

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 25, 2013

Rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

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, Linda Bowen, Karyn Selle, Beatrice Greenlee and Nick Magistrelli. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Finance Director Monica James, Service/Building Supervisor Jason Walters were present. Police Chief Mark Wentz, Fire Chief Jason Buss and Village Engineer Richard Wasosky were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the November 13, 2013 minutes was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

GUEST SPEAKER: *NONE*

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

- A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated asked Law Director Brad Bryan to explain why the sewer work is in Northfield Village and not Cuyahoga County.
Mr. Bryan explained the with the facility being built the current Village sewer system would not accommodate the volume of waste that would be generated, in addition the Village was in need of upgrading the system. Through a Sewer Grant, the Village was able to upgrade and allow the Rocksino to be built. With the anticipated future growth of the area, without the upgrade, the Village would not have been able to handle the sewage. In addition, the upgrade, allows us to eliminate the Elm Street pump station, which was in constant need of repair. This will help save money.
Mayor Nehez stated that everything is going well at Northfield Park, still on schedule to open December 18.
- B. FINANCE DIRECTOR MONICA A. JAMES** stated she had been unable to get the copies of the September Reconciliations for Council; she discovered an error that needs to be fixed. Ms. James stated the pay ordinance was large due to the payments to Track, and several vendors for the construction that has been going on in the Village. These payments are from the Million Dollar settlement. If Council only had to approve General spending, the Ordinance would have been approximately, \$30,000.00
Mayor stated that by January 1, would be accepting on-line payments for sewer billing, the Mayor Court fines, will be on-line in the next two weeks.
Mrs. James stated she would be out of the office from November 27 until December 2.
- C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY**, was not present
- D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN**, stated would have legislation next meeting Appointing Mrs. Volny as the Public Records in place of the Mayor.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, was not present
2. **Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss**, was not present
3. **Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters** – see attached report
Mayor asked Mr. Walters to write an article for the News Letter regarding Snow Plowing.
Mr. Schlueter stated he was glad that Mr. Walters included the reasoning for the numerous power outages in the Village, in his report.
Mrs. Greenlee stated that she had received complaints about the trash being picked up later than normal
Mrs. Volny thanked Mr. Walters for taking care of the tree at Ledge and Milford.
Mr. Walters has begun to put up the Christmas lights. Council reminded Mr. Walters that approval had been given last year, to sell the snowman.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- A. **PLANNING COMMISSION, KARYN SELLE**, stated the Planning Commission has a meeting on November 20 at 7:30, to discuss the lot split on Heights Ave, preliminary plans were reviewed and the home owner was advised to begin the formal process for the lot split. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2014
- B. **CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE**, had nothing to report.
- C. **RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ**, will meet again on December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, MAYOR NEHEZ** stated they were finished for the year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. **FINANCE, Nick Magistrelli** stated the Committee had met tonight and the next meeting would be on December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.,

Ordinance 2013-137 - 1st Reading – An Emergency Ordinance Approving The Payment of Invoices for the 2nd Half of November 2013, in the amount of \$ 100,044.76

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

- B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, John Schlueter**, had nothing to report.
- C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE, Beatrice Greenlee**, had nothing to report
- 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**, stated Santa would be visiting the area on December 15.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2013-134 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment Of Craig Sirna As A Part-Time Police Officer.

A motion to suspend the three reading rules was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes

A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

Resolution 2013-135 – 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment Of Dylan Morgenstern As A Part-Time Employee With The Service Department

A motion to suspend the three reading rules was made by Beatrice Greenlee seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

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

Resolution 2013-136 - 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Requesting The Summit County Fiscal Officer, In The Year 2014, To Advance To The Village Monies To Which The Village Is Entitled From The Proceeds Of Tax Levies For The Tax Year 2013.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Mayor asked if all Council had received the information for the Gateway Corridor Project and when would Council like to schedule a meeting.

Council agreed that since the new Board would be taking office in a few weeks; suggest that the Mayor not schedule any meetings until then.

Mr. Schlueter inquired on a Panhandling Ordinance.

Mr. Bryan stated was working on it.

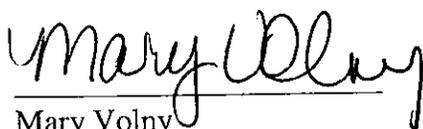
Mrs. Volny reminded everyone to get their article in for the News Letter.

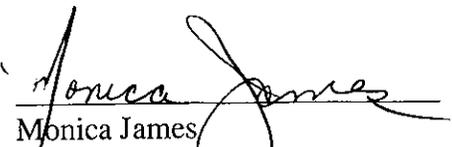
Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

A motion for adjournment at 8:23 p.m. was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:


Mary Volny
President of Council


Monica James
Clerk of Council



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H. Jason Walters
Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent

November 25, 2013 Council meeting: Service, Building and Zoning Department report:

1. **SUMMIT SEWER PROJECT:** This project is projected to end by the first week of December. The sewer pipe will be installed at this point, and the road repair, as well as, yard repairs will be made in the spring.
2. **RACINO STREET LIGHT PROJECT:** This project is complete.
3. **LEDGE RD. SCHOOL ZONE PROJECT:** This project is complete.
4. **LEDGE RD. TRUCK TRAFFIC:** We have installed signage warning trucks of our weight ordinance. The signs are visible starting in Macedonia, giving more than enough warning. Now we need our officers to enforce this and the word should get out, which should deter this type of situation.
5. **ROAD REPAIRS:** We are no longer hot patching, but if anyone has areas of issue, we can use cold patch.
6. **LEAF PICKUPS:** Leaf pickups for residents started Tuesday, November 12th, which was a week later due to the leaves not falling at that point. We had caught up, but unfortunately Friday, November 22nd, the leaf machine broke down. The main fan shaft bent and this is a very unusual situation. The machine is at Doheny and they are working as fast as they can to repair it, but in the meantime they are trying to locate a replacement to use, while ours is in repair.
7. **SENIOR SNOW PLOW PROGRAM:** We have 112 seniors in the program this year, all of which have their driveway markers installed.
8. **POWER OUTAGES:** We have received several complaints concerning the recent power outages in the area surrounding the Plaza. Many calls have been made to Ohio Edison by either myself, Mayor Nehez and Lisa Rodriguez, not to mention the many residents. The Village in no way is responsible for this issue, but we are trying to get the situation resolved. Ohio Edison reported that on October 7th a bird caused the power outage; October 24th it was an Ohio Edison equipment failure; November 3rd this outage was due to another bird; November 8th and 10th the high winds were responsible for the failure and on

November 18th the last outage we had, was due to an animal causing a transformer to malfunction. Many of the rumors were suggesting that the Rocksino caused these power failures, this is completely false, as the power supply for the Rocksino is on a completely separate grid. The power to the Rocksino is actually supplied from Cuyahoga County side of town. Ohio Edison is currently working to update the problem area near and around the Plaza.

9. **VICTORY RD. PROJECT:** The paving of Victory Rd. is complete and is a huge improvement for the Village.

10. **HOUGHTON RD SEWER PROJECT:** This project is complete, other than some small punch list details. The sewer line test passed and paving of the trench was then completed.

11. **FIRE DEPT. PERMITS:** Lisa Rodriguez is now handling all Fire Dept. Permit through her office for any inspections that need to be completed.

12. **OUT OF THE OFFICE:** I will be out of the office from November 27th – December 4th returning to the office on Thursday, December 5th. Chris While will be in charge during my absence and can be reached at 216 299 2772. If need be, you can contact me through email at nfvservice@northfieldvillage-oh.gov or Lisa Rodriguez 330 468 4363 who will be communicating with me daily.

Thank you,
Harold J. Walters

HJW:lmr