

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 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, John Schlueter, and Karyn Selle. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan; Engineer Richard Wasosky; Police Chief Mark Wentz, Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters and Police Lt. Jamie Mackie were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 28, 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 Mary Volny.

Passed with 6 ayes.

Linda Bowen advised that the date of the Planning Commission Meeting should be changed to the 19. Monica James advised that it had been corrected; a second email had been sent advising of the change.

Members of Council advised that they had not received the second email.

Monica James will watch that this does not happen again.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

NONE

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

A. **MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ** stated that he had a great meeting with the Fire Department last night. He will do whatever is necessary for a smooth transition.

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

1. Chief Wentz did the inspections at the various businesses that have amusement devices. The letters advising of the amounts due to the Village along with a new 2013 Amusement Tax form has been mailed.

2. The Fire Department vehicle is at the dealership, Dealer and Bank working out the paperwork should be delivered within the week.

3. Temporary appropriations have been emailed to everyone; will be on the next agenda for discussion

4. A proposed Chart of Accounts was also emailed to everyone. The proposed changes will give everyone a better idea of the income and expenses of the Village.

5. That Jay Mutter has been researching new Accounting Software; he should have a recommendation for Mayor and Council by next meeting. In anticipation of this, the proposed Chart of Accounts was given to everyone so that we can begin using when the software is put in place.

John Bolek asked for a list of other communities that use the OTAS program.

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

NOTE at this time, 7:45 the battery did expire in the digital recorder, at 7:48 resumed recording.

D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN stated:

1. Presented Contract from Animal Control, due to cost, have not signed in the past, but it is the decision of Council. Mr. Bryan asked that if Council would like to renew this contract, to advise, and it will be added to the next agenda.

2. Legislation for the Charitable Boxes will go on the next agenda.

3. Will need an executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving the Fire Dept.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Police Department**, Chief Mark Wentz had nothing to report

Lt. Jamie Mackie stated that this Saturday will be Shop With A Cop

2. **Fire Department**, Chief Gary Vojtush – not present

3. **Service/Bldg Dept. Supervisor**, Jason Walters – not present

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. **PLANNING COMMISSION**, BEATRICE GREENLEE – a meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. but at this time, there is nothing on the agenda.

B. **CEMETARY BOARD**, BEATRICE GREENLEE a preliminary budget was given to the Finance Director for review.

C. **RECREATION BOARD**, MAYOR NEHEZ stated that the Recreation Board is working on a few ideas for next year.

D. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**, done for the year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. **FINANCE**, LINDA BOWEN stated:

1. The Next Committee meeting will be on December 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Would like approval of the Mayor's Court Reports

John Bolek made a motion for approval of the Mayor's Court October Report, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

Linda Bowen made a motion for approval of the Mayor's Court November Report, seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes.

B. **ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS**, KARYN SELLE had nothing to report

C. **HEALTH AND WELFARE**, MARY VOLNY had nothing to report.

D. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**, JOHN BOLEK stated:

1. It appears all plans are moving forward to the Service Department to acquire the building on Ledge Road in January.

E. **WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS**, JOHN SCHLUETER stated:

a. The meeting with the Service Department and Police Department unions went well, there will be a modest wage increase. Everything should be completed for discussion and possible approval at the next meeting.

F. **FIRE AND SAFETY**, BEATRICE GREENLEE asked for discussion for Resolution 2012-83

Chief Wentz advised is a mutual aid agreement much like all the other mutual aid agreements we have, this is with the Metro SWAT Unit Chief Wentz also advised that any training Ptl. Olesinski receives can be passed along to the other Village Officers.

Resolution 2012-83 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Village of Northfield Police To Provide Police Protection To Any County, Municipal Corporation Or Township Of This State Or Any Adjoining State And To Provide Complex Investigation Assistance Whenever Necessary Upon Proper Authorization And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion by John Bolek to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes

John Schlueter asked about #4 & 5. Chief Wentz explained that cannot be sued for “Friendly Fire” and equipment replacement is self-replacement, comes out of pocket or if the suspect is fined and pays, would be reimbursed from this payment.

Motion by John Bolek for passage, seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, passed with 6 ayes.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution 2012-84 1st Reading - An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Co-Operative Agreement With Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills Townships And Enter Into A Lease Agreement Between The Three Communities And Epiphany Lutheran Church To Operate A Senior Center For The Period From January 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2013.

Motion by John Bolek to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by John Schlueter, passed with 6 ayes

Discussion included, the cost to the Village will be about \$1,500.00. This will be for a 6 month trial, after which it will be revisited. A log will be kept of how many Seniors come to the center as well as what communities they are from. The building was originally opened for a Senior Day Care, much of the equipment was left behind and can be used when the Center reopens. The Center is scheduled to open on January 2.

Motion by John Schlueter for passage, seconded by Karyn Selle, passed with 6 ayes.

Brad Bryan asked for a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving the Fire Department.

The owners of Dusk till Dawn and Spinners did attend but arrived late. Council allowed them to speak at this time. The Gentlemen expressed their displeasure that the Village Mayor and Council did not send a letter of support to Columbus. They explained that there is a Group trying to abolish the Internet Cafes in Ohio. The Gentlemen stated that they have done a lot for the community, in addition the money they have brought in, how is it that a letter or phone call could not be made in support of Internet Cafes. The Gentlemen wanted to know if now that the Racino was coming to town, did the Village want the Internet Cafes to go away.

Mayor and Council explained that at this time, the Village would like to remain neutral, since the owners of the Racino would like the Village to write a letter against the Internet Cafes. Since the Cafes and Racino attract different clientele there is enough room for all. Council discussed the possibility of a work session to discuss this issue further.

At 8:47 p.m. John Bolek made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue involving the Fire Department, seconded by Mary Volny.

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

At 9:53 p.m. Beatrice Greenlee made a motion to re-open the Regular Meeting, seconded by Linda Bowen
ROLL CALL: Beatrice Greenlee, aye; Linda Bowen, aye; Mary Volny, aye; John Schlueter, aye; Karyn Selle, aye; John Bolek, aye.

Resolution 2012-86 1st Reading – An Emergency Resolution Confirming The Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Removal of Gary Vojtush As The Fire Chief.

A motion by John Bolek to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes
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Resolution 2012-85 1st Reading An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director Of Public Safety's Appointment of Jason Buss As The Acting Fire Chief.

A motion by John Bolek to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Mary Volny, passed with 6 ayes
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Mr. Bryan stated that a Press Release will be prepared and an advertisement for the Chief's Position will be published in the newspaper as well as on the Village's website

Mr. Bolek stated that they have not had a meeting with the Fire Department since April, feels Council needs to take a more active role. In addition, our Firefighters are drastically underpaid, would like to look at this for next year.

Mr. Bryan stated that Former Fire Chief Frank Guffin would like his old helmet.

A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee, seconded by Linda Bowen to allow Frank Guffin to receive his old Fire Chief Helmet, passed with 6 ayes.

Mr. Bryan will speak to the Acting Chief, to determine if Gary Vojtush can also keep his helmet.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bolek thanked Lt. Mackie for all his help.

Mrs. Bowen announced that the next Blockwatch will be held on December 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bose, the owner of the Fireplace Shoppe, may be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Bowen announced that the next Finance Committee Meeting will be on December 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., with the Regular Council Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Karyn Selle and seconded by Karyn Selle to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., passed with 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council