

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

At 5:06pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2013 in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Mahon, O'Neill, Perri, Polistina, Travagline

Absent: Carew

Immediately after roll call, at 5:08pm, Councilman Carew entered the meeting.

Mayor Mazzeo, Solicitor Kris Facenda, Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski, CFO Dawn Stollenwerk, Chief Robert James and Deputy Clerk Mimi Marlor were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Discussion of Proposed Capital Budget

Councilman Polistina reviewed the proposed Capital Budget.

Councilman Perri proposed a fire district which might encompass Linwood, Northfield and Somers Point to reduce the costs of operating the Fire Department.

Councilman O'Neill asked Assistant Chief Crooks to provide a verbal review of vehicle inventory.

Councilmen Carew and O'Neill, and Council President Travagline, all stated their support of the purchase of a new fire truck.

CFO Stollenwerk asked Council for confirmation and approval to include the fire truck in the Capital ordinance and they agreed.

Discussion ensued among all the Council members regarding Broad Street paving.

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Discussion ensued among all the Council members regarding sidewalks on Mill and Zion Roads.

Municipal Clerk Canesi suggested that a formal resolution requesting the Atlantic County's participation in a shared service agreement for the installation of sidewalks.

Councilman Perri suggested a special assessment on the homeowners.

Mayor Mazzeo noted his concerns with obtaining easements, citing what happened with Cedar Bridge Road in the past.

Council President Travagline requested Solicitor Facenda to prepare a resolution for tonight's agenda requesting the County's participation in a shared service for the installation of sidewalks.

Chief Robert James explained the plan for the purchase of three license plate readers.

Mayor Mazzeo asked about paving, specifically Cresson Avenue. He also asked about drainage in the same area.

Councilman Dewees explained the Department of Public Work's maintenance efforts. He noted there hasn't been enough rain recently to fully realize the impact.

CFO Stollenwerk suggested reviewing the full five year plan, since the City usually goes out for permanent funding at the five million dollar mark.

Councilman Perri noted the presence of blighted properties in town and that the City should take steps to purchase and demolish these homes.

- Discussion to reduce the salaries of Mayor and Council by 10%

Council President Travagline stated that the Rice Notice exception raised by Councilman Perri at the last meeting does not apply.

Discussion ensued among all the Council members regarding reduction in salaries and no decision was made.

- Ambulance response times and reporting

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Councilman Polistina stated there appears to be a discrepancy between Shore Medical's and Police Dispatch's reporting numbers. There may be inaccuracies but they are attempting to resolve the problem to ensure accurate reporting.

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject.

Robert Webb, 218 Revere Avenue, stated that Council should organize, supervise and deputize.

Gerry Mcgee, 1620 Zion Road, stated he is not an advocate of the City purchasing tax liens or reducing Council salaries.

Lynn Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, asked for clarification on the EMS reporting discrepancies. Councilman Polistina explained the situation again to clarify for Mrs. Perri. In addition, she asked why Council salaries are being suggested for reduction and why not all employees.

Matthew Marshall, 13 Wilson Drive, asked permission to put in a sprinkler system at Veterans Park for free; but he would like some level of on-site recognition for his donated services. Marshall also offered to landscape the area around the Centennial Clock.

Mayor Mazzeo thanked Mr. Marshall for his generous offer and will accommodate his request for recognition.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Council President Travagline closed the public session.

At 7:00pm on motions properly made and seconded this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi
Municipal Clerk