

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

At 6:03pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

(Clerks' note - it was determined after the meeting that the audio equipment had malfunctioned and as a result, no audio recording of this meeting exists.)

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council President Dewees.

ROLL CALL

Present: Korngut, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline, Dewees

Solicitor Facenda and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

Mayor Chau and Engineer Nassar were absent.

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

Council President Dewees welcomed everyone to the meeting then deferred to Solicitor Facenda for an update on the potential land sale.

- Potential Land Sale – Update

Solicitor Facenda reported that discussions were continuing; he had the lot and block information for parcels that required notice to adjoining land owners. He should have everything squared away pretty soon.

Councilman O'Neill asked for a list of the properties.

Request for County Assistance - Signs for the Casto House and Museum on Shore Road and Rt. 9

Council President Dewees advised that there was a miscommunication with regard to the signs for the museum and it should be rectified soon.

- Birch Grove Park Museum – Handicap Access Ramp - Update from Engineer Nassar

In Engineer Nassar's absence, Council President Dewees reported that the contract for the museum would be on the next agenda for award.

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- Commercial Utility Consultants – Update from Solicitor Facenda

Solicitor Facenda advised that CUC will have a representative at the next meeting to refamiliarize the council with their program.

Councilman Perri asked for a list of what we pay now and what they were offering.

Solicitor Facenda asked Clerk Canesi if she could contact the representative who would be here.

Clerk Canesi noted that she would reach out to Stacia Scaduto. As to what we pay now, we are in the SJ Power Cooperative and Clerk Canesi said she would send rate information to Council tomorrow.

Councilman O’Neill asked how the meetings with the Mill Road property owners were going.

Council President Dewees replied they were going very well.

Councilman Perri asked about the Mt. Laurel hearing, he saw that it was scheduled.

Solicitor Facenda responded that he should have the settlement Agreement for council's review; he asked Clerk Canesi to send it to Council.

Clerk Canesi believed Counsel Jedzeniak had a question about a certain paragraph.

Solicitor Facenda replied that he did not see that; he advised Council: that they will be provided with the final version.

Solicitor Facenda advised Council that our property registration company has asked that we allow them to put our logo on mail they send out on our behalf. Solicitor Facenda was not particularly in favor of it, and asked Council's opinion.

All were generally opposed.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Dewees reviewed the agenda and made assignments.

Councilman Travagline requested that Resolution 49-2018 be voted on separately.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any topic.

George Livingston, 419 Davis Avenue, spoke regarding Mainland Lacrosse and said he would appreciate Council's consideration in their field use request. He advised that they would clean up afterwards and would do whatever was needed. Girls on the team are from Somers Point, Linwood and Northfield.

Council President Dewees asked if their dates were confirmed.

Mr. Livingston replied yes.

Councilman O'Neill asked if the restrooms would be open.

Council President Dewees advised that would depend on the weather; there was a port o pot by the little league field.

Councilman Murray noted that in the past some of the members have helped with a volunteer seeding program.

Councilman Travagline suggested that the group put a port o pot by the snack bar.

Joe Bunting, Bunting Family Pharmacy, stated that he'd submitted a field use request for the ACBL team. This would be their 5th year, he had lost players to other towns but about half are from Northfield. He also submitted a field use request for the 35 and over league, which is comprised of about 75% Northfield residents. He devoted a lot of time to the fields and likes the rule.

Council President Dewees told Mr. Bunting he was glad he's still there.

Mr. Bunting added that he had noticed damage to fields and litter from other users, it may have been A-shore, but he is not sure. He outlined the efforts he makes to keep the fields maintained and in good repair. The Babe Ruth teams are doing a good job, but maybe some of the others are not.

Councilman O'Neill said he has been in town a few years, and holds Mr. Bunting in very high regard for all that he does for the fields and the sports groups.

Mr. Bunting appreciated that and thanked Council.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Council President Dewees closed the public session.

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At 6:29pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk