

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2019.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Deweese, Korngut, Madden, O’Neill, Perri, Smith, Lischin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Sewer Operations, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman O’Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, FAN,

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Technology/MRHS Channel 2

Councilman Deweese - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Parks, Playgrounds

Councilman Smith– Finance/Collections, Little League/Babe Ruth, Shared Services

Councilwoman Madden – Insurance and Safety, Mainland Regional

Council President Lischin - Fire Department/EMS, Cultural Committee

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

RESOLUTIONS

- 57-2019** Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Awarding a Contract to Vendor with State Contract for 2019 Ford F450 Truck with Dump Body and Plow
- 58-2019** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield Supporting Assembly Bill 4439 to Protect Hotel Employees from Sexual Assault and Other Dangerous Working Conditions
- 59-2019** Authorizing Northfield Fire Department to Apply for a Grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation
- 60-2019** Authorizing the Northfield Fire Department to Apply for a Grant from the New Jersey American Water Company
- 61-2019** Authorizing the Submission of All Applications and Other Required Documents for Financing Under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for Various Sanitary Sewer Projects in and by the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State

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- 62-2019** Authorizing Refund of Construction Permit Fees to Trinity Heating and Air, Inc.
- 63-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Atlantic County Baseball League
- 64-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – 14U Hammerheads
- 65-2019** Employment Status Change for Substitute School Crossing Guard
- 66-2019** To Accept Land Sale Bid for Block 67, Lots 9 and 10
- 67-2019** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, Calling Upon New Jersey Transit to Complete its Activities to Return the Atlantic City Rail Line to Service and Provide a Schedule of the Date or Dates when those Activities are Expected to be Accomplished

ORDINANCES

- 2-2019** Amending Chapter 15 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code, Entitled Claims and Purchasing Procedures
*2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 02/23/2019*
- 3-2019** Calendar Year 2019 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)
*First Reading / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/23/2019
Second Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 3/05/2018*
- 4-2019** Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey for Certain Clean Water Projects to be Undertaken by and within the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey
*First Reading / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/23/2019
Second Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 3/05/2018*
- 5-2019** Ordinance 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
*First Reading / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/23/2019
Second Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 3/05/2018*

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,597,012.19

MEETING NOTICES

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| City Council Budget Meeting | February 21, 2019 | 5:00pm |
| City Council | March 5, 2019 | 6pm Work Session
Regular Session immediately following |

ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 57-2019
CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, COUNTY OF
ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO
VENDOR WITH STATE CONTRACT FOR 2019 FORD F450 TRUCK
WITH DUMP BODY AND PLOW**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A11:12 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the following purchase without competitive bids from the following State Contract Vendor is hereby approved:

Cherry Hill Winner Ford
Charles S. Winner, Inc.
250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-3409
State Contract Nr. A88215

Amount: \$49,634.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Northfield has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available, and a copy of said certification is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 58-2019**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 4439 TO PROTECT
HOTEL EMPLOYEES FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT AND OTHER
DANGEROUS WORKING CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the hospitality industry is a profitable and vital component of the State's economy and hotel employees play a significant role in providing hospitality services to tourists and other guests at hotels throughout the State;

WHEREAS, hotel workers are particularly vulnerable to unsafe working conditions due to the fact that said workers are frequently alone in hotel guest rooms;

WHEREAS, the solitary nature of the hotel workers' responsibilities places these workers at risk of assault, including sexual assault and sexual harassment;

WHEREAS, many hotel employees are often marginalized members of society with limited means to support themselves and their families and, as such, may be less inclined to report inappropriate and/or criminal conduct for fear of retaliation by their employer;

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Northfield are employed in the capacity of hotel hospitality services, and the Council of the City of Northfield wishes to protect its residents and to support the protection of all residents of the State;

WHEREAS, Atlantic County Assemblypersons John Armato, Vincent Mazzeo, Cleopatra G. Tucker and Annette Quijano introduced Assembly Bill 4439 (the "Bill") which, if passed, would require a hotel employer to provide at no cost to the employee a panic device to each hotel employee assigned to housekeeping or room service duties; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would require the panic device, when activated, to immediately connect with and summon assistance from a security officer, manager or supervisor, or other appropriate hotel staff member;

WHEREAS, the Bill would permit the employee, upon activation of the panic device, to leave the immediate area of the potential danger and await assistance with no adverse effects to the employee;

WHEREAS, the Bill would require a hotel employer, upon activation of the panic device, to keep a record of the accusations for a period of five years from the date of incident, report any incident involving alleged criminal or inappropriate conduct by a guest or other person to the appropriate law enforcement agency, notify all hotel employees who are assigned to housekeeping or room service duties of the room in

which the alleged incident occurred of the presence and location of any guest named on the list and provide hotel employees, with the exception of the employee who activated the device, the option of either servicing the guest room or opting out of servicing the room for the duration of the guest's stay; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would require the hotel to decline to provide occupancy to the guest for a period of at least three years from the date of incident where the accused guest is convicted of a crime in connection with the incident wherein the employee activated the panic device; and

WHEREAS, the Bill was unanimously passed by the Senate on January 31, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Northfield does hereby support the Bill;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all State legislative teams in Atlantic County and to the Office of the New Jersey Governor.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 59-2019**

**AUTHORIZING NORTHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT
TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Northfield Fire Department wishes to apply for a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said grant monies will fund the purchase of a SCBA fit test machine; and

WHEREAS, there is no required match of municipal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the submission of the application by the Northfield Fire Department is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northfield accepts and agrees to comply with and fulfill each of the understandings and assurances contained in said application.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 60-2019**

**AUTHORIZING NORTHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A
GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Northfield Fire Department wishes to apply for a grant from New Jersey American Water in the amount of \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said grant monies will fund the purchase of pagers for the members of the Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, there is no required match of municipal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the submission of the application by the Northfield Fire Department is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northfield accepts and agrees to comply with and fulfill each of the understandings and assurances contained in said application.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 61-2019**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR FINANCING UNDER THE NEW JERSEY
ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM
FOR VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the “City”), intends to file applications with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the “Trust”) for the financing of a clean water project involving the upgrading and improvement of one (1) sanitary sewer pumping station, an asset management plan, and the purchase of equipment to maintain the sanitary sewer system (the “Sewer Projects”) under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program (the “NJEIF Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Northfield believes that it is in the best interest of the City to file the applications with DEP and the Trust for the financing of the Sewer Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Erland Chau, Mayor, Dawn Stollenwerk, Chief Financial Officer of the City, and Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk are each hereby authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent the City of Northfield in all matters relating to the Sewer Projects undertaken pursuant to the above referenced NJEIF Program to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representatives may be contacted at the City of Northfield, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, Phone No. 609-641-2832, extension 123.

Section 2. The City hereby authorizes the Authorized Representatives to file all applications as may be required for loans under the NJEIF Program and to execute and deliver all applications, documents, bonds, instruments, or closing certificates as may be required in connection with such loan program.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, MARY CANESI, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 62-2019**

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES
TO TRINITY HEATING & AIR, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Northfield Building Department did collect fees from and issue permit number 20180132 to Trinity Heating & Air, Inc., in 2018 for the installation of a rooftop solar system at 28 Jack Sloan Court; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has opted not to pursue the installation, and Trinity Heating & Air, Inc. has requested refunds of applicable fees collected by the City for the job that has been canceled; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department did collect fees in the amount of \$546.00 for the job that has been canceled; and

WHEREAS, the \$546.00 in fees collected shall be reduced by the nonrefundable \$76.00 Department of Community Affairs fee, and a review fee of \$94.00, for a total refund due of \$376.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Northfield authorizes the refund of \$376.00, to Trinity Heating & Air, Inc., 2211 Allenwood Road, Wall, NJ 07719.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 63-2019**

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Bunting has properly submitted an Application for Use of Facilities requesting use of the Babe Ruth Baseball Field one day per week from the third week of May 2019 until the third week of August 2019 (Monday nights); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Bunting has submitted said field use application in anticipation of sponsoring a team in the Atlantic County Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, the Vice-President of the Babe Ruth Baseball of Northfield has advised that the field use request can be granted, with specific dates to be determined based upon the future needs of the Babe Ruth Baseball program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Northfield hereby approves the Application for Use of Facilities presented by Mr. Joe Bunting subject to the full execution of the Use of Facilities Agreement, and compliance with its terms and conditions, the terms and conditions of the current Use of Facilities Guidelines and the representations made in the subject Applications for Use of Facilities.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City Council of Northfield, held this 19th day of February 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2019, ATTACHMENT

CITY OF NORTHFIELD
Application for Use of Facilities

Name and Address of Organization: NORTHFIELD CARDINALS ACBL
NORTHFIELD BASEBALL FIELD BIRCH GROVE PARK

Tell Us Who You Are / Description and Purpose of Organization: JOE BUNTING OF
BUNTING FAMILY PHARMACY. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE
TO SPONSOR AND COACH THE DEFENDING ACBL CHAMPIONS

Is the Group a Not-For-Profit Organization? Yes No THE NORTHFIELD CARDINALS

Do Participants Pay a Fee for Your Sport / Event? Yes No

If Yes, How Much? \$ _____ per Person Day Season _____ (other)

Name of Applicant / Responsible Party: JOE BUNTING Title/Affiliation SPONSOR/COACH

Home Address: 1337 NEW ROAD NORTHFIELD, NJ 08225

Telephone: (H) () (W) 1

Name and Location of Facility(ies) Being Requested: NORTHFIELD BASEBALL FIELD
AT BIRCH GROVE PARK

For the Following Purpose: TO PLAY BASEBALL IN ACBL [ATLANTIC COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE]

on the Following Date(s): 5/20/19 - 8/15/19

Specify the Hours of Use: From: 7 PM To: 9 PM

of Participants per Date: 10 # of Participants who are Northfield Residents: 5

Will Juveniles be Present? Yes No If Yes, What Ages? _____

Applicant MUST submit names, addresses, & telephone # of all coaches / chaperones along with the application

Have You Applied to Other Municipalities for Use of their Facilities for this Event? Yes No

If Yes, Name of Municipality/ies: _____

Date/s and Disposition of Request/s: _____

Applicant has received a copy of the City of Northfield Use of Facilities Guidelines and Use of Facilities Agreement and agrees to abide by and comply with the terms of that Agreement. Applicant further acknowledges that s/he must obtain from the Municipal Clerk's Office the date/time of the Council Meeting at which the Application will be considered, and attendance at same is required in order for the Application to be heard.

APPLICANT: Joe Bunting **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED** DATE: 1/23/19
Signature

Note: The City of Northfield has the right, in its sole discretion, to deny, limit, or revoke the use of requested facility(ies) when in the opinion of the City of Northfield the use presents a risk of unreasonable injury to persons or damage to property of the City of Northfield or others.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY PORTION OF THE APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REJECTION

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 64-2019**

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Mr. John Sheeran has properly submitted an Application for Use of Facilities requesting use of the Babe Ruth Baseball Field from the first week of March 2019 until the second week of June 2019, two days a week (Saturdays and Sundays 9am – 10:45am), subject to availability based on use; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Sheeran has presented this request on behalf of the AC Hammerheads 14U team; and

WHEREAS, the Vice-President of the Northfield Babe Ruth League has advised that the field is available on the dates requested.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Northfield hereby approves the Application for Use of Facilities presented by Mr. John Sheeran subject to the full execution of the Use of Facilities Agreement, and compliance with its terms and conditions, the terms and conditions of the current Use of Facilities Guidelines and the representations made in the subject Applications for Use of Facilities.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2019, ATTACHMENT
CITY OF NORTHFIELD
Application for Use of Facilities

Name and Address of Organization: Atlantic County Hammerheads 14U Baseball team

Tell Us Who You Are / Description and Purpose of Organization: I am the manager of a 14U travel baseball team comprised of kids from Northfield, EHT, and Weymouthship. I myself have been involved with Northfield Little League for 10 years and still purchase all equipment and supplies for the league. Our team plays in the Tri-state area and have utilized the Babe Ruth Field in the past 2 years. I have a vested interest in the field and town of Northfield. I am another set of eyes and have always looked out for the best interest of the kids and field, purchasing supplies and maintenance items.
Is the Group a Not-For-Profit Organization? Yes No

Do Participants Pay a Fee for Your Sport / Event? Yes No

If Yes, How Much? \$ 600 per: Person Day Season _____ (other)

Name of Applicant / Responsible Party: John Sheeran Title/Affiliation MANAGER

Home Address: 300 G Sutton Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08025

Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Name and Location of Facility(ies) Being Requested: Babe Ruth Field at Birch Grove Park

For the Following Purpose: Practices and occasional game

on the Following Date(s): MARCH 2 2019 (weather dependent) to June 9 (Saturday + Sundays)

Specify the Hours of Use: From: 9 am To: 10:45 am *working in conjunction with District 10 (Babe Ruth) field at Hammelton. *Not all days would be used and would comment this to the necessary parties

of Participants per Date: 11 # of Participants who are Northfield Residents: 5 plus 3 coaches from NJ

Will Juveniles be Present? Yes No If Yes, What Ages? 14

Applicant **MUST** submit names, addresses, & telephone # of all coaches / chaperones along with the application

Have You Applied to Other Municipalities for Use of their Facilities for this Event? _____ Yes No

If Yes, Name of Municipality/ies: N/A

Date/s and Disposition of Request/s: _____ N/A

Applicant has received a copy of the City of Northfield Use of Facilities Guidelines and Use of Facilities Agreement and agrees to abide by and comply with the terms of that Agreement. Applicant further acknowledges that s/he must obtain from the Municipal Clerk's Office the date/time of the Council Meeting at which the Application will be considered, and attendance at same is required in order for the Application to be heard.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED

APPLICANT:  DATE: 2/9/19
Signature

Note: The City of Northfield has the right, in its sole discretion, to deny, limit, or revoke the use of requested facility(ies) when in the opinion of the City of Northfield the use presents a risk of unreasonable injury to persons or damage to property of the City of Northfield or others.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY PORTION OF THE APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REJECTION

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 65-2019**

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGE FOR SUBSTITUTE
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

WHEREAS, the need exists within the Police Department to fill the position of Regular Adult School Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, substitute School Crossing Guard Michael Patroni expressed interest; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to change the employment status of Michael Patroni from Substitute Crossing Guard to Regular Adult School Crossing Guard was made by Captain of Police Steve Steinecke, and by Crossing Guard Supervisor Heather Mellon.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield that the status change of Michael Patroni effective January 21, 2019 is hereby memorialized and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for the Regular Adult School Crossing Guard shall be in accordance with the Crossing Guard Rider Agreement between the City of Northfield and Government Workers Union, Local No. 430.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 66-2019**

TO ACCEPT LAND SALE BID FOR BLOCK 67, LOTS 9 AND 10

WHEREAS, as authorized by Ordinance No. 1-2019, the City of Northfield did properly advertise a request for bids for the sale/purchase of certain parcels of real property owned by the City of Northfield no longer needed for public use to adjoining owners; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk did receive and open one bid as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Wilmer Castro (block 67, lots 9 & 10)	\$4,500.00

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Mr. Castro meets the minimum bid price established by the above referenced ordinance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield that the bid received from Wilmer Castro for block 67, lots 9 & 10 is hereby accepted.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 67-2019**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, CALLING UPON NEW
JERSEY TRANSIT TO COMPLETE ITS ACTIVITIES TO RETURN THE
ATLANTIC CITY RAIL LINE TO SERVICE AND PROVIDE A
SCHEDULE OF THE DATE OR DATES WHEN THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE
EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED**

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, New Jersey Transit suspended service of the Atlantic City Rail Line in September, 2018 because it was required to install federally mandated safety mechanisms, including Positive Train Controls, and proposed to re-open the Atlantic City Rail Line in early 2019; and

WHEREAS, many commuters in South Jersey, including residents of the City of Northfield, depend on the Atlantic City Rail Line to commute to work, particularly commuting to the Philadelphia area; and visitors, tourists and convention attendees require the Atlantic City Rail Line to travel to Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit made available to commuters and other users after the September, 2018 shutdown, re-routed buses to the Philadelphia area and provided discounts, but the alternate arrangements did not alleviate the inconvenience and schedule difficulties associated with the shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the bus re-routing ended in January, 2019 and then had to be extended due to the continued need of commuters and other users; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, several weeks ago, Governor Murphy put the onus for delays in reopening the line on the Federal Railroad Administration (hereinafter "FRA") on grounds that approval from the FRA was needed as an approval for a reboot of service lines that were shut down, and on January 25, 2019, New Jersey Transit Executive Director, Kevin Corbett, announced that the line would be closed until at least the second quarter of 2019 while New Jersey Transit awaited approval from the FRA for its application for an alternative schedule; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, recently in response to the aforementioned, the FRA informed the public that NJ Transit does not need approval from FRA to reinstate commuter rail service on the lines where NJ Transit had voluntarily decided to temporarily reduce or suspend service, including the Atlantic City Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, New Jersey Transit, through a spokeswoman thereafter, conceded that New Jersey Transit is waiting for approval of an alternative service and that , stating to the effect that New Jersey Transit did not want to bring back a service only to have it become unreliable and have to adjust

it again, stating also that the FRA's approval is one of a number of factors in the overall evaluation of service restoration as the findings may influence how NJ Transit approaches the restoration sequence, and that in addition to the FRA's approval, NJ Transit continues to address a continuing shortage of locomotive engineers, as well as equipment availability, as Positive Train Control installations, maintenance inspections and testing continue; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders passed Resolution 102 on February 12, 2019, said Resolution having been sponsored by Atlantic County Freeholder Ernest Coursey and entitled "Resolution Calling Upon NJ Transit to Complete Its Activities to Return the Atlantic City Rail Line to Service and Provide a Schedule of the Date or Dates When Those Activities Are Expected to Be Accomplished," and said Resolution having passed by eight of the nine members of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders with the ninth member having abstained.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Northfield does hereby call upon NJ Transit to immediately complete its reviews, installations, schedule modifications, inspections and all other required activities to return the Atlantic City Rail Line to service and to provide the residents of the City of Northfield and the public with a complete schedule of activities expected to be accomplished to open and specific dates those tasks will be completed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all State legislative teams in Atlantic County and to the Office of the New Jersey Governor.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of Northfield, held this 19th day of February, 2019.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk