

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 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, Engineer Rich Wasosky, and Police Chief John Zolcus.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approving the Minutes from the September 27, 2017 Council Meeting, none opposed.

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Ben Rabenault of 242 Steeple Chase Run stood up to address Council and the Mayor regarding the letter that was recently sent out from the Village regarding the paving of the Presidential Subdivision. Mr. Rabenault queried whether it was possible to narrow down the time frame as the letter delivered merely said the paving would begin within the "next five days." Mayor Nehez asked Mr. Wasosky to address this question. Mr. Wasosky stated it is not possible to narrow down the time frame because of weather being uncertain to predict. Mr. Wasosky continued that the Village has no control over the contractor's schedule, but they are required to complete the project within 100 days of the start date of the contract. Mr. Wasosky stated the 100 days is over on October 23, 2017. Mr. Wasosky indicated that it is impossible to give a precise time or day when the paving is going to occur. Mr. Vojtush asked if there was any way to give the residents a more updated time frame to give the residents a day or two notice. Mr. Wasosky again said there is no way to know the schedule of the contractor and his availability with the other contracts. Mr. Czerr asked whether or not a mass-text message could be sent to the residents. Ms. Domzalski stated a list would have to have been compiled weeks ago of the residents' phone numbers. Mr. Magistrelli stated these types of projects are at the sole discretion of the contractor and the contracts they currently have scheduled. Mr. Rabenault expressed concern over not being permitted to drive on the pavement for two hours after the new asphalt was laid. Mr. Rabenault asked what happens in the event of a Police or Fire emergency. Both Mayor Nehez and Mr. Wasosky stated emergency vehicles will always have access should an emergency occur.

At this time, Jo Vanni of 9221 Coventry and Mr. and Mrs. Bartos of 9274 Cranbrook Drive stood up to address an issue that has been occurring at Magnolia Avenue Park. Ms. Vanni stated she would like some resolution to the unruly children that go to the park on Magnolia Avenue. Ms. Vanni continued to go into great detail about the inappropriate language and behavior of a few children and the bullying that has been occurring at the park. Mayor Nehez asked Chief

Zolgus to address this issue. Chief Zolgus stated the unruly children have been identified and Lt. Mackie has been working with Ms. Bartos to try and remedy the situation. Chief Zolgus emphasized the Police Department should be called immediately so that they can address the unruly children as it is occurring. Mayor Nehez asked whether an officer can patrol the park area more often and get out of the cruiser and walk the park. Chief Zolgus stated he will speak with the officers and notify them of the situation. Mr. Czerr asked why Ms. Vanni's word wasn't good enough to press charges. Mr. Bryan stated, Mr. Bryan continued stating that swearing, although violating park policy, is not a crime, violators can be ordered to leave the park and be banned from the park but cannot be charged with a crime. Mr. Bryan stated that bullying and any physical violence is a punishable offense. Mr. Hipps said cell phone footage would be beneficial to press charges until a camera system can be looked into for the park. Mr. Bryan indicated the best method to catch and stop the unruly children is to contact the Police Department to resolve the issue. Ms. Bartos said that she has witnessed rocks thrown at houses and windows. Mr. Bryan stated the Police should be called immediately when an incident occurs so they can take the necessary action. Ms. Bartos stated she filed a report with the Police Department, but the officer stated her kids should not go to the park without an adult in the meantime. Mr. Vojtush asked the name of the officer so the Chief could address the issue. Ms. Bartos was not sure of the officer's name. Mr. Vojtush said they would look up the report. Mayor Nehez assured the residents that their concerns are being looked into by the Police Department. Mayor Nehez asked Chief Zolgus if the unruly children lived in the Village. Chief Zolgus said yes. Ms. Domzalski stated they live across Northfield Road. Ms. Domzalski stated her children too do not go to the park for the same reason. Ms. Domzalski stated she would love to see more Police patrols where the Village children congregate. Chief Zolgus said the Police Department will concentrate on it. Ms. Domzalski added there is also a concerning drone issue at the Magnolia Park as well.

Mr. Bryan introduced Mark Grilli and his associates wishing to speak to the Mayor and Council regarding a medical marijuana dispensary in the Village. Mr. Bryan stated applications for licensing need to be filed with the State of Ohio by mid November in conjunction with a list of proposed locations for the business. Mr. Bryan added only three licenses will be issued in Summit County. Mr. Grilli stated he represents Hopewell Apothecary who would like to open and operate a medical marijuana dispensary at 10548 Northfield Road. Mayor Nehez asked if that was the house near the martial arts school. Mr. Bryan added this was the Snell house. Mr. Bryan gave an overview of the requirements for updating the home to Summit County and ADA codes. Mr. Grilli gave an overview of why the location here in Northfield would be beneficial to the Village. Mr. Grilli continued introducing the backgrounds of his colleagues, Mark and Christine Grilli and Ian Gryzbowski and what each of his colleagues will bring to the table regarding the proposed dispensary. At this time, Ian Gryzbowski discussed further the Northfield Road property rehabilitation and future ambitions. Mayor Nehez asked what made Hopewell Apothecary decide Northfield was the place to open this dispensary. Mr. Gryzbowski said the company had studied many different geographical locations, but there appears to be a gap between Bedford, Akron and North Royalton. Ms. Domzalski asked Mr. Gryzbowski to elaborate on the community outreach programs. Mr. Gryzbowski stated his company supports environmental stewardship, youth education, and community development programs. Ms. Noack asked how government regulation would ensure someone could not walk in off the street to purchase at the dispensary to acquire marijuana. Mr. Grilli stated there is no prescription for the marijuana, but a recommendation from a doctor. Mr. Grilli continued the patient is given an ID card and

cannot enter the building without the ID. Mr. Bryan stated not any physician will be able to recommend the marijuana, the physician will have to have a specific license themselves to recommend an ID card. Mr. Gryzbowski continued there are only 21 ailments for which a physician can give the medical marijuana recommendation. Ms. Noack asked if all the employees will have to be licensed. Mr. Gryzbowski replied all employees must be licensed, pass a background check and be educated on patient care programs. Mr. Grilli described the security of the building due to heavy regulations. Mayor Nehez asked when the State of Ohio would be approving the site. Mr. Gryzbowski stated the target date would be March 15, 2018 to approve the license applications, but the applications themselves must be turned in by November 17, 2017. Mr. Czerr asked how licensing these facilities is occurring when medical marijuana was voted down by the people in Ohio. Mr. Gryzbowski and Mr. Bryan stated the legislature passed this. Mayor Nehez asked how long after site-approval they have to rehabilitate the building. Mr. Gryzbowski stated they are required to open by September 2018 or the license will be pulled by the State of Ohio. Mayor Nehez asked what form the marijuana would be sold. Mr. Gryzbowski stated it can be the organic plant material, oils, edibles, and tinctures. Mr. Gryzbowski said smoking the flower is illegal in the State of Ohio, but it can be vaporized or cook the flower. Mr. Hipps asked for statistics that uphold how this does not bring up crime in an area. Mr. Gryzbowski stated he cannot quote statistics from other states, but there has been a decline in crime rates, an increase in property values around dispensaries and increased tax revenue. Ms. Domzalski requested Mr. Gryzbowski give Council more supplemental information. Mr. Gryzbowski said he would collect email addresses and disseminate the supplemental information he has. Further discussion ensued regarding the quantity of licenses for both cultivators and dispensaries. Ms. Domzalski expressed interest in holding a work session to further discuss this topic. A work session was scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:00pm.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated the grand opening for the new Hard Rock Rockstop gas station and car wash would be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 12:30pm.

**Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia** – Ms. Ingrassia stated all of Council was given the September 2018 end of the month reconciliation and financial reports. Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for acknowledgement of receipt of these items. A motion for acknowledgment of receipt was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of acknowledgement of receipt, none opposed. Mr. Vojtush asked Ms. Ingrassia what is in place to stop the line items from reaching negative balances. Ms. Ingrassia stated that although there may be line items with negative balances, the categories are within the legal levels of control as set for by the original appropriations ordinance. Mr. Vojtush said he understands that, but how do we stop those line items from reaching a negative balance. Ms. Ingrassia stated there is no way to foresee the additional and unexpected expenses that arise during a budget year. Mr. Vojtush stated that he feels that if there are so many line items that have gone over the original budgeted amount, it indicates that perhaps the budget wasn't done correctly in the first place. Ms. Ingrassia stated the budget isn't made by line items, but categories that contain multiple line items. Ms. Ingrassia continued the budget is monitored and amended as needed, and all amendments are approved by Council. Ms. Ingrassia stated she would have available for the next meeting a breakdown of the percent remaining in the budget for spending.

Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for approval of payment to SuperCrete for the repairs done at 174 Kennedy Boulevard in the amount of \$5,300.00. A motion was for approval of this payment was made by Mr. Magistrelli, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approval of the payment to SuperCrete, none opposed.

Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for approval of the payment to American Legal Publishing for the codification of the 2016 legislation in the amount of \$5,829.70. A motion for approval of the payment was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the approval of the payment to American Legal Publishing, none opposed.

Finally, Ms. Ingrassia requested the legislation approving the Property Improvement Fund move to second reading as she would like approval from the Ohio Auditor of State's office before Council approves the legislation.

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Report attached.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan read the Mayor's Court Disbursements for the month of September 2017 (see attached). A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of accepting the September 2017 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursements, none opposed.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Chief John Zoligus** – Report attached.

Mr. Vojtush told Chief Zoligus his wife attempted to call 911 regarding an incident that occurred near his home. Mr. Vojtush stated he too tried to call 911, but both he and his wife repeatedly heard a busy signal on the phone line. Mr. Vojtush asked is there was anything that can be done to add a second line to the Village's phone system so this does not happen again.

**Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss** – Chief Buss will be at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

**Service Department, Jason Walters** – Mr. Walters will be at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez advised the Recreation Board met to go over preparations and plans for the Halloween party. Mayor Nehez also discussed the gathering of Veterans that will be posted in the newsletter.

**Cemetery Board, Mr. Magistrelli** – No report.

#### **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance, Mr. Magistrelli** – Mr. Magistrelli advised the next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:00pm. Mr. Magistrelli continued the Bowen presentation will be at 6:30pm following the Finance Meeting.

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

**Health and Welfare, Mrs. Noack** – Ms. Noack asked to pass the renewal that was on the agenda this evening.

**2017-74 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreements for Employee Medical, Dental, and Vision Coverage (First Reading).** Mr. Vojtush asked Ms. Ingrassia whether this legislation needed to be passed this evening. Mr. Bryan and Ms. Ingrassia stated the current policy is set to expire November 1, 2017. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, none opposed.

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

**Fire and Safety, Mrs. Domzalski** – No report.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – Mr. Hipps reminded Council there will be a presentation for the plans of the Town Hall and the Fire Station on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm. Mayor Nehez indicated he was unsure of whether or not Bowen would have the plans completed in time for this meeting. Mayor Nehez said he would check with Fire Chief Jason Buss as he has been handling all the meetings regarding building renovation. Ms. Domzalski requested if this meeting would not be held, if the Finance Meeting could be moved to its regular time of 6:30pm. Mr. Magistrelli agreed to changing the Finance meeting back to 6:30 should the building meeting not be scheduled.

## **LEGISLATION:**

**2017-75 – An Emergency Resolution Establishing a New Fund Known as the Property Improvement Fund within the Financial Records of the Village (First Reading).** Mr. Bryan stated this piece of legislation will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on second reading.

**2017-76 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer Along with the Necessary Equipment to Outfit the Vehicle for Police Department Use (First Reading).** A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule, none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Ms. Noack. Mr. Vojtush asked if there is any equipment that can be reused from another cruiser instead of buying new equipment. Chief Zoligus stated the radio, MDT and radar unit would be transferred from another cruiser. Chief Zoligus explained that some equipment will need to be replaced due to age and advanced technology. All were in favor passage, none opposed.

**2017-77 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 1492 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Notification of Foreclosure Filings or Vacant Properties (First Reading).** Mr. Bryan requested this remain on first reading. The legislation will be on the agenda for the October 25, 2017 Council Meeting for second reading.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Nehez stated a letter will be sent with the third quarter sewer billing regarding the proposed feasibility study with the City of Macedonia. Mayor Nehez stated the Village is not interested in joining forces with the City of Macedonia. Mayor Nehez stated he and Council do not wish to relinquish control of the Village services. Mayor Nehez stated a letter was also mailed on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 turning down the proposed feasibility study to the Mayor of the City of Macedonia. Mr. Bryan questioned whether Northfield Center Township agreed to participate in the feasibility study. Mayor Nehez stated Northfield Center Township declined to participate in the study as well.

Mr. Hipps requested a Work Session to further discuss the medical marijuana facility. The Work Session was scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Mayor Nehez reminded everyone there will be a Recreation Board Meeting Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30pm.

Mr. Bryan stated the monthly overlay district meeting was held today and progress is being made.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adjournment, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**  
**ENGINEER'S REPORT – RICHARD S. WASOSKY, P.E., P.S.**

**October 11, 2017**

*Subject:* Ledge Road Reconstruction Phase 2 Final Plans

*Comment:* Intertek-PSI should complete the soil borings and report by the end of October. I am currently working on the final plan design work. I will be contacting the Nordonia School Transportation Department to determine the maintenance of traffic routings and detours that will be used during construction.

*Subject:* S.R. 8 Flooding and Catch Basins Window Opening Study

*Comment:* I will be trying to complete the study by the end of next week for submission to ODOT.

*Subject:* Presidential Subdivision Mill and Resurfacing Project

*Comment:* The Contractor, Karvo Companies, Inc. has completed the replacement of all of the structurally defective curb sections, and all of the 9 Presidential streets have been recycled. The paving of the Presidential Subdivision 9 streets and Maple Avenue are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 and be completed in 5 working days. Notification Letters were hand delivered to all residents in the project area on Tuesday, October 12, 2017. I hope to have all the project work, including cleanup, completed by the end of October.

*Subject:* Failing Catch Basin at the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Houghton Road

*Comment:* I do not anticipate that the failing catch basin and storm sewer at this intersection will be completed until next Spring when Chris While is back on the job.

*Subject:* Summit County Soil and Water Conservation Service Meetings

*Comment:* Jason Walters, I and all members of the Service Department met with a representative of Summit County Soil and Water Conservation Service on September 15, 2017 for additional mandatory training for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

*Subject:* Clogged Storm Water House Connection at 174 Kennedy Blvd.

*Comment:* The clogged storm water connection at 174 Kennedy Blvd has been repaired. The repair involved installing new 4 inch PVC sewer pipe along Kennedy Blvd and replacing two driveway aprons and connecting in to the existing 15 inch storm sewer along the east property line of 170 Kennedy Blvd.

*Subject:* Brandywine Creek NPS-IS Funding Proposal

*Comment* Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners is requesting funding for the members of the Brandywine Creek Watershed Area to fund the Brandywine Creek NPS-IS (Non Point Source Implementation Strategic Plan). This Plan is required for federal grants for projects within the Brandywine Drainage Basin area which Northfield Village is a part.

Northfield's share of the cost of Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners preparing the \$15,000 Strategic Plan is \$3,000.00. The Village will request a federal grant for approximately \$60,000 next year to install a stormwater detention/water quality basin at the east end of Ledge Road. We need the Strategic Plan approved before we can apply for any grant. We should be able to use our share of the NEORS D Stormwater Fee money to pay for our share of the Strategic Plan preparation costs. I will need a motion to have Tricia Ingrassia budget the funds for the Strategic Plan work.





# The Village of Northfield

## Clerk of Court

Clerk of Court  
Lisa Thellmann

Mayor  
Jesse J. Nehez

October 4, 2017

To: Mayor Nehez

**Northfield Village Mayors Court  
Monthly Disbursal  
September - 2017**

**Total to be disbursed: \$17,401.01**

**Total due to the State: \$3,045.50**

**Total due to Stow Municipal Court: \$50.00**

**Total due to the City of Stow: \$91.50**

**Total disbursed for restitution: \$36.00**

**Total due to the Village: \$14,178.01**

**CC: Brad Bryan  
Trish Ingrassia  
Nick Magistrelli  
Gary Vojtush  
Alan Hipps  
Jenn Domzalski  
Renell Noack  
Keith Czerr**



# NORTHFIELD VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council Report  
October 11, 2017

- Officers Pizzuli and Bonfield attended a 3 day ASP, Handcuffing, Zip Cuffing instructors course held in Cleveland. These Officers can now training our Officers in-house instead of sending them to classes outside of our department.
- Officers Beltrami and Cangelosi attended a 5 day Crisis Intervention Team course held in Akron designed to help Officers deal with people who have mental illness.
- Officer Olesinski attended a SWAT Team Leadership class.
- Sgt. Zajac, Ofc. Olesinski, and Ofc. Pizzuli attended a one day class for NTAC(New Terminal Agency Co-ordinator) in Columbus
- Halloween party preparations are in full swing for October 31<sup>st</sup>. The party will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Calls for service for the month of September- 793

Respectfully submitted by Chief John Zoligus

