

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2010**

At 7:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Vincent Mazzeo. Following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Kern, Mr. Martinez, Mr. O’Grady, Mr. Perri, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

Mayor Vincent Mazzeo, City Solicitor Keith Bonchi, and City Engineer Matt Doran were also in attendance.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda. Mayor Mazzeo requested that resolution 112-2010 for the renewal of our membership with the JIF be removed from the agenda to allow additional time to investigate pricing under another insurance program. Carew announced that resolution 110-2010 for the award of contract for the concession stand at Birch Grove Park would be removed from the agenda, and noted that resolution 126-2010, to accept ACIA/CDBG grant funds for the Walkway at Birch Grove Park, Phase II, is an addition to the agenda and would be voted upon as part of consent agenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman O’Grady, second by Councilman Perri, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 15th. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office. All present in favor, motion carries for approval of minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Martinez said Allsports will be meeting with the vending machine company to discuss technical requirements, with a goal of having them set up by the next council meeting. 25% of all sales will go to Allsports to offset field maintenance costs. There has been no recent activity with planning board. Carew inquired about accounting and stocking of machines; Martinez responded that the vending company handles all of it but that the treasurer for Allsports will be involved with collection to ensure proper accounting. Carew asked if revenue will be recorded with the Council

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liaison. Martinez said it would. Kern asked if scoreboard donations were still a possibility. Martinez responded yes, and said incentives are there.

Councilman Perri said according to the ACUA flow summary, our year to date flows are up significantly up from last year; he has asked Jim Clark to investigate. There was a sewer main problem on route 9 that had to be contracted out, but is now complete. Mayor Mazzeo asked about sending letter to residents about illicit sewer connections; residents may be unaware that this is not permitted. Carew suggested an email blast and web posting. Perri noted that other municipalities use water consumption rates to determine usage. Carew asked that Perri follow up with NJ American Water.

Councilman Vain said the speed hump was installed on Shepherd Drive; he's gotten positive feedback from some residents. Public works has installed no parking signs on Cedar Bridge near the bank. Crosswalks are being repainted throughout the City, and there are new crosswalks on Burton Avenue near the ball fields. Our crosswalk education program starts next week. Vain has approached the County about sharing costs of busy crosswalks, such as Wabash and Tilton and Wabash and Mill. He will forward costs when he gets them. The Safe Routes to Schools committee will be meeting next week, working on a final process for the event and volunteers are still needed. Vain said he and Councilman Smith met with representatives from Linwood and Somers Point to explore shared services and they will meet again in about three weeks. He mentioned ball field usage and lack of insurance being in place prior to scheduled events. A good plan needs to be developed with regard to who is authorized to use our fields. Vain feels that when outside companies use our fields for a fee, that some of the money should be used to return the fields to the shape they were in before the event. He asked Councilman Martinez to discuss the matter with Allsports. Councilwoman Kern referred to procedures that were in place years ago, and said they may need to be rewritten. Martinez commented that Allsports should be able to come up with a schedule. Vain said someone from the city should be in charge of booking fields, and suggested the Allsports liaison. Martinez will discuss with Allsports and advise. Vain also said that field users who deal with children should be backgrounded, etc; we need to know who is on the fields. The fence at the public works garage has been delayed but should be done soon.

Councilwoman Kern noted the schedule for concerts in the park, and thanked the Cultural Committee for setting up the July 4th parade. The June Municipal Alliance luncheon went well. There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on July 15th at 7pm in Council Chambers.

Councilman Smith read statistics for the fire and EMS reports for month of June. Tax bills have been delayed as we are waiting on information from the County. Smith

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spoke to a representative of Tower Economics about cell tower placement; they are a private business and are hesitant to move forward because they don't know how to protect their interests, but they have indicated there are possibilities here in Northfield. Smith referred to recent deregulation of electric energy and asked if we are pursuing other providers. Carew noted that we tried but ran into a problem with indemnification. Smith said we need to pursue with other vendors.

Councilman O'Grady said the Library Board has requested that a committee be put together to discuss library issues. Mazzeo added that the Library would like members of Council to meet with them. Carew said he would participate; Vain, O'Grady and the Mayor said they would as well. O'Grady said he is putting together an RFP for e-commerce services to allow users to pay City fees and bills online via the website. He submitted a Sustainablejersey™ grant on July 1st. A draft of the local government energy audit draft is in, and copies have been distributed to Council. He encouraged all Council members to read it before the final version is drafted, and noted that this was grant funded. Copies will also be available in the City Clerks' office. O'Grady is also investigating e-waste disposal options. He read a statement from the City of Northfield 2009 audit, and said he is committed to addressing issues raised in the management letter. Carew urged O'Grady to meet with the CFO to discuss the audit.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew thanked all who organized and participated in the July 4th parade. He was unable to attend the fishing tournament, and asked Heather Mellon to give a brief update. Mellon said there were 42 participants, the largest fish was 19 ounces, and the most fish caught was 28 sunnies. The smallest fish award was for a 1 ounce. Mellon noted that the annual event is held in honor of our good friend, the late Flora Dickinson. Carew recognized and thanked Tom Wolfe for his assistance in installing the new lights at Babe Ruth field. He also thanked the IBEW 351 for their volunteer labor and noted the success of Coastal Electric in using their trenching machine. He also thanked Billows Electric for their competitive pricing. A \$75,000 job done was completed with \$7,000 and all volunteer labor. He also thanked Jim Clark and the road department for their continued support. Councilwoman Kern suggested sending letters of appreciation to IBEW, Billows, Coastal Electric, and Tom Wolfe; Carew suggested certificates of appreciation and asked Mayor Mazzeo to put together a cover letter.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo attended the recent 8th grade graduation and gave the Mayor's Address; he thanked the Board of Education and school administration. He also

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attended the MRHS graduation, another event which was very well done. All parents and families were very proud; our schools are another reason why people move to our community. He thanked the 4th of July parade participants and the Cultural Committee. He attended the remembrance ceremony in honor of Casey Feldman at the Freeholder building last week with Chief James; it was very emotional and touching. Her parents have somehow turned tragedy into something good, and he commends them. Mazzeo noted the 2% cap and exemptions. The City got a check for \$55,000 at the last Library meeting, and Mazzeo thanked them. Mazzeo explained resolution 123-2010 authorizing the Cranford Coop for the purchase of in-car video for the police department. The dedication of our new police motorcycle will be at Siganos on Thursday at 5pm; all are invited to attend. Mazzeo read the statistics for the police report for the month of June. He presented drawings and information regarding a long term landscape plan for the Oak Avenue property.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

The City Engineer’s report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office. There were no updates. Council advised Doran to proceed with the 2011 applications for Municipal Aid as outlined in the Engineer’s report. Councilman Perri received a complaint about the 100 block of Franklin, off of Shore Road; he asked Doran to investigate.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Vain motioned, Councilman Smith seconded for a consent agenda for resolutions 111-2010, and 113 through 126-2010. All present in favor.

- 111-2010** Authorizing Award of Contract for Professional Services without Public Advertising for Bids as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and in Compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, also Known as New Jersey Pay to Play Law

- 113-2010** A Resolution to Ratify the Grant Application and to Accept the Grant Known as “2010 Pedestrian/Decoy Safe Campaign”

- 114-2010** A Resolution Supporting Pedestrian Crosswalk Crackdown

- 115-2010** Cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate

- 116-2010** Resolution of Support from the Governing Body of the City of Northfield Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey™ Grant funded by Wal-Mart

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- 117-2010** Authorization to Create a Lien on Block 121 Lot 6
- 118-2010** Authorization to Create a Lien on Block 131 Lot 20
- 119-2010** Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Block 33 Lot 3
- 120-2010** Authorization to Create a Lien on Block 92 Lot 4
- 121-2010** Authorize Issuance of Raffle License to Church of St Bernadette
- 122-2010** Authorization to Create a Lien on Block 105 Lot 16
- 123-2010** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Northfield to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- 124-2010** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (State Pedestrian Safety and Education Enforcement Fund)
- 125-2010** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Municipal Court Alcohol, Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund)
- 126-2010** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Atlantic County Improvement Authority – Community Development Block Grant)

Councilman Perri requested that 111-2010 be pulled; Carew noted that resolution 110-2010 has been pulled and will be rebid, but that we will need to go forward with 111. Councilman Smith said he had questions about resolution 114-2010, and the State law; he had a very productive conversation with Lt. Faden and was advised that we've applied for a grant to educate the public about safe pedestrian crossing. Smith asked Chief James to have Lt. Faden give a presentation on the grant and the law at the August meeting. James replied, suggesting educational collateral that can be placed on the website by Councilman O'Grady, noting that pedestrians need to be educated also.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

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ORDINANCES

On a motion of Councilwoman Kern, second of Councilman Vain, all in favor of reading Ordinance 6-2010 by title only.

6-2010 An Ordinance To Amend Third Sentence Of Section 73-3.B Of The Northfield Municipal Code To Modify Information Disclosure Requirements On Registration Certificate For Rental Units, Apartments And Certain Dwelling Units
Final Adoption/No Public Comments Received
Published in the Press 07/17/2010

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 6-2010.

On a motion of Councilman Smith, second of Councilwoman Kern, all in favor of reading Ordinance 7-2010 by title only.

7-2010 An Ordinance Repealing Section 48-2(B) So As To Allow the City Of Northfield To Issue And/Or Auction A Plenary Retail Distribution License
Final Adoption/No Public Comments Received
Published in the Press 07/17/2010

Councilman Perri referred to the Master Plan, and noted that this facility can be located outside of regional commercial areas. He said such a license was never promoted years ago because it can be located, if conditions are met, adjacent to a residential property. Bonchi stated that there are limitations, such as being close to a school or church that limit this.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 7-2010.

On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Smith, all in favor of reading Ordinance 8-2010 by title only.

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8-2010 Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3-2009 Providing For And Establishing Salary Ranges Of Officers And Employees Of The City Of Northfield And Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, The Provisions Of Which Are Inconsistent Herewith
*Final Adoption/No Public Comments Received
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Kern noted that this ordinance is reducing the judge's salary due to the shared court with Linwood.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 8-2010.

On a motion of Councilwoman Kern, second of Councilman Martinez, all in favor of reading Ordinance 9-2010 by title only.

9-2010 Amending Ordinance 3-2007 Regarding Reimbursement Of Expenses To The City Of Northfield For Hazardous Materials Spill Clean Ups
*Final Adoption/No Public Comments Received
Published in the Press 07/17/2010*

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 9-2010.

On a motion of Councilman Smith, second of Councilwoman Kern, all in favor of reading Ordinance 10-2010 by title only.

10-2010 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 48-1 To Set An Annual Fee For A Plenary Retail Distribution License
*Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press 07/17/2010
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 08/10/2010*

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for introduction of Ordinance 10-2010.

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On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Martinez, all in favor of reading Ordinance 11-2010 by title only.

11-2010 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 111-35 To Remove Certain Streets Or Parts Thereof From Being Designated As Through Streets And Amending Ordinance 111-36 To Add Stop Intersections
*Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press 07/17/2010
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 08/10/2010*

Councilman Perri asked if they are four-way stops; Chief James explained. To create four-way stops, certain streets had to be un-designated as through streets first; then the intersections are identified as stop intersections. Perri said he feels a public awareness campaign is warranted.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for introduction of Ordinance 11-2010.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilwoman Kern seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 1,862,822.12. Vain and Kern announced abstentions from certain line items on the bill list.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – absent; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Carew opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Bob Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, feels the snack bar is too expensive. He commented on a mosquito problem on Zion Road, and noted potholes on his street.

Jim O’Neill, 7 Cara Court, asked for an explanation of ordinance 7-2010. Carew explained. O’Neill asked for clarification of the concerns with regard to location, and referred to a map that Councilman Perri passed around. Bonchi explained the zoning map. O’Neill asked how much money the City would receive; Carew said that will be determined by public sealed bids.

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Joan Brenna, 116 Dolphin Avenue, asked how she could get the Northfield Neighborhood watch officially recognized by the City so she can apply for grants. The Watch has been very successful over the past year, with approximately 130 members, but she needs funding for signs, stickers, etc. Carew said he'd like to discuss the issue with the Chief, City Clerk, CFO and Solicitor. Bonchi asked if there was an example from another town of how they were recognized. Mazzeo suggested that Brennan contact other Neighborhood Watch folks to see how they do it. Brennan also noted the passing of resident Dorothy McGrath.

Eileen Pantalena, 2002 Grove Road, President of the Birch Grove Recreation Board, said the Board is 100% in favor of the snack bar, and voted to take any overruns from the snack bar, so there will be no out of pocket expenses to Northfield citizens. They have been looking at buildings for three years, and feel this building will be a great addition to the park that will last generations. Vain noted that the building is more than a snack bar, and offered that plans are available for inspection.

Dennis Mahon, 7 Twelve Oaks Court, said his company switched to Suez and saved 18%. He offered to provide information he has on alternate energy providers. Carew will contact him.

Guy Schlachter, 14 Mazza Drive, said his street was never swept in May. He asked why resolution 111-2010 was necessary if the project is going back out to bid. Bonchi replied that contractors don't supervise themselves; a 3rd party supervises. Carew added that if the project does not go forward, then the resolution would be rescinded. Schlachter asked the price on the public works fence, and how it was funded. Vain responded that it was \$15,837.00 in prior years' capital funds.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, thanked Council for putting up a new public works fence, and suggested a directional sign towards Birch Grove Park to beautify it. He said the City is responsible for the two retention ponds in his development but has not maintained them. He thanked Vain for street striping on mill road, this is a hazardous area. He referred to a recent shared service meeting with Linwood and Somers Point, and asked what ideas are being suggested. Vain replied that it was a brainstorming session; after the next meeting they should have more solid ideas. Tanzola feels the public should be involved in shared service and cost savings ideas and we are not getting our fair share of state money for our schools. Carew urged Tanzola to convey this to the School Board.

Chris Cafiero, 303 West Revere Avenue, asked about the hours of a comic book store next to his home and about parking on the street in front of his house. He said exiting his street to New Road is not safe due to how cars are parking. Bonchi replied that

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the matter would have to be researched. Cafiero asked if his street can be considered for a speed hump. Vain will contact the zoning officer and respond.

Seeing no others wishing to speak, Council President Carew closed the public session.

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk