

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 28, 2011

Mayor Jesse Nehez called the meeting to order at 8:00PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by Finance Director, Bill Day with the following present: Beatrice Greenlee, Karyn Selle, John Schlueter, John Bolek and Linda Bowen. Fire Chief Gary Vojtush and Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were present.

Mayor Nehez asked for a motion to be made to approve the amended November 21, 2011 council meeting minutes. A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 5 ayes. Brad Bryan asked for a motion to be made to approve the minutes for December 14, 2011. A motion was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by John Schlueter and carried with 5 ayes.

There was no business of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.

Mayor Nehez reported that he has been very busy with the department heads and everyone is doing a fantastic job.

Finance Director, Bill Day thanked all of the department heads for their help on the budget and patience with the financial statements. Bill gave everyone a copy of a letter to Village residents from CCA just in case their constituents have any questions about the letter. Bill said that hopefully we will get 10% of these delinquents collected.

Law Director Brad Bryan had no report.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush stated that they have had 930 calls for the year so far and at this time last year they were at 525 calls, so far they have 400 calls from Walton Hills. Chief Vojtush stated that the department is running status quo. Beatrice Greenlee asked how staffing is. Chief Vojtush stated that it is good since they hired the last 6 firefighters. John Bolek stated that in the current contract with Walton Hills they were buying the 20 sets of turn out gear. Chief Vojtush said yes. John Bolek stated that next year they will cut that to 10, and Chief Vojtush said yes they aren't hiring 20 new personnel, maybe 10 new employees at the most. John Bolek asked if we were on a fire call and someones gear gets ruined, do we have the ability to go after the insurance of the property of the call that we were on, to get them to reimburse us for that? Chief Vojtush stated they have never done that. Chief Vojtush stated that at one time they did discuss billing the insurance company for the expenses but they never followed through with it. Brad Bryan stated that with the police department they do have a provision if a uniform is damaged by a person or someone they do charge them. John Bolek stated that he also received a call from a concerned resident stating that he feels that he isn't being protected and his rights are being violated. He doesn't think that the fire department would adequately get to his house and rescue the occupants there if necessary. John Bolek stated that he spoke with Chief Vojtush about maybe getting some new snow tires, but they feel that it really isn't an issue.

Service, Building and Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters gave his report. (See attached) John Bolek asked Jason that if we do go the route of rehabbing the leaf machine, what is the latest date we need to make a decision on this so that it will be ready for next leaf season? Jason Walters said by spring. John Bolek stated that we had the issue last year and had the issue once today. He would really like Council to think about residents treating the Village employees horrible and shouldn't be subject to the abuse they took last year and then again this year. I feel that we should be able to tell them that if they don't like our services they can hire someone on their own.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Planning Commission had no report.

Linda Bowen, of the Finance committee had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2011-90, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of the bills for the month of December, 2011. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter and it carried with 5 ayes. Brad Bryan asked for a motion to be made to approve the Mayor's Court Report for the month of December which was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee. John Bolek asked why the collected amount has been getting less and less as the year went on. Brad Bryan stated that maybe for some reason the way the calendar fell, the cases got pushed to the next year and with the way the economy is, if people don't have money you can't get it from them. It passed with 5 ayes.

Karyn Selle, of the Roads and Public Works Committee had no report.

Karyn Selle of the Health and Welfare Committee stated that she called the lady from the Summit County Health district and she is out of the office until after the new year, so she stated she would have information at that time.

John Bolek of the Building and Grounds Committee had no report.

John Schlueter, of the Wages and Working Committee stated that they finalized the service contract and they will be working with the police department on their contract.

Beatrice Greenlee of the Fire and Safety Committee had no report at this time.

Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-91, an emergency resolution approving a new collective bargaining agreement with the IAM. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, it carried with 5 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-92, an Resolution pertaining to the rate of pay for certain employees. Council decided to put this on first reading and discuss at the next council meeting on January 11, 2012.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-93, an emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve an amendment to the Village's Valic retirement plan to permit it to comply with changes in federal law. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, it carried with 5 ayes. Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-94, an emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve an amendment to the Village's Ohio Municipal league retirement plan through ING to permit it TO comply with changes in federal ING law. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Schlueter and seconded by John Bolek, it carried with 5 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2011-95, an emergency Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to purchase a 2012 Ford F-250 plow truck from Bass Ford through the state's cooperative purchasing program. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, it carried with 5 ayes.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-96, an emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a loan agreement with Dollar Bank in connection with the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-250 plow truck. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle. A motion for passage was made by John Bolek and seconded by Karyn Selle, it carried with 5 ayes. John Bolek stated the reason the rates were a little different was that \$80,000 truck for 2.99 fee and Dollar Bank didn't charge us a lot of the fees that Key did and there is no prepayment penalty. The rate is a little bit higher, but John Bolek stated that it is part of the state purchasing program.

Brad Bryan read Resolution 2011-97, an emergency resolution to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village for the period from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by John Bolek and seconded by John Schlueter. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, it carried with 5 ayes.

There was no old business.

In the new business, Beatrice Greenlee stated that the fire department was wanting to discuss a raise. Beatrice Greenlee stated that maybe it should be discussed by the Wages and Working committee. Brad Bryan stated that Fire Chief Vojtush was asking for 2% pay raises for the fire department since they are working additional hours and handle Walton Hills, Chief Vojtush feels that they should be rewarded. They stated that the last date they received raises was 2007. Brad Bryan stated that Chief Vojtush was also asking that Colt Eberling be promoted to the position of Lieutenant, and he has been doing those duties. Council decided to put this discussion in a Wages and Working session. John Bolek asked if that information could be put into legislation form. John Bolek also stated that with the "me too clause" if we give the fire department a 2% raise, the IAM contract that was just passed was for 1%, so everyone needs to keep that in mind.

Brad Bryan stated that Beatrice Greenlee and Linda Bowen wanted to nominate John Sullivan for the vacant Ward B council seat. 2 Ayes from Linda Bowen, Beatrice Greenlee. 1 abstain from John Schlueter. 2 nays from Karyn Selle and John Bolek, the motion failed.

Karyn Selle made a motion to nominate Mary Volny and seconded by John Bolek with 2 ayes, John Schlueter abstained, and Beatrice Greenlee and Linda Bowen voted nay, so this motion failed also. Brad Bryan stated that unless Council comes to an agreement by the end of this week, it will defer to Mayor Nehez for the final appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.. following a motion by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen. The motion carried with 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez, Administrative Clerk
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President of Council

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