, John Bolek asked Council if they desired to change the date of the offices to start in January instead of December. Beatrice Greenlee stated that is very confusing for elections. John Bolek stated that if everyone agrees then they should ask the voters. Karyn Selle stated that 2012-36 will need changed. Brad Bryan stated that it will change some of the legislation. John Bolek stated that Council can amend the legislation that was passed. Karyn Selle stated that they should put in a work session. Beatrice Greenlee stated that there was confusion at the board of elections the last time she ran, so she agrees with this change. Mary Volny agreed. Brad Bryan stated that he will have the changes for the next meeting.

Linda Bowen stated that on July 18th there will be a block watch meeting at 6:00pm.

John Bolek stated that he knows we don't have a big staff, but the Village board out front needs to be kept more current. Mayor Nehez stated that Lisa Rodriguez is on vacation. John Bolek stated that he didn't know that she handled it.

At 8:43p. John Bolek asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss current contracts and it was seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. All Council agreed with 6 ayes.

At 8:44p a motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek to come out of executive session. Carried with 6 ayes.

John Bolek thanked the departments for helping with the block party and residents were very happy. Maybe next year the date can be moved to a Friday so that service department can move their staff to starting later in the day and working later into the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm. 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