

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

At 6:55pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

Council President Dewees welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Murray, second by Councilman Travagline, all were in favor of approval of the minutes from May 16th without formal reading.

On the agenda was a presentation for Fire Fighter Ben Nixon, Mayor Chau announced that he received word from Fire Fighter Nixon that he would not be in attendance to receive the honor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens, Shared Services

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board had 2 applications; one was the library for a new free standing LED sign, and one residential application for a pool and a deck. He met last week with the Linwood Sewer Interlocal Committee, the meeting went well and much information was exchanged. In regard to the Cresson Avenue - Tilton Road Max Gurwicz and Son project, when Councilman Perri looked at the filing with the State, he saw something that he did not think was approved, and was a change, which he felt should have come back to the Council. He felt it needed to be reviewed.

Engineer Nassar replied that he had not had a chance to review it yet. Council had to approve that the conveyance system was correct. The Planning Board had to approve the connection points. He was not sure if it was our position to say they had to go back to the Planning Board.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

Councilman Perri felt that an amendment to the Planning Board's approval, by the governing body, was warranted. Either way someone needed to look at it.

Solicitor Facenda asked if Engineer Nassar would review it.

Engineer Nassar replied yes, but, did not feel they could over rule what the Planning Board approved.

Solicitor Facenda noted that he would look at the procedural issue; may be an amended site plan or administrative approval.

Councilman Perri thanked Mayor Chau and Shannon Campbell for their work on the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilman O'Neill - Court/Violations, Library

Councilman O'Neill reported that the Court was running very effectively. He asked Engineer Nassar for update on the library parking lot.

Engineer Nassar replied that the contractor, Tom Surace, should be out there this Friday.

Councilman Piergiovanni – Insurance and Safety, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School

Councilman Piergiovanni thanked Mayor Chau and Shannon Campbell for a wonderful Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilman Travagline – FAN, Sign Sub Committee, Shared Services, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Travagline had no report.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Economic Development, Traffic Safety

Councilman Murray reported that the Mainland Regional High School graduation will be held on June 16th at 6:30pm.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Lischin explained the reason for Fire Fighter Nixon's planned accolade and went into detail about the Lifeliner Program. It was a wonderful program, Fire Fighter Nixon had a call where the resident didn't respond, and it ended up saving her

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

life. Fire Fighter Nixon and all of the firemen do a great job and he thanked them all. Lischin thanked Councilman Murray for reading Lischin's reports into the record at the last meeting.

Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Little League/Babe Ruth, Sign Sub Committee, Traffic Safety

Council President Dewees reported that he was getting a few estimates to cut, remove, and trim trees around town. The City had spent around \$9,100.00 so far this year, and this estimate was for another \$4,000.00. He thanked Public Works employees Qwin Vitale and Ed Hackett for helping with Memorial Day set up yesterday, and thanked Mayor Chau and Shannon Campbell for their work on the ceremony as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau read a statement from Fire Fighter Nixon regarding his not attending tonight. Chau thanked Shannon Campbell, truly his right hand on the Memorial Day event, for all that she did. He thanked all of Council and everyone who came out to show their support. He reported that he received communication from the County regarding the removal of the site triangle easement, and said that Solicitor Facenda was still working on getting the easement released from the private property owner on the other side of the street. Mayor Chau would like to get the shelters installed by the end of the summer. He also announced that we received the grant from NJDOT for Cresson Avenue in the amount of \$216,000.00 and thanked Engineer Nassar for his work on the grant application. He asked Councilman Dewees what was being done about the break-in at the park bathrooms.

Councilman Dewees explained that it wasn't a break in, the doors were unlocked and we've addressed it with the sports league presidents.

Mayor Chau reported that at the recent Sewer Interlocal meeting Linwood advised that they were getting prices to possibly outsource part of the sewer service. Mayor Chau wanted to go on record that this was one of the oldest and most successful interlocal agreements in the County. The employees in the Sewer Department were well qualified and did a great job. Mayor Chau wanted to reach out to Linwood to communicate to them that remaining in the interlocal would save everyone money. He noted that we also had an Interlocal with the court, and it was a very efficient and well-run system. This was another example of saving taxpayer money. The City of Northfield wanted to keep the Sewer Interlocal and continue to explore other shared services.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

Councilman Perri agreed, adding that we had great service and great people doing it. Perri stated that the contract is up at the end of the year, they have to give us 6 months' notice, but we have not received notice yet.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed updates to the Engineer's report as provided to Council. He reported that the contractor for the Rosedale Pump Station project was working but there was a delay because of a few minor issues. The complaints from residents regarding the gas company were being handled by the contractor. Final pavement restoration should be done by the end of August.

Council President Dewees asked about Shore Road.

Engineer Nassar replied that he doesn't get involved in that; it's a County project and County road.

Councilman Lischin asked how much of the Cresson Avenue drainage project would be covered by the grant.

Engineer Nassar replied that it did not cover drainage, it included paving.

Councilman Travagline asked Engineer Nassar to look at Sutton Avenue where restoration work was cracking.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Dewees opened the public session for any person to speak on any topic.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Dewees stated that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature, and having been reviewed by Council, will be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Council Member and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

The Executive Session of Council will be held at the end of the meeting, and we will come back in public session to make a comment for the record after the Executive Session has concluded. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for Resolutions 124-2017 to 128-2017, to be voted on by Consent Agenda.

- 124-2017** Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee and Inspection Escrows for Block 122, Lot 22
- 125-2017** A Resolution to Request Street Lighting from Atlantic City Electric on a Certain Section of Mazza Drive
- 126-2017** A Resolution to Create Municipal Liens for Property Maintenance Costs
- 127-2017** Authorization to Establish and Maintain an Escrow Account for the Costs Associated with the Review of MGS Treatment Works Approval Application (TWAA)
- 128-2017** A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Regarding Personnel Matters

Councilman Perri asked what subdivision Resolution 124-2017 was for.

Clerk Canesi explained it was for Haining Place which used to be B & B Zion, Fetter, and Zion Estates; it had several names over the years.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried to vote by consent agenda.

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for Resolutions 124-2017 to 128-2017, to be adopted by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried to adopt the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to adopt Ordinance 6-2017.

- 6-2017** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 215, Chapter 268 and Chapter 330 of the Code of the City of Northfield
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration May 30, 2017

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carries.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded to adopt Ordinance 7-2017.

7-2017 An Ordinance Permitting Charitable Roadway Solicitations in the City of Northfield
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration May 30, 2017

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Councilman Perri would still like an application fee, it cost us \$178.00 to publish it, and we have to publish it again. We could always amend in the future to recoup some of our costs.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – no; Motion carries.

Councilman Piergiovanni motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded to adopt Ordinance 8-2017.

8-2017 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220, Article V, of the Code of the City of Northfield, Governing Licensed Occupations
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration May 30, 2017

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that there would be a public hearing on the ordinance as introduced, after which the matter may or may not be considered for final adoption, pending a possible amendment. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same. She announced the final publication date, if applicable.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND

129-2017 Amending Ordinance No. 8-2017, as Introduced on May 16, 2017

Clerk Canesi explained Resolution 129-2017; Ordinance 8-2017 as introduced did not have one additional category of merchant included. After a consultation with Solicitor Facenda, it was agreed that we should amend the ordinance to include it.

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to adopt Resolution 129-2017.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carries.

Clerk Canesi explained the 2nd and final public hearing would be held on June 27, 2017.

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to table Ordinance 8-2017.

All present in favor of tabling Ordinance 8-2017.

Councilman Piergiovanni motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded to adopt Ordinance 9-2017.

9-2017 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Governing the Fire Department
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration May 30, 2017

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Councilman Lischin reiterated that the fire manual had been reviewed and amended; he would send copies to the Clerk and Council.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –absent; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carries.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$ 855,508.44

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –absent; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

Mayor Chau informed everyone that the Curator from the Casto House was kind enough to set up new artifacts in the lobby of City Hall, including the original beaver hat of our original Postmaster Mr. Ryon.

Council President Dewees announced an Executive Session for Resolution 128-2017.

128-2017 A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Regarding Personnel Matters

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda explained that the Executive Session was in regards to a request by the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official, Jim Dickinson, to change his employment status. Minutes would be kept and released when permitted by law.

Clerk Canesi announced that Mr. Dickinson had been issued a RICE Notice and has signed and returned same.

At 7:44pm Council moved to the Mayor’s Office for the Executive Session.

At 7:55 the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

Council President Dewees announced that the Executive Session concluded. For the record he noted that Councilman O’Neill left the meeting before the Executive Session and did not attend, and Councilman Travagline attended the Executive Session but left at the conclusion.

Solicitor Facenda announced that items discussed were personnel matters, specifically a request from our Technical Assistance to the Construction Official to transition from full time to part time status. The pros and cons were discussed. Minutes were kept and would be available once approved; they would be released when required and permitted by law. No formal action was taken.

Councilman Perri asked if the Planning Board application on the Library's behalf had legal representation.

Mayor Chau replied no, the Library Board President would be presenting it.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2017**

At 7:58pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk