

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2018**

At 7:12pm, 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, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline, Dewees
Absent: Lischin

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Travagline, second of Councilman Murray, all present were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of June 19, 2018, with the exception of Councilman Murray who abstained, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION

137-2018 Appoint Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to adopt Resolution 137-2018.

Councilman O'Neill thanked Chief Newman and Mayor Chau for hiring a Northfield resident.

Councilwoman Korngut congratulated the entire family.

Council President Dewees stated that he had known Kevin for many years, and wished him a lot of luck, noting he was very deserving of the job. Council President Dewees announced that he would be abstaining from the vote.

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

Mayor Chau called Kevin Sundstrom and his family forward. He administered the oath of office and presented him with a "Special Officer, Class II" pin.

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Mayor Chau congratulated Officer Sundstrom and announced that he had also known Officer Sundstrom for many years, he asked Officer Sundstrom if he'd like to say a few words to Council.

Officer Kevin Sundstrom introduced himself, saying he had lived here entire life, and was looking forward to serving the Council.

At 7:19pm Council President Dewees announced a five-minute recess.

At 7:23pm Council President Dewees resumed the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman Perri reported that the Davis Avenue Pump Station Project went out to bid. He was continuing to have ongoing talks with Linwood for the new interlocal. The July 5th Planning Board meeting was canceled. He recognized the passing of Neil Regina, he had worked with him in the early years of the rescue squad. Councilman Perri extended his condolences to the family. He thanked all involved in the Independence Day festivities, saying a great job was done by all. He attended the Mainland Regional High School Graduation, and congratulated the graduates, it was a nice job done by all. The Seniors Group will meet Thursday at noon at the Library; RSVP to Councilman Perri is required.

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

Councilman O'Neill reported that he sent out an email to everyone; he asked Matt Doran for an update of the Gurwicz project. Within a few meetings the framing would be up, and by next year there will be a few hundred people living in the facility. We need to start looking at this, there would be an increase in population of 6-7%. He also announced that the 12U Little League Boys team won the districts tournament and thanked the Police and Fire Department for the escort and festivities.

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

Councilwoman Korngut reported that the Library had a meeting on June 12th, the Mayor was in attendance as well. In addition to other issues they were currently in need of two additional board members, likely a 3rd by the end of the year. She asked all to spread the word. As she stated earlier during the work session, she and Councilman Murray would be exploring the linear park option for the bike path.

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

Councilman Travagline had nothing to report.

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

Councilman Murray reported that the tax bills are late going out, we were waiting on the final rate from the County; due dates will be extended but have not been set yet.

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

Councilman Lischin was absent.

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 Birch Grove Park Campground was thriving, particularly when there are concerts at in Atlantic City.

Councilman O’Neill spoke, and said that one of the local sandwich shops had asked if there was any interest on the part of the City in having a local business run the snack bar.

Councilman Travagline asked if they were talking about the Birch Grove Park or the fields.

Councilman O’Neill believed it was the snack bar for the campground.

Councilman Travagline suggested that FAN or Little League would consider it.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Chau read the Police Department report for the month of June: 264 citations were issued, there were 25 motor vehicle crashes, 501 motor vehicle stops and 681 property checks. Four vehicles in the police fleet have more than 70,000 miles on them. He received word from NJ Transit that NJDOT has granted final approval for the bus shelters; they are looking at a September installation, but that was not firm. There will be one shelter on each side of New Road. He commended the Department of Public Works for their repair and work on the cupola, it was a very pleasant surprise that there was copper flashing that had been painted over. He announced that there was one vacancy for an alternate on the Planning Board; he would accept

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applications and the deadline to submit will be August 30th. National Night Out will be at Birch Grove Park on August 7th from 6pm-8pm. It was brought to his attention that there is a definition of income on affordable housing, he was not aware of the criteria for the additional categories.

Solicitor Facenda advised that he would defer that to Special Counsel Jedzeniak.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as distributed to Council. He explained the mark out conflicts on the Cresson Avenue Drainage job; this delayed the project but we should be wrapped up by tomorrow. The temporary paving would be allowed to settle for 60 days before we pave. We would be going out to bid for the paving on August 2nd, award in September, and pave in October. He hoped to have a recommendation of award for the Davis Avenue Pump at the next council meeting. The paperwork had been sent to the State to close out the Bay Drive project; he hoped to have check from them soon.

Mayor Chau asked Engineer Nassar about the OEM generator. OEM Coordinator Joo told the Mayor that he did not know if the change would fall within the grant process.

Engineer Nassar explained the change. We only had one bidder but that exceeded the budget. We were now looking at a State contract quote, but, may have to go back out to bid. He was waiting for approval from FEMA to move the funds from a fixed generator to a portable generator.

Mayor Chau added that Coordinator Joo was looking at an agreement that would create a central shelter at a local church, it kind of fell by the wayside but Mr. Joo was trying to get it back on track.

Mayor Chau announced his recycle contest. This was the 2nd year he had held the contest to award a lucky Northfield Resident a recycling bin to promote recycling awareness. He asked Sue Marino to draw the winning ticket. "Norm Wilson, 14 East Oakcrest Avenue". Mr. Wilson was a retired AC Firefighter and was a bagpiper.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Dewees stated that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are

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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. 141-2018 would not be needed tonight.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill, second of Councilwoman Korngut, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 131-2018 through 136-2018 and Resolutions 138-2018 through 140-2018.

- 131-2018** Amending the Authorization Provided for Under Resolution No. 57-2017, Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers To Proceed With Certain Projects
- 132-2018** A Resolution to Affirm the City of Northfield's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- 133-2018** Authorizing the Extension of an Interlocal Agreement Between the County of Atlantic and the City of Northfield for the Installation of Sidewalks Along a Certain Section of Mill Road (CR662) in the City of Northfield
- 134-2018** A Resolution Amending Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Appointments
- 135-2018** Refund of Overpayment of Mercantile License Fee
- 136-2018** Authorization to Create Municipal Liens for Property Maintenance Costs
- 138-2018** A Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, Authorizing the Tax Collector to Establish a Grace Period
- 139-2018** Approval of an Application for Use of Facilities
- 140-2018** Approval of an Application for a Coin Drop

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilwoman Korngut seconded, to adopt Resolutions 131-2018 through 136-2018 and Resolutions 138-2018 through 140-2018.

Councilman Perri noted that he would like to see an application fee for coin drops.

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

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ORDINANCE

5-2018 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 128 of the City of Northfield Code

*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 7/21/2018
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 8/21/2018*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication and public hearing dates. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are 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 requests same.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,886,956.72

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

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

Clerk Canesi commended Technical Assistant to the Construction Official Victoria Burke for her work on Ordinance 5, she proactively reviewed our ordinance and made the recommended changes. She did a very nice job.

Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

At 7:47pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk