

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. In addition, Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Rich Wasosky, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Superintendent Jason Walters were present. Councilman Daugherty and Police Chief Wentz were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve April 13, 2016 Council Minutes made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.

The Mayor indicated that there would be a deviation from the Agenda to appoint members to the Fire Department. Law Director Brad Bryan read the resolutions to hire part time fire fighter / EMT's.

2016-30 – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of April Evans as a Part-Time Fire Fighter / EMT. - First reading.

2016-31 – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Chelsea Feldman as a Part-Time Fire Fighter / EMT. - First reading.

2016-32 - An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of David Nees as a Part-Time Fire Fighter / EMT. - First reading.

Council President Magistrelli stated it is Council's pleasure to vote on all three appointments at the same time. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilman Vojtush, all in favor, zero opposed. Chief Buss swore in the three Firefighter / EMT's.

RESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Resident Clint Ulrich of Milford Drive spoke about vehicles speeding on Milford Drive and asked for additional police presence during peak hours between 5pm-8pm. Mayor Nehez asked if he advised the Police Department of the situation, Mr. Ulrich stated he has not. Mayor Nehez and Brad Bryan stated they will advise Chief Wentz of the situation. Mr. Ulrich asked Jason Walters where they were at with the sewer work at his property. Jason advised he has been working with Rich Wasosky, this is a unique situation, and he and Rich are trying to come up with a solution to resolve the problem.

Pam Wilms advised everyone that she applied for one of the Recreation Board openings and wanted to introduce herself to Council.

Gary Vojtush, resident and Councilmember, spoke about an incident that occurred on April 21, 2016 in Macedonia. Mr. Vojtush advised he would read from his notes. (see attached for a copy)

Councilman Hipps' timer (he keeps track of the maximum time of 5 minutes the audience can speak) went off, and Mr. Vojtush said he heard Councilman Hipps timer go off and stated you can do you know what with your clock because I'm really upset with this. Councilman Hipps stated Mr. Vojtush is out of order at this point. Mr. Vojtush went on to say Chief Wentz said he would get an apology and a phone call. Mayor Nehez stated the officer did call him, and Mr. Vojtush never called him back. The Mayor also advised he called Councilman Vojtush as well, and he never called him back either. Councilman Vojtush stated the Mayor drives past his house at least twice a day, and he could have stopped. Mayor Nehez stated to Councilman Vojtush he knows where he lives also and could have stopped at his house. Councilman Vojtush told the Mayor it took him five days to call him back. Mayor Nehez stated it took him five days because he did not have an answer for him until then. Councilman Vojtush said he could have called him to let him know he was aware of the incident and was looking into it. Mayor Nehez stated Mr. Vojtush said he never called him back, but he did. Councilman Vojtush said five days later. Mayor Nehez stated there have been many occasions on which he and Council have called Councilman Vojtush, and no one gets a return call. Mayor Nehez asked Councilman Vojtush if he called Officer Zoligus back or not. Councilman Vojtush stated he did not. Councilman Vojtush stated he expects Council to handle this situation as justly as they see fit. Councilman Vojtush stated he could have lost his life in this road rage incident. Mayor Nehez asked if he went through a red light, and why was he blocking the intersection. Mr. Vojtush said he was proceeding with traffic in a construction zone.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ- No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TRICIA INGRASSIA- Ms. Ingrassia aksed for a motion from Council to pay Village Engineer, Rich Wasosky, a total of \$27,342.00. Motion by Council President Magistrelli, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY- Report attached.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- Mr. Bryan asked Council to make a motion to waive all residential home improvement fees for the month of May in conjunction with the Village's May Clean Up Month. Motion made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Council President Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed.

Mr. Bryan requested a motion to accept the Mayor's Court monthly disbursal report for March, 2016, totaling \$15,993.52. Motion to accept made by Councilwoman Noack, seconded by Councilwoman Domzalski. All in favor, zero opposed.

The legislation for the Recreation Board appointments will be back on the agenda for the next Council meeting. The deadline to apply was this Monday at noon.

Two summer help positions for the Service Department will also be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

The Mayor and Council also need to make two appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Council that will meet once a year in conjunction with the County. The role of that council is to meet and make sure the TIF money was allocated and spent in a fashion that it is allowed to be spent. The composition of that council is the Mayor, Council President, Finance Director, a Representative of the County Fiscal Officer, a designee of the Board of Education, and two members of the public appointed by the Mayor that need to be confirmed by Council. One of those two individuals needs to be a minority member of the community (either African American, Hispanic, or of Native American origin).

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz-No report.

Fire Chief, Jason Buss- Report attached.

Annual hydrant flushing will begin May 9th and go thru the month of May. If residents see a color change in the water, they should run cold water until it runs clear.

Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters-

Mr. Walters reported he attended a CUE meeting on April 20th pertaining to the salt contract and storage options. The Village has about 550 tons left of the 80% it is required to purchase in 2016. The main topic at the meeting was how much they would charge to store the salt. If the community decides to get out of the program and not re-bid for next year, and if we want to store our salt with them, it would be \$10 per ton, per month. The contract ends September 8th. Jason suggests on September 7th we order our leftover salt. They then have 24 hours to deliver it, which will not happen, because they cannot get us 20 tons in 24 hours. Jason will look into other options, including storing the salt in the Village using a large tarp or pour a concrete pad. Cargill did not give a price if we do stay.

The month of May is spring clean-up. There will be two dumpsters at the Houghton Rd. Service Department, two dumpsters at the Ledge Road location, and one at Chestnut. Tires will be accepted, but they are NOT to be thrown in the dumpsters. The Village is NOT accepting paint. Ms. Ingrassia advised if residents do need to dispose of paint, latex paint can be dried out with oil dry or kitty litter and thrown out in the regular trash. There is a facility on Graham Road in Stow that accepts oil based paint. Residents would have to call to get the information. Shred day is Saturday, May 14th from 9am-12 noon at Houghton.

The Service Department has begun road patching. They started with the water main breaks (finished) and will now move on to the Presidential streets.

The Service Department will be working on the Village Hall parking lot. They are getting quotes for paving the lot and repairing and replacing storm systems that need replaced.

Councilman Hipps asked if Jason looked into / knew the price of a precast bin to store salt. Jason advised he has looked at them. They are very expensive, and it is not in the budget for this year. Jason reported he has looked into purchasing blocks from Carr Brothers. Councilman Vojtush asked if we could store the salt in surrounding communities. Jason advised the surrounding communities are in the same situation we are. Mayor Nehez suggested storing it at Northfield Park. Jason advised that would not work either.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- Three members will be put on the Recreation Board next Council meeting.

CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAGISTRELLI: Mr. Magistrelli reported a Finance Committee meeting was held this evening, and Council President Magistrelli and Councilwoman Domzalski were in attendance. Council President Magistrelli advised everything is paid and in order.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS, COUNCILMAN DAUGHERTY: No report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE, RENELL NOACK: No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, COUNCILMAN VOJTUSH: No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY, COUNCILWOMAN DOMZALSKI: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, COUNCILMAN HIPPS: The Committee will set up a meeting to discuss the Fire Department building and grounds.

LEGISLATION

2016-05 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Euthenics, Inc. to Complete the Preliminary Design Phase for the Ledge Road Reconstruction Phase 2 Project. Third reading. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilwoman Noack. All in favor, zero opposed.

2016-33 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 238.13 and 244.10 and Repealing Section 232.02 of the Administrative Code Relating to Petty Cash Funds. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading made by Council President Magistrelli, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilwoman Noack. All in favor, zero opposed.

2016-34 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2016 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items already Appropriated in that Resolution. First reading. Motion to suspend three reading rule made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nehez apologized for the tone in which he spoke to Councilman Vojtush earlier in the meeting. Councilman Vojtush accepted and stated he did not take it personally.

Councilman Vojtush stated he was unaware Lisa Rodriguez was not at work for a few weeks because her father passed away. He was not advised of this situation and asked for better communication.

Mayor Nehez stated Lisa wanted to thank Council for the flowers sent to her father's wake. Mayor Nehez also expressed well wishes to Councilman Daugherty who is ill.

ADJOURNMENT -Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Domzalski, seconded by Council President Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council