

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2012**

At 6:42pm, 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. Brown, Mr. Dewees, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina,
Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

Mayor Vince Mazzeo, City Solicitor Keith Bonchi, Police Chief Robert James, and City Engineer Matt Doran were also in attendance.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman O'Neill, second by Councilman Perri to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 9, 2012. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri said the Sewer Department has ongoing project to relocate utilities that are in conflict with a County project. The Seniors will meet at City Hall at 7pm this Thursday and the group is looking for an alternate member. A Senior event has been scheduled for November 29th at 10am at Park Center. Perri asked about dedication of funds to the Senior Committee. Mayor Mazzeo responded that his recollection was \$500. Councilman Polistina said he will follow up with the Finance Office. Perri said he his concerns continue with regard to the vehicle parked at Burton Avenue; he does not feel Council members should have to handle it. He suggested the Chair of the Code Enforcement department address the issue.

Councilman O'Neill said MRHS has provided the contract for the student work program; the Solicitor will review it. O'Neill would like to get the program up and running. There is no cost to the City.

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Councilman Vain attended the dedication of the new MRHS building and said a tour of facility proved it will be a great asset. Bricks already engraved for Veterans' Park are ready to be picked up tomorrow; the Park dedication will be on a Saturday with a date to be determined. Vain added that the monument is pending. He offered congratulations to Captain Faden and said he will be missed; Faden did a nice job for Northfield and the school.

Councilman Polistina attended a meeting of the Atlantic County League of Municipalities last Friday and will provide collateral material to Council from that meeting's presentation on OPRA. Polistina stated that Northfield's bond rating was AA-, and reviewed the CFO's report¹ of the result of the bond sale. He read the EMS report for the month of September. Councilman Perri asked the base price of ambulance transport. Polistina replied that he believes the Medicare rate is \$305 plus \$7 per mile for BLS; he is not exactly sure but it's less than \$310. Polistina added that ALS is a different rate.

¹ *The full report appears as the last page of the minutes of this meeting.*

Councilman Dewees said the 1st Street Playground re-mulching has been delayed; grass cutting season has been extended and the playground will now be done in November. Jim Clark is working on a sign replacement list for a new order. Dewees said he agrees with Councilman Perri about the vehicle parked at the ball field. Council President Carew said he will investigate and follow up.

Councilwoman Brown said the School Board meeting has been changed to next Monday and that the Economic Development Commission will meet November 14th at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew thanked Captain Faden for his service and said the City has been fortunate to have someone of his caliber.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo attended the ribbon cutting for the \$40 million MRHS expansion. He said there were many elected officials in attendance and it was a well-coordinated event, adding that MRHS is now ready for the future. Mazzeo received information from a resident near Spruce and Maple that there is a section of woods near her home that is City property and she wants it cleaned up. Mazzeo suggested possibly vacating the parcel; the resident is interested in the tax consequences and there is another resident who may be affected. He will continue to report. Mazzeo said a letter is

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forthcoming from the County Executive in response to our recent request which indicates that the County cannot fund sidewalks. Mazzeo said there were many tree companies in town during the Derecho storm; one company had equipment stolen and the owner commended Detective Steinecke and the Police Department for their speedy recovery of the property and apprehension of the suspects. He reads the Police Department report for September.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office. Updates were as follows: the 2012 paving project will be spring job and the Walkway at Birch Grove Park should be complete in mid-November. Councilman O'Neill asked about drainage on 2nd Street. Doran replied that he'd recently sent another letter to the state requesting a response; we are asking to cross Route 9 and for their street restoration and other requirements so we will know in advance what they are.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion of Councilwoman Brown, second of Councilman Vain, all in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 157-2012 through 161-2012.

- 157-2012** Accepting the Letter of Retirement from Arthur J. Faden, Captain of Police

- 158-2012** Certification of Accumulated Absence Payout for Arthur J. Faden

- 159-2012** Amending Resolution No. 154-2012, Adopting the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38) Under Which a Public Employer May Agree to Pay for the State Health Benefits Program Coverage of Certain Retirees

- 160-2012** Award Contract to Arawak Paving Co. for Reconstruction of Broad Street – Phase 1

- 161-2012** To Authorize the Hiring of a Substitute Crossing Guard

Councilwoman Brown motioned, Councilman Vain seconded to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 157-2012 through 161-2012.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 4,961,113.36.

Councilman Perri questioned the legal fees and suggested a part-time administrator.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for payment of bills.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Bob Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, said Captain Faden has been a great leader and commended him. Webb asked who owns the old House and Gardens. Council President Carew replied that it is owned by Nick Droboniku and another gentleman. Webb asserted that an ethical conflict exists because Councilman Polistina works for Droboniku. Councilman Perri clarified that Webb was referring to the Land Use Ordinance that was passed at the last meeting. Webb said Council does not spend responsibly; taxes will increase next year.

Cornelius Masterson, 1208 2nd Street, said a neighbor was supposed to put in a fence as a condition of a variance that was granted, but that fence never went in. Council President Carew replied that he received a call about the matter today and pulled the Planning Board Resolution. No fence requirement is in the original resolution; Carew said he will consult with the solicitor.

Nelson Velez, Davis Avenue, spoke regarding the same subject and said it was discussed or the neighbors would have opposed it.

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

Councilman Perri requested an H format set up for the work sessions so no one has their back to the public.

Councilman Vain read the meeting notices.

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At 7:18pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

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**Chief Financial Officer’s Report of Result of Bond Sale in accordance with
40A:2-34**

The City of Northfield sold \$4,650,000 of General Obligation Bonds via electronic auction on www.grantstreet.com on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Four bidders participated in the auction, and a total of 11 bids were received.

The bonds were sold to Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. at a net interest rate of 1.787903%, and a premium of \$242,140.00

Below is the list of the “best” bids received by the four bidders:

Bidder	TIC	Gross Interest	Premium	Total Interest
Roosevelt	1.787903%	\$982,963.89	\$242,100	\$740,823.89
Janney	1.819056%	\$808,802.43	\$ 76,412.75	\$732,389.68
Robert Baird	1.891884%	\$832,403.13	\$ 70,628.75	\$761,774.38
Raymond James	2.046651%	\$903897.92	\$ 76,786.25	\$827,111.67

The maturity schedule is as follows:

Due	Principal Amount	Coupon
Sept 1, 2013	175,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2014	175,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2015	175,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2016	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2017	275,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2018	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2019	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2020	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2021	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2022	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2023	350,000	2 %
Sept 1, 2024	350,000	3 %
Sept 1, 2025	350,000	3 %
Sept 1, 2026	350,000	3 %
Sept 1, 2027	350,000	3 %

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chief Financial Officer
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