

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2012

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; Beatrice Greenlee, Mary Volny, John Bolek, Linda Bowen, and John Schlueter. Council member Karyn Selle was absent. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Police Chief Mark Wentz, Capt. Jason Buss and Service Director Jason Walters were also present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 24, 2012 Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Jesse Nehez asked for a motion for passage.

A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee.

Mrs. Volny asked that the following correction be made, Page 4, change MR. VOLNY to MRS. VOLNY

Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent.

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Mr. Bolek spoke on behalf of Mrs. Westfall of Peggy's Lunchbox, she was very appreciative and happy with the response and help she received from the Service Department with her sewer issue.

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

#### **A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ stated:**

1. Announced that the Village did receive the necessary points and would be awarded 1.6 million dollars of Issue 1 money for the sewer project. Mayor Nehez especially thanked Mr. Richard Wasosky for all his efforts to get this application approved. All that is left is for Columbus to approve.

2. The plantings at the Park have been completed and look fantastic, the 3 trees that were received from the Lions Club helped to make it look nice.

#### **B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES stated:**

That she had nothing to report but would like to commend Chief Wentz and the other Police Officers for a job well done on the Halloween Party.

Mr. Bolek stated that he observed that a lot of the Village is very dark, no street lights and this appears to be a safety issue for those out Trick-or-Treating. Mr. Bolek suggested that either Halloween be scheduled on the weekend during the day, 2-4, or have no door-to-door and ask the residents to instead donate to the Fright Night at the Police Station.

A few Council members felt that it would not be wise to totally eliminate door-to-door. Instead, maybe a parking ban can be issued. Another observation was that due to the hurricane, Halloween was moved from Wednesday to Saturday, many residents could not participate, so that left many dark areas because the house lights were not on.

Everyone present agreed that safety is a major concern for Halloween night and the safety of the children, maybe next year a flyer with safety tips can be passed out or put in the newspaper prior to Halloween night.

#### **C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY – see attached report**

**D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN**

Had nothing to report

**E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**1. POLICE CHIEF MARK WENTZ – see attached report**

Mr. Schlueter thanked Chief Wentz and crew for the nice job on Fright Night.

Mr. Bolek thanked Vendor's and area business that donated and participated.

Law Director Brad Bryan asked for a motion to approve the sale of vehicle 828 to Ryan August. Mr. Bryan explained that since under \$1,000.00 did not need to go out for bid.

John Bolek made a motion to approve the sale of Vehicle 828 to Ryan August, for the amount of \$600.00, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent.

Mrs. Mary Volny asked if there were any other incidents on Halloween beside the person scaring some kids.

Chief Wentz stated that he was not aware of anything.

Mr. Bolek stated that one of his neighbors did have a bonfire in the front yard and the flames at one point were over 4ft. high. Mr. Bolek was concerned that with the children walking around, one of their costumes could have caught fire. This may be another safety issue to add to the flyer as stated earlier.

Chief Wentz stated that if anyone was interested in a SWAT demonstration, to let him know, he can make arrangement for the Metro SWAT Team to come out. Chief Wentz feels that it will be very beneficial for the Village to have a member on the SWAT team with the Racino coming and other potential entertainment that it will draw.

**2. Fire Department - Capt. Jason Buss had the following to report:**

1. Announced that Chief Vojtush will be on medical leave until further notice, Capt Buss will be in charge until his return.
2. December 9, is the scheduled day for Santa to make his rounds on the Fire Truck

Mr. Bolek stated that hopefully tonight, Council will pass the purchase of a new vehicle. And can sell the current vehicle that will be replaced. Mr. Bolek further stated that since the Village will again, not expect more than \$1,000.00 can sell without going for bids.

Mrs. Greenlee asked about the status of manpower.

Capt Buss stated that he has been talking to those members that have been inactive; in addition he has been interviewing some prospective candidates.

**3. SERVICE/BLDG. DEPT. SUPERVISOR, Jason Walters stated:**

1. Almost finished laying Asphalt
2. The Leaf Machine is in service, working well and looks great. In fact, several residents have asked if a new machine was purchase, Mr. Walters explained that is refurbished and not new. Ward C has been complete, ready to begin Ward D, however the team is ahead of schedule, Therefore, they have been going back to double check wards all ready completed.
3. Have signed up 104 seniors for snowplowing this year. Last year there were 94, there were a few seniors that could not come to us, so we went to them. Most of the driveway markers have been installed.
4. The inspection at 18-20 Heights has been completed, not as bad as thought. Most of the citations have all ready been addressed.

5. The fence at the Racino has been installed in the incorrect location, has been working with the Site Manger to fix the situation. They have been very co-operative.
6. Mr. Walters was out of town when the sewer issue happened at Peggy's. He thanked his crew for handling the job. He received several calls praising the fine work that had been done. The problem turned out was not the Village's, she had been told by her plumber that this would happen and should get corrected. But everyone worked well and got it fixed.
7. The Brown tarp house was demolished and the Blue Tarp house on Milford is up for sale. They have paid for a P.O. S. so owner is aware of violations that need attention.
8. Have spoken to the resident on May, there are some financial issues that are prohibiting some of the repairs that are need. Mr. Walters is working with the resident.

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- A. **PLANNING COMMISSION, BEATRICE GREENLEE** – a meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. but at this time, there is nothing on the agenda.
- B. **CEMETARY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE** had nothing to report.
- C. **RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated that the next meeting is December 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**, all the recommendations from the Committee that were on the ballot passed. A thank you to the Service Department for their assistance and to the News Leader for the nice article.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **FINANCE, LINDA BOWEN** stated that the next meeting will be on November 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, KARYN SELLE**, was absent
- C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARY VOLNY** had nothing to report.
- D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, JOHN BOLEK** stated that the Ordinances/Resolutions concerning Temporary Signs and Recreation Vehicles will be on the next Council Meeting. Based on the work session that was held tonight, there will be modifications to the ones that were originally presented. Also, Mrs. Greenlee has been working with Brad Bryan to devise legislation concerning those donation boxes that are being set-up in parking lots. They are not attended and when they get full, items are left outside the box, littering the area.
- D. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, JOHN SCHLUETER** stated that the meetings with the Service Department Union are scheduled for December 10 & 11 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Schlueter stated that if anyone has any ideas to please let him know or let the Mayor know.  
Mr. Bolek stated that the previous discussion involving the Unions and the Health Benefits issue went well, hopes the Contract Negotiations will go as well.
- F. **FIRE AND SAFETY, BEATRICE GREENLEE** had nothing to report.

**LEGISLATION:**

Ordinance 2012-73 2nd Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1280.04(A) (2) Of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Temporary Signs.  
Ordinance will again be on 3rd reading at the November 28, 2012, Council meeting.

Ordinance 2012-79 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 878.01(a) of The Codified Ordinances Relating To Snow Removal Contractor Permits

Motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Mary Volny,  
Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent

Motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Mary Volny,  
Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent

Ordinance 2012-80 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Mayor To Purchase a 2013 Ford F-150 Truck For The Fire Department From Mike Bass Ford Through The State's Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Motion to suspend the 3 reading rule was made by John Bolek seconded by Linda Bowen,  
Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent.

Motion for passage was made by John Bolek seconded by Beatrice Greenlee,  
Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent.

A motion was made by John Bolek seconded by Mary Volny that the old 1<sup>st</sup> Responder vehicle may be sold, the insurance removed, if under \$1,000.00 without further approval by Council.

Passed with 5 ayes, Karyn Selle absent

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

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Bolek to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council