

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2018**

At 6:43pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, 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: Korngut, Lischin, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline, Dewees
Absent: Murray

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

Council President Dewees thanked Clerk Canesi.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Lischin, second of Councilman Perri, all present were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of May 29, 2018, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Council President Dewees announced the Cultural Committee presentations.

PRESENTATION: CULTURAL COMMITTEE AWARDS

Carol Patrick, 905 Ridgewood Drive, Chairwoman of the Northfield Cultural Committee, thanked Northfield Council for many things, including allowing them to make their presentations at a Council meeting, having signs made pointing the way for visitors from Tilton Road and Mill Road to the Museum, and the beautiful new handicap ramp at the Museum. She explained that Council received a grant and had the plans drawn up and hired great people to install the ramp. The workers even replaced the same plants. She invited everyone out to see it.

- First Baby – Adeline Samantha Eisenbeis
 - *Born January 6, 2018 to parents Amanda and Kollin Eisenbeis*

Mrs. Patrick introduced Adeline Samantha Eisenbeis along with her parents Amanda and Kollin. Adeline was born at the University of Pennsylvania. Adeline was the youngest of their honorees; Mrs. Patrick said she was sure Adeline was destined for great things.

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Mayor Chau and Mrs. Patrick presented the family with a certificate and a trophy.

- Miss July 4th – Rayna Patel

Mrs. Patrick called forward Rayna Patel. Rayna was the daughter of Dr. Amit and Ami Patel. She was chosen as one of the 2018 Press of Atlantic City's Young Leaders. Her impressive community and school activities show you why: she is a teacher of BalVikas, Founder of Mustangs against Hunger, Shore Memorial Hospital Volunteer, Ambassadors Club Officer, Key Club member, Otto Bruyns Library volunteer, AIMS Diagnostics volunteer, member of the National Junior Honor Society and a Medical Explorer. It was gratifying to honor a teenager volunteer and we all wish her well in LaSalle where she will major in biology and become a doctor.

Rayna will be riding in the 4th of July Parade where everyone will get to see her again.

Mrs. Rosemary O'Dowd pinned a sash on Rayna and placed a crown on her head.

On behalf the Cultural Committee and the City Council, Mayor Chau presented Rayna with a certificate. He said he knew Rayna as a student at Mainland, noting she was an exemplary student and involved in many volunteer organizations.

Mrs. Patrick invited everyone back to the Clerk's Office for light refreshments after the presentations, and thanked Joyce Pullan and Rosemary O'Dowd.

- Citizen of the Year – Steve Vain

Mrs. Patrick announced the third and final presentation was for Citizen of the Year, Steve Vain. Steve had been a resident of Northfield for the past 18 years. He has been married to Louisa for 26 years. His daughters Allie and Julia both attended Northfield Community School and Mainland Regional High School. Steve was a member of City Council for six years and advisor for American Legion Post Crashers. He has been a social studies teacher at Northfield Community School for 24 years, where he has taught over 2500 students. He holds an annual Veterans Day program at the school where veterans are interviewed by students and talk to students about their lives and their service to our country. He also has coached cross-country, volleyball and soccer at the school, as well as soccer, basketball, and softball with the former All Sports. He has also been an advisor to the Chess Club, Mock Trial Team and Think Team, with four first place finishes. As impressive as all of that was, it was not why they chose Steve. The committee chose him for the incredible work he did at Veterans Park. In 2006 former Mayor Mazzeo arranged for the purchase of a piece of land with Open Space money for a veterans park. Many bricks have been installed there and many of you may have attended the very moving Memorial Day ceremonies held there. The next step was to move the benches around so that visitors

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can sit as they move around the park. Steve's brother Bill was instrumental in the creation of the park. Mrs. Patrick proudly presented Citizen of the Year 2018, Steve Vain.

Mrs. Patrick presented a plaque to Steve Vain and read the inscription.

Mayor Chau presented Steve with a certificate on behalf of Mayor and Council. In all the years he's been associated with Steve, he has been a strong community advocate and his students think he is wonderful. He invited Steve's family, wife Louisa, daughters Julia and Allie to come forward for photos.

Mayor Chau thanked the committee, and recognized Carol Patrick, Joyce Pullan, Roy Clark, Rosemary O'Dowd, Rob Patrick for all they do for the City and the many hours they devote to our town.

At 7:07pm Council President Dewees announced a five-minute recess.

At 7:15pm Council President Dewees resumed the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman Perri reported that Thursdays meeting with the seniors had a presenter from Bacharach. Sewer flows are up again, but it's everyone, because of the rain, and we are looking at it. Councilman Perri said he hasn't heard anything from the Planning Board as of yet for the next meeting. He asked if anyone had questions about the generator; there were none.

Councilman Travagline stated that he was of the impression they were videoing the pipes and sealing the manholes, but it was not working.

Councilman Perri explained that groundwater was pushing through different seams; the entire county was up, not just us.

Councilman Travagline added that we had been talking about this for 2-3 years; he thought they were videoing the pipes so we could find this and fix this.

Engineer Nassar stated that the NJEIT fund wouldn't approve the asset study until we had a project online, which we now do, with the approval for Davis Avenue. We just got it a few weeks ago, and now we can proceed.

Councilman O'Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, Chamber of Commerce, Little League/Babe Ruth, Traffic Safety, Green Team Advisory Board

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Councilman O'Neill reported that Mike Dattalo had been busy; he had 6 properties he's working on and has gone to court with 7, mostly lawn issues and one house running a small business out of their home. The part time employee in the court had submitted her resignation and Councilman O'Neill said he believed the court would try to run with the 2 full time staff members for the next few months and see how it goes. Northfield Little League did not do their coin drop but will see if they can do another date. He also advised Northfield Little League that if they do a coin drop, that there can be no other signage, etc.

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilwoman Korngut reported that the Library had a productive meeting on June 14th. They would like us to spread the word about baby story time, and the girls club. They are adding a chess and checkers club as well. Their next meeting is July 12th. As indicated at last meeting, she and Councilman Murray were trying to meet with Somers Point and Linwood to see if we can do a joint project, they hoped to have a date for the meeting that worked for all. She was looking forward to Mainland Regional High School graduation tomorrow.

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

Councilman Murray was absent.

Councilman Travagline – Insurance and Safety, Northfield School, FAN; Shared Services

Councilman Travagline had nothing to report.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Lischin read the Fire and EMS reports for May. Fire Department calls for May included: 5 total fire incidents, 7 false alarm calls, 1 good intent call and 4 mutual aid calls.

He thanked the Cultural Committee for their awards, adding that his children loved Mr. Vain as a teacher and he had made a lasting impression on them. He announced the 4th of July parade details. Anyone who wants to be in the parade could contact the Clerk's Office or call 641-4607.

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Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering

Council President Dewees reported that he was trying to generate a report for Birch Grove Park; the campground had 40 reservations in a 3-4 week period. He felt that was a positive sign.

Councilman Lischin asked how have things had been running, he said he saw the hotdog special on Facebook.

Councilman Dewees replied that the snack bar was open 11am-7pm, 7 days a week. He asked Clerk Canesi to confirm that this was correct.

Clerk Canesi did not know the hours of the snack bar.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reported that tomorrow would be the Mainland Regional High School graduation and Thursday would be graduation for the Northfield Community School. All are welcome to attend; anyone interested should let Shannon know and she would email the appropriate school officials. The 3rd graders visited last week, it was very entertaining and some of their letters were very interesting. In speaking with the Court Clerk, she wanted Council to be aware of several things that may affect revenue, as follows. The judge can no longer issue a bench warrant for failure to appear for certain offenses. In addition, there was no remuneration for a warrant, and all costs associated with a warrant would be borne by Northfield. The fees get paid to the state, and not to us. We can also no longer charge a defendant for public defender if the defendant chooses not to pay.

Solicitor Facenda read a list of offenses for which a bench warrant could still be issued, and stated that it seemed to exclude minor offenses only, such as a parking ticket or an ordinance violation.

Councilman Lischin was confused by the seeming lack of accountability when offenders failure to appear.

Mayor Chau read the Police Department report for the month of May, as well as may YTD figures, into the record. Total calls for service; January: 1791; February: 1,771; March: 2,178; April: 2,424; May: 1,854. The Police Department had 1 DRE response and 1 NARCAN deployment for the month of May. The new police cars should arrive in September. Mayor Chau said we presently have 8 patrol cars, and listed the mileage for each, reminding everyone that these cars are in almost constant use.

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Councilman Perri said read in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities magazine that the Attorney General was going to mandate drug testing for law enforcement officers. He asked who pays for that.

Chief Newman replied that we would have to pay, and explained, briefly, the new requirement, which doubled the number of tests, at about \$100 per.

Mayor Chau stated we had hired two police officers from Camden and had to make a reimbursement to Camden as a result. If the State Police hired from a local municipality they don't have to pay anything.

Referring to the issue discussed earlier with regard to the Courts, Solicitor Facenda added that if there was a minor motor vehicle violation, the Court can't issue bench warrant but it can be reported to DMV and the offender's license can be suspended, which if they get caught, is an offense that a bench warrant can be issued for.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as distributed to Council. The Cresson Avenue drainage project had started, in less than 2 weeks we should be done with drainage work and ready for restoration, followed by paving. The gas company had applied for a permit to relocate gas lines on Cresson Avenue, there were some ramifications to our drainage system if they proceed. Engineer Nassar was working with them on this project. There is a lot of major gas work planned, including near the school, but this was conditioned that they could not work when school was in session or during school hours. The museum handicap ramp has been completed. The City did not get the grant for the bikeway, apparently there was only \$1M available statewide and they received \$50M in grant requests. We would need to think of another alternative for the bikeways.

Councilman Lischin said he'd had discussions recently about working with the gas company, and commented that he appreciated Engineer Nassar's hard work.

Councilman O'Neill thanked Engineer Nassar for getting Veterans Park done at a reasonable price.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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

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

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RESOLUTIONS

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.

Council President Dewees announced that the executive session for Resolution No. 130-2018 would not be needed tonight.

On a motion of Councilman Travagline, second of Councilman O'Neill, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 123-2018 through 129-2018.

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| 123-2018 | To Authorize Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2018-2019 - Atlantic City Country Club |
| 124-2018 | Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2018 Budget |
| 125-2018 | Work Change Order No. 2 - Reconstruction of Bay Drive |
| 126-2018 | To Reject All Bids and Authorize Re-Advertisement of Request for Bids for the Purchase of a Portable Generator for the City of Northfield Office Of Emergency Management |
| 127-2018 | Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2018 Budget |
| 128-2018 | Authorization Execution of Memorandum of Understanding |
| 129-2018 | Separation of Employment Part Time Violations Clerk |

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded, to adopt Resolutions 123-2018 through 129-2018 by consent agenda.

Councilman O'Neill asked what the fee was that we charge the Country Club.

After clarifying that Councilman O'Neill's question was relative to the fee for liquor license renewal, Clerk Canesi replied that the fee was \$2,500.00.

Councilman O'Neill asked if that was the maximum.

Clerk Canesi replied yes it was.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE

4-2018 An Ordinance to Establish Claims and Purchasing Procedures
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of Atlantic City on June 23, 2018

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 4-2018, to be read by title only.

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that there would be a public hearing on the ordinance this evening. She announced the publication and public hearing dates and said that 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.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,149,859.50

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded, for payment of bills.

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

Councilman Travagline read the meeting notices.

At 7:53pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk