

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 27, 2017

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Council Persons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Lt. Joe Zemek and Service Director Jason Walters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of approving the Minutes from the August 23, 2017 Council Meeting, none opposed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

Members of the Northfield Village Fire Association presented a check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for their Fill the Boot Campaign in the amount of \$10,420.00.

At this time, Mr. Bryan announced there was a Planning Commission meeting prior to the Council Meeting in which McDonald's representatives requested sign variances. A motion to authorize the variances was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed. The motion for the sign variances was approved.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated there will be a grand opening for the new Hard Rock Rocksino gas station and car wash on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 12:30pm.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia stated that both items of legislation for tonight were relevant to the Finance Department. Ms. Ingrassia continued the first piece of legislation is to establish a depository agreement for the Village to use First National Bank. Ms. Ingrassia also explained the reasons for the appropriation amendments for tonight's meeting that required Council's approval.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky will be at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan requested Council choose a member to be named the official Public Records/Sunshine Law training designee for audit purposes. It was determined that Ms. Domzalski would accept this designation for 2017.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – Chief Zolcus will be at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Fire Department, Lt. Joe Zemek – No report.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Report attached.

Mr. Walters requested a motion to approve payment to Sealmaster Hillsville in the amount of \$5,380.00 for the crack sealing program. A motion was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approving the payment, none opposed.

Mr. Walters also requested a motion to approve the asphalt repair by Mid-Ohio near the address of 125 Rosewood Avenue in the amount of \$9,800.00. A motion was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report aside from the meeting earlier today pertaining to the McDonald's variance request.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez advised the next meeting would be October 5, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Cemetery Board, Mr. Magistrelli – No report.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee meeting went well and that all items reviewed appeared to be in order.

Roads/Public Works, Mr. Czerr – No report.

Health and Welfare, Mrs. Noack – Ms. Noack stated the insurance renewal will be on the agenda for the first October meeting.

Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush – No report.

Fire and Safety, Mrs. Domzalski – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2017-72 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement of Active, Interim and Inactive Deposits with First National Bank (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms.

Noack, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

2017-73 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2017 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Vojtush stated he had four items to discuss. His first item was to announce the passing of former Firefighter Bob Kolacz's wife from a long illness. Mr. Vojtush expressed his condolences to the Kolacz family.

Mr. Vojtush's second item to announce was that he and his wife had an incident on their street that required the assistance of the Northfield Village Police Department. Mr. Vojtush stated he spoke with Chief Zolcus regarding the incident, and he was pleased with the way Police Department handled the situation. Mr. Vojtush stated he was pleased to get a call from the officer on scene, and the officer thanked them for notifying the Police Department of the incident.

Mr. Vojtush also expressed concern over a delinquent tax bill he received from the Regional Income Tax Agency. Mr. Vojtush stated he received a notice for the 2014 tax year, and he stated the letter was threatening. Mr. Vojtush also stated that the tone of the people he spoke with at R.I.T.A. was abrasive. Ms. Ingrassia said she would look into the matter.

Mr. Vojtush's final item was that he had been asked whether or not there have been meetings with Macedonia regarding the feasibility study proposed by Macedonia. Mayor Nehez stated there has been an invitation to attend a meeting to discuss a possible merger of the four Nordonia Hills Communities or a merger of services, but he has not accepted the invitation to attend the meeting. Mayor Nehez stated he didn't feel this was the right direction for the Village of Northfield. Mr. Vojtush agreed with the Mayor's statement. Mayor Nehez continued he didn't feel the Village had anything to gain by taking part in the study. Ms. Domzalski stated she felt that for the Village being the smallest entity, we seem to be holding our own quite nicely. Mayor Nehez stated he wasn't in favor of risking the level of service we provide to our residents. Ms. Domzalski agreed. Mr. Vojtush stated he was happy to hear that they agreed. Mr. Bryan stated that there was no collaboration with or input from the other communities regarding the entity selected by Macedonia to conduct the feasibility study.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of adjournment, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council

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Department of Public Service report – September 27, 2017

1. **Village Leaf Pickup Program:** The time frame for the Service Department to pick-up leaves is October 30th - November 22nd. Pickup will start on the east side of the Village with Ward C then Ward B. Once this side is complete they will then move to the west side of the Village to pickup Ward A and then Ward D.
2. **Senior Snow Plowing Program** - We are happy to report that the senior snow plowing service program will be in effect again this year, and signups have started and will continue until October 31. ALL SENIOR Northfield Village residents who want to utilize the Village's Senior Snow Plowing Service are urged to sign up early for the 2017-2018 season at the Service Department Offices at 199 Ledge Road.
3. **Lawn Maintenance** – Our crews are maintaining 36 vacant properties being maintained in house.
4. **Pot Holes** – Any major concerns needing addressed please contact me.
5. **Road Maintenance Payment Approvals** - I am asking Council for a motion to pay Sealmaster Invoice in the amount of \$5,380.00 for the crack filling program. I am also asking Council for a motion to pay Mid-Ohio Asphalt invoice to mill and resurface 1100 sq. ft of roadway near the address of 125 Rosewood Ave. in the amount of \$9,800.00.
6. **Point of Sale Inspections** - As of August 23rd meeting we had completed 54 inspections. To date we have completed 65 point of sale inspections on residential properties. Of those 65 properties, 36 have been sold thus far.
7. **Property Violations** - We currently have 38 property violations pending.
8. **Presidential Rd. Project** – Project update is Kennedy storm system is completed. The recycle phase is complete and the milling of maple is complete. The recycle phase must sit and cure for a minimum of 10 days. Several small areas of curbing will be removed and replaced beginning Monday September 25 once finished the final phase of paving will begin. We apologize for the inconveniences caused during this project to the residents. The contract for the project states work must be completed by October 23 2017.
10. **Road Crack Fill Program** – Started September 5th and ended September 20th. We crack filled 21 streets: Beech, Birch, Cambridge, Chestnut, Cranbrook, Coventry, Electric, Elm, Fell, Filly, Heights, Meadow Ln., Magnolia, May, Milford (half), Rosewood, Stratford, Summit, Sunset, Victory and Vincent. We also sealed several road repairs.

Thank you, *Harold J. Walters*
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