

**The Village of Northfield  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Jesse J, Nehez at 7:32p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Roll Call was taken by the Finance Director, Monica James. The following were present: - Mayor Jesse J. Nehez; Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, Mary Volny, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Council person, John Schlueter was absent. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, Engineer Richard Wasosky, and Police Chief Mark Wentz were also present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2012, Regular Meeting

A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 5 ayes, John Schlueter absent

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2012, Regular Meeting

A motion for passage was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Linda Bowen, passed with 5 ayes, John Schlueter absent.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 Special Meeting.

A motion for passage was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 4 ayes, Linda Bowen abstained: John Schlueter absent.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCE:**

John Duniver (Cranbrook Drive resident) has heard rumors that Northfield Park is moving to Austintown.

Members of Council advised that they have heard rumors of other tracks moving, were rumors several years ago but not recently.

John Duniver also stated that he heard rumors that Northfield Village was going to join the Northfield Center/Sagamore Hills Fire District. And he has also heard that the other communities are having trouble getting coverage. John is concerned that the residents will suffer if the Fire District is joined and no one available to respond to a call in Northfield Village.

Karyn Selle explained to John that this could happen now because all emergency services have a mutual aid contract or understanding with other communities, therefore, the Village Fire Department could be requested to respond to mutual aid in either Macedonia or the Fire District, which would cause no one to be here to respond to the resident of the Village.

Chief Vojtush explained that if necessary, the Village Fire Dept. would request mutual aid from Maple Heights or Oakwood to respond to the residents.

Law Director Brad Bryan explained that there have been no recent talks of joining the District but in the past, all the Nordonia Communities did talk of forming a district and only Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills did form a district.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

Mayor Jesse Nehez reported:

1. He is continuing to work with the track, along with Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wasosky. At this time, we are waiting for the track to request to go before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bryan stated that he believes the Track will be presenting to the Planning Commission on September 19, 2012 meeting.

2. Mayor stated that the salt barn is looking good, much better than a few weeks ago.

Monica James, Finance Director reported:

1. Advised Council that the post-audit meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., if members of Council would like to attend.
2. That she attended the Ohio Demolition program meeting this morning, the information received will be available on disk as well as the website. In the meantime, Monica has a folder of information that Council can review; this information packet was received at the meeting.

Mr. Bolek asked about the internet cafes, now that the form has been redone, are they submitting 3<sup>rd</sup> party verifications and are instant tickets also being included in the Gross Income.

Mrs. James explained that she has been speaking with Law Director, Brad Bryan and they are trying to set up a meeting with one of the business owners because the owner is not presenting the Village with the correct information. Mrs. James is not sure on the instant tickets but will look into the matter.

Engineer, Richard Wasosky, see attached report

Discussion regarding the traffic study by the Racino, to repair the light at Northfield and Sagamore Roads and install traffic lights at Vincent and Filly, which will be paid for by the Racino. In addition, the traffic study suggested that a traffic light is to be installed at Houghton which will need to be paid for by the Village of Northfield.

Council stated that at one time there was a light at this intersection but due to the light volume of traffic, it was removed. Agree that Houghton is one of the main roads in the Village and traffic has increased but with the light at the Plaza, feels there will be a greater chance of traffic congestion. Council is unsure if (3) traffic lights in a row will be beneficial, even if they are synchronized.

Concern was also raised with the additional traffic of horse trailers coming in and out. Mr. Bolek spoke to a horseman association representative during the press conference and they have an agreement not to make this a day track that will allow horses to be boarded; in addition this track does have the dormitories. This may decrease some of the horseman traffic.

Mr. Wasosky stated that the State of Ohio has not seen the plans or the traffic studies, they will have some input, and these plans are not final.

Police Chief, Mark Wentz, see attached report. Included in the report is information about someone the Police Chief would like to hire. If possible, would like to swear-in at the next meeting.

Mayor Nehez congratulated Chief Wentz and the entire police department for the job well done on the Bank Robbery that occurred at the Charter One Bank.

Councilperson Greenlee congratulated Chief Wentz for winning the Law and Order Magazine contest for design of the police cruiser design.

Fire Chief Gary stated:

1. Explained that the Fire Dept. is averaging (2) calls a day, with Walton Hills the department was averaging (3) calls per day.
2. The Association was going to erect the temporary sign announcing the Clam Bake, but cannot at this time, so going to work with the Service Department to come up with a permanent sign.
3. Ask if Council was going to vote on the truck, the dealer will only hold until the morning because have someone else looking at.

Mayor advised that he has a few more items to discuss with Chief Vojtush will do so in the morning and then a decision can be made.

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Planning Commission, Beatrice Greenlee announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

Cemetery Board, Beatrice Greenlee, stated that the Board met on September 4, 2012 and they have hired a new supervisor but will be looking for new hire to replace the person that was promoted to supervisor

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez stated that they will be presenting their short and long term goals to Council soon; still looking for donations for picnic table materials.

Charter Review Commission, Mayor Nehez stated they are complete for the year.

Mr. Bryan stated that a letter to the residents regarding the proposed Charter Amendments that will be on the ballot should go out the end of September or early October. The letter will be signed by the Mayor but can include Council if they want to be included.

Mr. Bolek stated that he thought would be a letter from the Charter Review Committee and not Mayor nor Council.

Mr. Bryan stated it looks better if from the Mayor and not a whole list of people.

Chief Gary stated that if Council would like to save money, the members of the Fire Department could pass them out while on duty.

Karyn Selle asked if information about the Vials of Life could also be passed out at this time.

Chief Gary stated that they would pass out this information also.

Finance, Linda Bowen, stated the next Finance Committee meeting will be on September 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Asked for approval of the Mayor's Court Report.

A motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee for approval of the August 2012 Mayor's Court report, passed with 5 ayes, John Schlueter was absent.

Roads/Public Works, Karyn Selle stated:

1. As the Mayor stated, the salt barn is getting much needed repairs
2. Have begun to stock pile salt, there are 333 tones in the barn now, due to review of the last several winters have reduced our salt projection by 20%
3. Patching and Grass Cutting is continuing

Health and Welfare, Mary Volny stated:

1. The meeting tonight with Mayor Nehez, Karyn Selle, Union Representatives and Mike Troyan was very informative. Applications are due by this Friday from the employees and we should receive tentative proposals a few weeks later.

Mayor Nehez thanked Mrs. Volny for her hard work as the Committee person, doing much better and informative job than when he had the position.

Buildings & Grounds, John Bolek had nothing to report.

Wages and Working Conditions, John Schlueter was absent.

Fire and Safety, Beatrice Greenlee, had nothing to report.

### **LEGISLATION;**

Ordinance 2012-59 1<sup>st</sup> reading – An emergency ordinance amending Chapter 1424.02(a) of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to the definition of a multi-family dwelling for the purpose of multi-family housing inspections and maintenance standards

Mr. Bryan explained that most references in the Codified Ordinance define multi-family as (4) units or more, there are a few units that are (2) or (3). Building Inspector wants to be able to deal with issues in these cases the same.

A motion by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Karyn Selle to suspend the (3) reading rule, carried with 5 ayes, John Schlueter absent

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

Resolution 2012-65 1<sup>st</sup> reading – An emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development relating to the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program.

A motion by John Bolek seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to suspend the (3) reading rule, passed with 5 ayes, John Schlueter was absent.

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

Mr. Bryan stated that the next agenda will have a Resolution to discuss and possible approval of the hiring of Mr. Heatwall for the police department, and an ordinance for discharge of material in the sewer system, as requested by Mr. Wasosky.

### **OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Linda Bowen to donate \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society.

ROLL CALL: Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; Mary Volny, aye; Karyn Selle, nay; John Bolek, nay; John Schlueter, absent.

Mr. Bryan announced the motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 nays

Mr. John Bolek question how it was passed when need 4 ayes for passage.

Mr. Bryan stated that need a majority for passage, since one is absent, 3 would be a majority

Mr. Bolek stated that he was very disheartened by the coverage in the local newspaper. To have a picture of a suspect printed prior to any arrest, may have put other at risk, since the suspect now knows he is being watched. Our police department was doing an excellent job trying to catch the suspect; the local paper did not do them justice.

John Bolek also stated that if people want harass or contact the Mayor and Council, that part of the job we took on when elected, but there is no reason to harass the employees. Employees are only doing their jobs as told to them by Mayor and Council. In addition, if anyone wants to contact us, should be through our Village emails, not our personal emails. One individual in particular, is constantly contacted one of our employees, and Mr. Bolek feels this is harassment and should be stopped. Our employees should not be subject to this treatment. This person does not even live in this town. Also, when we need to send someone Certified Mail, they do not pick up then it needs to be hand delivered by the Police Department, the recipient should be billed.

Mr. Bryan stated that the Mayor has added an additional Mayor's Cost.

Chief Wentz, stated in addition this person is constantly taking pictures of other business, that he claims is violating Ordinances, yet this person is completely unaware, that we have cited the business in question or Jason has spoken to that Business.

Mayor and Council are receiving calls from these Businesses because they think the Village is sending out the violations plus they are furious that this individual is taking pictures.

Chief Wentz announced he and his family welcomed grandchild #7 and son Steven graduated and is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Mary Volny reminded everyone that the Ward B Block Party will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Linda Bowen announced that the next Blockwatch is on September 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by John Bolek to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., carried with (6) ayes,

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council