

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road on **July 11, 2013 in special session**. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by President of Council Larry Antoskiewicz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Larry Antoskiewicz, Council Representatives John Nickell, Gary Petrusky, Dan Langshaw, Paul Marnecheck, Steve Muller, Legislative Services Director Laura Haller. **Administration:** Mayor Robert A. Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Police Chief John Elek, Safety Director Bruce Campbell.

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **excuse Mr. Kasaris**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller). Nays: **None**. (Absent: Kasaris). **Motion carried.**

- Director of Legislative Services Laura Haller read the Notice of Special Meeting. Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS:

LEGISLATION

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 13-87

Introduced by: Mayor Stefanik. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-103, STAFFING AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, SECTION 7, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller). Nays: **None**. (Absent: Kasaris). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **amend Ordinance 13-87 by adding Mr. Kasaris as a sponsor to the legislation**. Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller). Nays: **None**. (Absent: Kasaris). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **adopt Ordinance 13-87 as amended**.

Safety Director Bruce Campbell said that numerous changes have been made since Chief Elek has taken over and they are in the process of evaluating all aspects of the department for efficiency and performance.

Chief Elek said that Sgt. Centner has announced his retirement effective tomorrow. He said that he spoke with his lieutenants regarding this vacancy and asked how effective it is within the department to have six sergeants. Both lieutenants concurred that that we would do better with an additional patrolman than the sixth sergeant. He said things have changed and a lot of the new hires are coming on board with better training and the necessary certifications, so it is not as difficult to supervise these officers anymore. Chief Elek said that this reduction in supervision would occur on the day shift, where there are already two lieutenants and the Chief on duty.

Mr. Marnecheck asked how many patrolmen we will now have. Chief Elek said that we have 26, and are in the process of hiring two more to get us back up to 28 patrolmen.

Mr. Langshaw said that he thinks this is a good move for the department.

Mayor Stefanik wished to acknowledge the great job that the Chief and Safety Director are doing by turning our police department around and making it more efficient than it has ever been. Performance reviews are being implemented and we have really increased our presence with social media. He said we are working smarter and the numbers are right where they need to be.

Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller). Nays: **None**. (Absent: Kasaris). **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to adjourn the **July 11, 2013 Special meeting**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw, Marnecheck, Muller). Nays: **None**. (Absent: Kasaris). **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz DATE APPROVED: September 3, 2013
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES