

**The Village of Northfield  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 26, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Jesse J, Nehez at 7:43 p.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, Linda Bowen, and John Schlueter. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush, Engineer Richard Wasosky, Service/Building Director, Jason Walters and Police Chief Mark Wentz were also present.

Guest(s): Judge Linda Teodosio presented Sgt. John Zolgus and Chief Mark Wentz a check for \$2500.00 for the Juvenile Diversion Program.

Resolution 2012-67 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety’s appointment of Derek Heatwall as a part-time police officer with the Village’s Police Department

A motion by John Bolek seconded by Beatrice Greenlee to suspend the (3) reading rule, carried with 6 ayes.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

Ptl. Heatwall was then sworn-in by Chief Wentz and congratulated by Mayor, Council and those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes of September 12, 2012.

John Bolek advised that he wanted to amend the minutes: page 2, “Mr. Bolek explained that this will be a “day track”” should read “Mr. Bolek spoke to a Horseman Association representative during the press conference and they have an agreement not to make this a day track.”

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

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

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

Mr. David Bowen, Architect for the Hard Rock Casino did present plans to Mayor and Council. These plans did demonstrate the outside and inside plans. The plans included the parking lot and outside landscaping, the overall layout of the outside of the entire building, the inside floor plan: the center will be the casino, back center will be the Hard Rock Café, the northside of the building will contain the steak house and buffet, the southside of the building will be the Hard Rock Live, Comedy Club and Ice Cream

Shope. Each of the venues will have their own entrance from the outside. Since children are not permitted inside the casino, this will still allow families to enjoy the facilities. Mr. Bowen also explained that at this time, the Comedy Club has not been decided upon. Mr. Bowen pointed out the parking and separate entrance for Tour Buses and that taking into consideration emergency apparatus, there is no built in walkway to the Racetrack. For additional safety, the Hard Rock Guitar has been moved to the side so that if anyone wants to take pictures, will not be in the flow of traffic.

Council did have a few questions for Mr. Bowen:

1. Can the Hard Rock Live be expanded

Yes

2. What is the seating capacity currently of the Hard Rock Live

1800

3. Concerns about the outside lighting

Mr. Bowen explained will be mostly underground wiring, soft outdoor lighting and some of the existing parking lot poles will be relocated.

Consideration of the surrounding residential areas was taken into account when the lighting plan was designed.

4. What is total capacity of the building

Mr. Bowen was not sure but would get back to Council

5. What kind of landscaping is involved

Is a mix of trees, annual and perennial plantings

Mayor stated that the overall plan is for the landscaping to catch your eye and your curiosity to take over and make you want to find out what is beyond the drive.

Mr. Bowen further stated and then you see the building, which is made to look more like a Recreation Center than a Casino.

Mr. Bryan stated that the plans have gone before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission did give preliminary approval subject to approval by Summit Soil and Water, due to a storm water issue, which have been resolved. There is a revised plan that just needs to go on paper. The other issue: is the Sanitary Sewer Plan adequate; plans have been submitted to Mr. Wasosky, which needs to be reviewed. A special meeting is needed, do have an agreement in principal just need to redo the drawings and refine the agreement. Mr. Bryan recommend that Council approve the plans as modified by the agreed upon changes by Summit Soil and Water and the Village.

Mr. Bolek thanked everyone involved for their time and effort to make this a reality.

A motion for approval of the site plans was made by Linda Bowen seconded by John Bolek, passed with 6 ayes.

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, October 1, 2012 regarding the Sanitary Sewers.

It was stated that if the final issues receive approval, Construction will begin on October 15, 2012.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

Mayor Jesse Nehez reported:

1. He has been very busy working with the track, to get everything finalized.
2. Mayor stated that the salt barn is looking good.
3. Thanked everyone for the good job they are doing

Monica James, Finance Director had nothing to report.

Engineer, Richard Wasosky reported:

1. He will be meeting with Summit County and the City Of Akron regarding grant money for the Sanitary Sewers, meeting will be at the Engineers Office
2. May and Sunset has been seeded and mulched, he will do a walk through next week
3. Engineers are surveying the area for the next Road Project
4. Mr. Bolek asked if the temporary fix on Ledge Road is holding up.  
Mr. Wasosky stated that it is doing much better than he expected

Police Chief, Mark Wentz, see attached report. (Chief Wentz was not present at this time, had left for a reception with Judge Teodosio, Ptl. Heatwall, and family and friends.

Mr. Bolek thanked Chief Wentz and his staff for the excellent job they are doing. There was a Burglary at a local restaurant, which was solved within 16 hours. Mr. Bolek believes that the Police Department has come along way under the direction of Chief Wentz.

Fire Chief Gary, had nothing to report

Brad Bryan, Law Director stated:

1. Jellison Property still in the works, the Bankruptcy Court did give approval for the Village to purchase the property. The closing is still set for the end of January
2. The Letter regarding the Charter review is ready to be printed and distributed to the residents. The Fire Department will distribute door-to-door. Finance Director will make the copies, and have ready for Monday or Tuesday of next week.
3. Mr. Bolek asked about the Brown Tarp House.  
Mr. Bryan stated that S. C. Examiner has given the owner, 60 days from September 1, 2012 to show that the outside restoration has at least started.
4. Mr. Bolek asked about the blue tarp house on Milford  
Neither Mr. Bryan nor Jason Walters was aware of the status at this time.

Jason Walters, Service/Building Supervisor, see attached report.

1. Salt Shed is going to need a new roof, has obtained quotes for an asphalt and steel roof, but this will wait until 2013 budget.
2. Mayor asked Jason when the flags will be removed.  
Jason stated will be removed after November 11, 2012. This has been the standard practice.
3. Mr. Bolek thanked Jason and his staff for good work, appreciate the notice to everyone, not like the State coming in to do minor repairs on Route 8, without notification.

4. Discussion about the school bus stopping and the children crossing Route 8. Concerns of safety that the bus stops to pick up children on Route 8, especially once the construction begins on the Hard Rock. Suggestion that Council, Police and Fire talk to the School Board to remove the stop. Also, since a significant number of children cross Route 8 from the Eaton Ridge Apartments, need to strip the area for a cross walk and signals.

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

Planning Commission, Beatrice Greenlee, no report.

Cemetery Board, Beatrice Greenlee, next meeting on October 2, 2012.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez stated that they are still working on picnic tables and signs.

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

Finance, Linda Bowen, the next Finance Committee met tonight

Ordinance 2012-69 1<sup>st</sup> reading – An emergency Ordinance approving the payment of bills for the month of September in the amount of \$102,325.69

A motion was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee for approval of the payment of bills, passed with 6 ayes.

Roads/Public Works, Karyn Selle, no report.

Health and Welfare, Mary Volny stated:

1. The applications have been forwarded to Mr. Troyan and a preliminary meeting will be held next week to discuss his findings.
2. The Moose Lodge will fingerprint kids on October 13, 2012  
Mr. Bolek asked why the fingerprinting would not be done on Halloween Night.  
Mrs. Volny stated did not want to mix the fun of Halloween with the sensitive issue of why being fingerprinted.

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 2012-66 1<sup>st</sup> reading – An emergency ordinance amending Section 1042.03 of the Codified Ordinances relating to discharges to Storm Sewers, Sanitary Sewers and Streams.

A motion by John Bolek seconded by Karyn Selle to suspend the (3) reading rule, carried with 6 ayes,.

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

Proclamation 2012-68 A Proclamation Honoring and Congratulating Yolanda Camerieri on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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

Mary Volny thanked everyone for helping at her Block Party. Did get seven (7) new potential members for the Blockwatch. Several of the Vials of Life were passed out and food was collected for the Emergency Hunger Center. Mrs. Volny is looking forward to doing this again next year.

Motion by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m., carried with (6) ayes,

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council