

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

At 6:46pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City 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: Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline

Absent: Piergiovanni, Dewees

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

**MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill, second by Councilman Lischin, all present were in favor of approval of the minutes from November 14th without formal reading.

Councilman Murray suggested moving the Little League Presentation to the end of the meeting, due to the early start, Councilman Travagline agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilman Perri** - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens, Shared Services

Councilman Perri reported on the interlocal during the work session. He announced that the Planning Board meeting for December had been canceled and that the seniors meeting will be held at the end of the month.

**Councilman O'Neill** - Court/Violations, Library

Councilman O'Neill had nothing to report.

**Councilman Piergiovanni** – Insurance and Safety, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School

Councilman Piergiovanni was absent.

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

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Councilman Murray reported the tax appeal issue was ongoing, and we remain on same trajectory as the past five years. He didn't have final numbers yet. Mainland Regional High School would be hosting "Mainland's Got Talent" next week.

**Councilman Lischin** – Fire Department/EMS, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Lischin read the Building and Inspections department, and Fire department reports as follows: the Building Department issued a total of 61 permits. Inspections included 42 building, 47 electric, 12 fire, 24 plumbing, 8 CO/CCO, 18 resales, and 4 rentals. Fire Department calls for October included: 2 building fires, 5 hazardous condition calls, 8 false alarm calls, 3 good intent calls, 5 EMS assist incidents and 1 mutual aid call. TriCare had a total of 146 dispatches, 151 calls with patients, 101 transports, 10 mutual aid calls to EHT, and did not administer any Narcan. Councilman Lischin also reported that we were still in search of a plumbing inspection company; we were moving forward with the contract for the outside company.

Mayor Chau asked about the Part-time firemen.

Councilman Lischin stated that he had not yet heard back from the union.

Travagline asked for a report from them for the next meeting.

Municipal Clerk Canesi noted that the Council had recently contracted with a professional consultant to evaluate our operation, including staffing needs, and it may make sense to wait to see what the professional recommended.

Councilman Lischin agreed noting that the study would take 4-5 months to complete.

**Councilman Travagline** – FAN, Sign Sub Committee, Shared Services, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Travagline had nothing to report.

**Council President Dewees** - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Little League/Babe Ruth, Sign Sub Committee, Traffic Safety

Council President Dewees was absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau announced the tree lighting this Friday at 7pm. He met with an Eagle Scout candidate who had a proposal to install a plaque bearing the names of

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Northfield veterans. The 30th of this month the police committee would be meeting to discuss a grievance. There were 3 positions available on the Economic Development Commission, as well as Planning Board appointments that would be made at the beginning of the year. He also added that positions were available on the Library Board and Birch Grove Park Advisory Board. Anyone interested should submit names to the City Clerk's Office.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar reviewed updates to the Engineer's report as provided to Council. South Jersey Gas had been doing a lot of paving and should be done by Thursday and then they would start on punch list items, including any areas that may have been damaged or where there is puddling, etc. He stated that we would not sign off until all issues had been addressed.

Mayor Chau asked what the procedure was if the gas company or a resident did not report damage to a property.

Engineer Nassar advised that he does walk the areas and reports issues he sees, but would not always know if damage was pre-existing. He noted that residents had, however, been reporting issues. He advised Mayor Chau if he sees or knows of any issues to make sure the engineer was aware so they could be added to the punch list.

**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Councilman Murray opened the public session for any person to speak on any topic.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Councilman Murray closed the public session.

**PRESENTATION:** Northfield Little League 11U All-Stars 2017 District Champions

Councilman Murray introduced Jim Travagline who would be presenting awards to the Northfield Little League All-Stars who were the 2017 District Champions.

Councilman Travagline stated that the team came together very quickly, and did a great job. He noted that he had a whole speech prepared, but said that the people who did the most work, Geoff Haines and Brian Englert, could go over what the team went through, and then we can give out the certificates.

Geoff Haines spoke and said he chose Brian Englert because he was a dad, and his son Lukas had been the team captain. Lukas had been through a lot and they were happy to have him. The team worked hard in pool-play, and Coach Haines reviewed in detail their performance during the games that put them into the sectional competition, where they beat Deptford and moved on to the quarter finals, where they ultimately lost after long games and several rain delays. He thanked the parents for

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all of the support in getting the kids to the practices and to the games. The boys did a great job and came together and became a bunch of brothers.

Councilman Travagline thanked Northfield Little League on behalf of his children; they had done a great job. He welcomed and thanked the incoming Northfield Little League leadership, Mr. Hackett and Mr. Sutley. Councilman Travagline presented certificates to the following players: Matt Bonczek, Charlie Connelly, Brandon Dearborn, Ryan Foltz, Jack Haines, Jack Kwapinski, Liam Michel, Jason Piereth, Joey Russo, Patrick Sacco, Timmy Travagline and Honorary Captain, Lukas Englert.

Mr. Hackett congratulated the boys on behalf of himself and Mr. Sutley; they presented the team with the fence sign displaying their achievement.

*At 7:14pm Councilman Murray announced a 5 minute recess.*

*At 7:20pm Councilman Murray resumed the meeting.*

Mayor Chau had Jack Kwapinski draw the winner of the recycling toter for November, which was Dale Lonkart, 213 East Rosedale Avenue.

**RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Murray 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.

On a motion of Councilman Travagline, second of Councilman Perri, all present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 212-2017 to 217-2017, by Consent Agenda.

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| <b>212-2017</b> | Refund of Construction Permit Fees to Solar City Corporation dba Tesla Energy  |
| <b>213-2017</b> | Amending a Contract Previously Authorized by Resolution No. 198-2015   |
| <b>214-2017</b> | Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Preparation of Bid Documents for the General Repairs and Construction of the Sanitary Sewer Facilities |
| <b>215-2017</b> | Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Preparation of Bid Documents for the General Repairs and Construction of the Stormwater Facilities     |
| <b>216-2017</b> | Amending the Authorization Provided for Under Resolution No. 96-2017, Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Certain Projects                 |
| <b>217-2017</b> | Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget – Cops in Shops  |

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Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of the consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin – yes; Mr. Murray – yes; Mr. O’Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carried to adopt the consent agenda.

**ORDINANCES**

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 16-2017.

**16-2017** Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,293,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,228,000) in Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield for Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken By The City Of Northfield, In The County Of Atlantic, New Jersey  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 7PM on 11/28/2017*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. Since introduction and amendment, 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.

Councilman Murray opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Councilman Travagline wanted to make it clear to the public that we don't have to use these funds, we will take a second and third look at any capital funds we spend to ensure they are needed at the time.

Councilman Murray agreed with Councilman Travagline.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carries.

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the introduction of Ordinance 17-2017.

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**17-2017**      An Ordinance Repealing City of Northfield Ordinance 15-2017  
Implementing the City's Affordable Housing Development Fee  
Ordinance

*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 12/2/2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 12/12/2017*

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.

Solicitor Facenda stated that there were procedural issues that were not adhered to and the ordinance will be reintroduced.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carries.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** \$ 1,785,384.54

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, for payment of bills.

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

Councilman Murray read the meeting notices.

At 7:29pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk