

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 11, 2024**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on Saturday, January 6, 2024, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Bucci, Carfagno, Dewees, Polistina, Notaro, Smith; Leeds

MAYOR: Chau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 21, 2024

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 121-2024**

AUTHORIZING SCHAEFFER, NASSAR, SCHEIDEGG CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PROCEED WITH ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ZION PUMP STATION RENOVATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 101-2024, on May 7, 2024, the Common Council of the City of Northfield awarded a contract to South State, Inc. for the project known as “Zion Pump Station Renovation”; and

WHEREAS, Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers LLC have submitted expenditure requests outlining professional engineering services that will be provided to the City of Northfield for said project; and

WHEREAS, copies of said expenditure requests have been provided to the Common Council of the City of Northfield for their review; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has deemed it appropriate to authorize the expenditure of these monies as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Purchase Order Amount</u>
Engineering services – construction inspection and contract administration	
Total	\$45,000.00

WHEREAS, certification of funds has been received from the Municipal Finance Officer.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield that this Project is approved as submitted by Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers.

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 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 122-2024**

ACCUMULATED ABSENCE PAYOUT

WHEREAS, NJAC 5:30-15 establishes rules that govern how local government units manage and finance compensation for accumulated absence time for their respective employees, and

WHEREAS, accumulated absence includes any sick days, vacation days, personal days or other absence time authorized as part of an employer agreement, which is not used by the employee during the allowed period and which is permitted to accumulate over time to the benefit of the employee, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds and authority exists to pay the total accumulated absence, as per the attached schedule, to Thomas McFadden who retired from the service of the City effective May 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, the attached certification and documentation are presented to comply with the rules and regulations established by the Local Finance Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the total sum of \$34,707.35 composed of 3.52 Vacation Hours and 694.69 Sick Hours, 56 Holiday Hours and -.52 Compensatory Hours be paid out to Thomas McFadden for his unused, accumulated absence time.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted as a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield held this 11th day of June 2024.

Erland Chau, Mayor

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCES
Thomas McFadden
Retirement Date: May 31, 2024
Amount of Payout for unused compensated absences: \$34,707.35

I, Dawn M. Stollenwerk, Chief Financial Officer of the City of Northfield, hereby certify according to NJSA 5:30-15.4 that sufficient documentation has been provided to support the accumulated absence payout to Thomas McFadden. Such sufficient documentation is found in the agreement between the City of Northfield and Northfield Professional Firefighters Association Local #2364 International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO, CLC, January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Attached herewith is the copy of the certification from the Chief of Police reflecting the balances accumulated and a copy of the calculations and amounts used.

I further certify that funds are available in the 2024 Municipal Budget and in the Accumulated Absence Trust to satisfy this commitment and are being encumbered against the account T-24-56-850-008 Accumulated Compensated Absences. This commitment, combined with any other previous commitments does not exceed the appropriation balances available in this line item.

Signed,

Dawn M. Stollenwerk
Chief Financial Officer
Date: June 11, 2024

Thomas McFadden
Payment Calculations - Accumulated Absences

Retirement Date: June 1, 2024

Balance of Accrued Time

	Days	Hours	Value
Sick Leave	153.907	1231.26	
Reimburse Sick 75 days	75.000	600.00	\$27,630.00
Plus 15% of remaining	11.836	94.69	\$4,360.40
Holiday Pay	7.000	56.00	\$2,578.80
Compensatory Time	-0.065	-0.52	-\$23.95
Vacation	0.44	<u>3.52</u>	<u>\$162.10</u>
Total		753.69	\$34,707.35

Hourly Rate \$ 46.05

Bi-Weekly Salary \$3,683.69
 # Payments 9.42

Payout schedule

	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
6/21/2024	\$3,683.69	\$31,023.66
7/5/2024	\$3,683.69	\$27,339.97
7/19/2024	\$3,683.69	\$23,656.28
8/2/2024	\$3,683.69	\$19,972.59
8/16/2024	\$3,683.69	\$16,288.90
8/30/2024	\$3,683.69	\$12,605.21
9/13/2024	\$3,683.69	\$8,921.52
9/27/2024	\$3,683.69	\$5,237.83
10/11/2024	\$3,683.69	\$1,554.14
10/25/2024	<u>\$1,554.14</u>	\$0.00
	\$34,707.35	



**City of Northfield
Employee Balance**

Employee	SSN	Hire Date	Display Mode
City of Northfield			
Fire Department			

McFadden, Thomas		05/05/1999	Days			
Absence Category	Plan	Carry	Earned	Used	Lost	Balance
Vacation	Vacation - Fire, Calendar, Carry	0.000	25.000	24.560	0.000	0.440
Sick	Sick, Calendar, Carry	156.657	15.000	17.750	0.000	153.907
Personal	(None), Hire Date, Carry	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PTO	(None), Hire Date, Carry	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Administrative Leave	(None), Hire Date, Carry	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Compensatory Time	Compensatory Time, Calendar, Carry	0.435	0.000	0.500	0.000	-0.065
Extra Holiday - Fire	Extra Holiday - Fire, Calendar, Zero	0.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	2.000

Count in Fire Department: 1

Count in City of Northfield: 1

Total Count: 1

Group On: Location Department
 Show Group Totals
 Thru Date: 05/31/2024
 Year To Date

$$\frac{5}{12} = 41\%$$

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 123-2024**

INSERTING AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has been awarded a \$24,863.61 Grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Grant and wishes to amend its 2024 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

SECTION 1:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Northfield County of Atlantic hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024:

Miscellaneous Revenue

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection
Clean Communities Grant

SECTION 2:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$24,863.61 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Program Off-Set by Revenues:

State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection
Clean Communities Grant

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 Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Erland Chau, Mayor

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 124-2024**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO
PROCEED WITH PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN
“RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT BIRCH GROVE PARK”, FY
2023 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LRIG)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 230-2022, the Common Council of the City of Northfield authorized the City engineer to apply for the FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for the project known as “Recreation Improvements at Birch Grove Park” (hereinafter “the Project”), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 107-2023 the City of Northfield was awarded and accepted \$80,000 in FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, bid specifications for the Project were prepared by Rami Nassar, of Schaffer, Nassar, Scheidegg, Consulting Engineers, and have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey that the aforesaid specifications are hereby approved and the City Engineer is authorized to proceed with public bidding for this project.

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 Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 125-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the Northfield Office of Emergency Management wishes to apply for the State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of a \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the City's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield will use these funds to enhance our Emergency Management Program and the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

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

1. That the Common Council authorizes the Northfield Office of Emergency Management to apply for the State Homeland Security Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General.

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 Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 126-2024**

**TO AUTHORIZE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, an application was submitted by LGM Enterprises, Inc., to the state of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the 2024-2025 renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate has been received from the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate renewal fees have been paid to the State of New Jersey and to the City of Northfield by the licensee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Northfield that license number 0118-33-001-002 shall be granted to LGM Enterprises, Inc. effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 127-2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL SHARED
SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES
AUTHORITY AND CITY OF NORTHFIELD FOR STREET SWEEPING**

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is in need of street sweeping services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is desirous of executing the attached Inter-Local Shared Services Agreement Between Atlantic County Utilities Authority and City of Northfield for Street Sweeping.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Inter-Local Shared Services Agreement Between Atlantic County Utilities Authority and City of Northfield for STREET SWEEPING attached as Exhibit "A" on behalf of the City of Northfield.

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 Common Council of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Resolution No. 127-2024, Exhibit A

**INTER-LOCAL
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AND
CITY OF NORTHFIELD
FOR STREET SWEEPING**

This Inter-Local Shared Services Agreement (hereafter, **AGREEMENT**), effective as of the 1st day of July 2024, is entered into by and between the City of Northfield, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey with principal offices located at 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, Atlantic County, New Jersey (hereafter, the **CITY**) and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority with offices located 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234 and a mailing address of PO Box 996, Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232-0996 (hereafter, the **AUTHORITY**).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **AUTHORITY** operates a recycling program, a yard waste composting facility, and a landfill for the disposal of solid waste; and

-WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-49 empowers municipalities and municipal utilities authorities to enter contracts for the collection, disposal, recycling, processing and treatment of solid waste by means of the solid waste system of the municipal utilities authority, which term includes disposal of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the **CITY** and the **AUTHORITY**, by resolutions duly adopted by their respective governing bodies, wish to enter an agreement pursuant to which the **AUTHORITY** will provide the following services to the **CITY** as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants contained in this **AGREEMENT**, the parties agree as follows:

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1. The **AUTHORITY** will provide street sweeping services for the **CITY's** roadways as directed by the **CITY**, including the provision of all labor and necessary equipment to do so. These services will be performed at the request of the **CITY** up to once per calendar month. The **CITY** agrees that it will make its request for services to the **AUTHORITY** a minimum of ten (10) business days in advance of the need for the services. The **CITY** further agrees that it will provide the **AUTHORITY** with a minimum of ten (10) business days' notice of its request to terminate services for the season.

2. A roll-off container provided by the **AUTHORITY** will be stationed at a pre-determined location identified by the **CITY** and can be moved to a mutually agreed upon location upon the written agreement of the parties. The **AUTHORITY's** roll-off container shall not be utilized for any purpose other than to deposit debris collected via the **AUTHORITY's** services, as set forth herein, for disposal. The roll-off container will be emptied a minimum of once per month by the **AUTHORITY** for a fee of \$169.91 per pull. The tip fee for said waste will be paid by the **CITY** at the rate of \$22.00 per ton.

3. In addition to paying pull and tip fees to the **AUTHORITY**, the **CITY** will pay the **AUTHORITY** the regular labor rate of \$122.73 per hour and the overtime labor rate of \$149.84 per hour for the street sweeping crew (consisting of 1 sweeper and 1 driver). The OT labor rate will only be charged for the services of the street sweeping crew requested outside the normal street sweeping hours of Monday through Friday 5AM to 3PM. If the **CITY** requests additional work that requires additional **AUTHORITY** staff members (*i.e.* for special events or post-parade clean-up), then for each staff member in addition to the sweeper and driver, the **CITY** will pay the **AUTHORITY** the regular rate of \$50.80 per hour and the OT Rate of \$63.01 per hour.

4. The term of this **AGREEMENT** is from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. At the end of the term, this **AGREEMENT** may be extended by the adoption of appropriate resolutions by the governing bodies of the **CITY** and **AUTHORITY** agreeing to such extension and upon such terms as they shall mutually accept. The **AUTHORITY** will advise the **CITY** of any cost revisions that would apply to an additional term prior to the adoption of the extension. This **AGREEMENT** may be terminated at any time by either party, with or without cause, by 90 days written notice to the other party.

5. The **AUTHORITY** will forward statements to the **CITY** on or before the first week of each month for collections made during the preceding month, and the **CITY** will pay all invoices within sixty (60) calendar days of the **CITY's** receipt. All invoices not paid within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% of the outstanding balance per month (18% per annum) from the date of receipt until paid.

6. The **AUTHORITY** represents and warrants that it will carry and keep in force during the term of this **AGREEMENT** and any extensions thereof, appropriate general liability, auto, and workers' compensation insurance, covering its activities and employees in connection with the provision of services hereunder and will provide proof of same to the **CITY** upon request. The parties acknowledge that the **AUTHORITY** is an independent contractor and not an agent of the **CITY** in conducting activities hereunder.

7. The **AUTHORITY** hereby agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified, and hold and save harmless the **CITY**, its' governing body, its' officers, agents and employees, from and against all demands, claims, loss, costs, damages, expenses and attorney's fees whatsoever, and any and all liability therefore, as a direct result or consequence of any act or omission of the **AUTHORITY** in connection with the performance of its obligations under this **AGREEMENT**. The obligations of the **AUTHORITY** to indemnify the **CITY** under this Paragraph shall not be

limited or defined by the terms or policy limits of any insurance. Similarly, the **CITY** hereby agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified, and hold and save harmless the **AUTHORITY**, its Directors, Officers, Board Members, agents and employees, from and against all demands, claims, loss, costs, damages, expenses and attorney's fees whatsoever, and any and all liability therefore, alleged to have been sustained or incurred by them as a direct result or consequence of any act or omission of the **CITY** in connection with the performance of its obligations under this **AGREEMENT**. Notwithstanding the undertakings of this Paragraph however, if either the **CITY** or the **AUTHORITY** shall be physically or legally prevented from performing their obligations under this **AGREEMENT**, neither shall have any liability to the other for monetary damages, with the exception that the **CITY** shall remain liable for any outstanding invoices issued by the **AUTHORITY** for services rendered and interest accrued thereon.

8. The **CITY** understands that the equipment utilized to perform street sweeping services is specialized equipment, which may experience failures or breakdowns from time to time. In such an event, the **AUTHORITY** will provide notice of a delay or potential delay to the **CITY** as soon as practicable, will promptly seek to have the equipment repaired, and will resume the services upon the completion of repairs. A mechanical failure or breakdown of the equipment shall not be deemed a breach of this **AGREEMENT**, and, as set forth in Paragraph 7 above, the **AUTHORITY** shall not have any liability for monetary damages if it is unable to perform its obligations hereunder for such reason.

9. This **AGREEMENT** represents the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any verbal or written representations made prior hereto. No modifications to this **AGREEMENT** shall be valid unless in writing and adopted by resolution of the respective governing bodies of the **CITY** and the **AUTHORITY**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year set forth above.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTHFIELD

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Print Name/Title)

(Print Name/Title)

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary

Matthew DeNafo, President

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 128-2024**

**TO AUTHORIZE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, an application was submitted by Atlantic City Country Club 1, LLC to the state of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the 2024-2025 renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate has been received from the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate renewal fees have been paid to the State of New Jersey and to the City of Northfield by the licensee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Northfield that license number 0118-33-002-010 shall be granted to Atlantic City Country Club 1 LLC effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 129-2024**

**AUTHORIZING DEBLASIO AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTING
ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS TO PROCEED WITH STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATES**

WHEREAS, DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners have submitted expenditure requests outlining professional engineering services that will be provided to the City of Northfield for the following purpose:

1. Review of existing Stormwater Management Plan
2. Review of NJDEP currently regulations and requirements
3. Preparation of revised Stormwater Management Plan

WHEREAS, copies of said expenditure requests have been provided to the Common Council of the City of Northfield for their review; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has deemed it appropriate to authorize the expenditure of these monies as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Purchase Order Amount</u>
Necessary analyses and related activities	\$3,500.00
Not to Exceed	\$3,500.00

WHEREAS, certification of funds has been received from the Municipal Finance Officer.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield that this Project is approved as submitted by DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners.

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 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 130-2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE
PROVISION OF ELECTRIC GENERATION SUPPLY SERVICE FOR
THE SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) is a purchasing cooperative that consists of various counties and their participating co-op members, and includes numerous municipalities, K-12 school districts, vocational-technical schools, utilities authorities and other municipal agencies. The City of Northfield is a Participating Member of the SJPC through our respective county pricing cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden is the current and acting lead purchasing agency for the SJPC; on behalf of the SJPC, Camden County publicly advertised bids for the purpose of procuring Electric Generation Supply Service (Bid SJPC A12/2024/2020); and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden received and opened bids on May 21, 2024 for Electric Generation Supply Service for the SJPC; and

WHEREAS, the following were the lowest responsible bidders:

Constellation New Energy, Inc. 1310 Point Street, Baltimore, MD 21231; South Jersey Energy Company, 1317 Route 73 North, Suite 206, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 for Bid Pricing Option Group 5 for MGS, SPL, CLS services at a rate of .11095/kWh.

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Participating Members of the SJPC, the County of Camden has executed a master agreement with Constellation New Energy, for the needs of the Participating Members of the SJPC as described above commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending June 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, each currently Participating Member of the SJPC, including the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic shall encumber funds in accordance with applicable law and hereby acknowledge the terms and conditions of the aforementioned bid and master contract to which it will be bound for the duration of the agreement as noted herein.

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 Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Erland Chau, Mayor

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 131-2024**

INSERTING AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has been awarded a \$63,000 Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Fund and wishes to amend its 2024 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

SECTION 1:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Northfield County of Atlantic hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024:

Miscellaneous Revenue

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

NJ Department of Community Affairs

FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

SECTION 2:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$63,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Program Off-Set by Revenues:

NJ Department of Community Affairs

FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

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 Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Erland Chau, Mayor

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 132-2024**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS,
ENCOURAGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN THE OPPOSITION
AND SUPPORTING THE ATLANTIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO UTILIZE ITS VARIOUS POWERS,
INCLUDING LEGAL ACTION TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF
ATLANTIC COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the following has been credibly reported to the Common Council for the City of Northfield and the Common Council for the City of Northfield, without the benefit of independent investigation, and without duty of inquiry or investigation, believes as follows:

- a. the future of Atlantic County's economy faces significant risk from the negative impacts of proposed offshore wind projects and the industrialization of our ocean; and
- b. developers continue to pursue federal and state approvals to construct more than 550 giant wind turbines off New Jersey's coastline and such construction will detrimentally affect the Atlantic Ocean and Atlantic County's shore communities and economy; and
- c. the Ocean Wind One/Two and Atlantic Shores offshore wind projects seek to place several hundred-thousand-foot-tall towers and turbines off the beaches of Atlantic and Cape May and Ocean Counties; and
- d. specifically, Atlantic Shores, and Ocean Wind developers (which still holds an active permit) will build 566 highly visible giant wind turbines starting only nine (9) miles off our beaches; and
- e. 357 of these massive structures will be 1040 feet high and 209 will be 906 feet high; and
- f. in addition to the projects adjacent to Atlantic County's coast, another group of six (6) offshore wind development projects are planned directly east of the ones next to our coastline in an area known as the New York Bight. These developers are planning to build 549 more turbines starting twenty-seven miles off the coast at an even greater height of 1312 feet; and
- g. that is a total of 1,115 massive industrial wind turbines off of our South Jersey coast in our pristine ocean; and
- h. New Jersey's breathtaking scenic ocean views will be forever lost; and
- i. Tourism remains one of New Jersey's largest economic drivers; and

- j. Atlantic County generates over \$7.7 billion in Tourism-related revenue annually with the State realizing over \$800 million in tax revenue; Cape May County generates over \$7.4 billion in Tourism-related revenue annually with the State realizing over \$600 million in tax revenue. 29.9% of all State Tourism-related tax revenue comes out of Atlantic and Cape May Counties alone. Ocean County generates another \$4.7 billion in Tourism-related revenues and over \$400 million in tax receipts; and
- k. Assessors estimate that based upon the impact of an industrialized ocean view from beach homes in Atlantic City, Brigantine, Longport, Margate, and Ventnor, total property values could be reduced by \$2.2 billion, and the County, municipalities, and school districts could lose over \$36 million in annual tax revenues; and
- l. surveys conducted show that fifty percent (50%) of prior renters would not return to Atlantic County communities with visible turbines regardless of rent discount; and
- m. including Atlantic City, Atlantic County annual rental income loss could be \$17.2 Million (10%) to \$68.9 Million (30%) and excluding Atlantic City, Atlantic County's annual revenue loss could be \$4.5 Million (10%) to \$17.9 Million (40%) and lost total rental income over 20 years could be \$65 Million to \$250 Million; and
- n. the rental income loss alone is enough to destroy Atlantic County's economy but the impacts are felt throughout every industry; and
- o. wind turbines will not be a significant tourist attraction but will, in fact, deter tourism and based on survey results, participants are not willing to pay more for rental property with a view of wind turbines off of the coast; and
- p. it is estimated that between 16.5% to 24% of tourists would not visit Atlantic County beach towns and choose other places to vacation, resulting in a loss of 8,700 to 12,700 jobs or 175,000 to 255,000 job years over the project life; and
- q. massive turbines will result in \$1.3 to \$1.9 Billion in annual revenue losses or net present value of \$17.4 Billion to \$25.5 Billion over the project life; and
- r. industrialized ocean views will create a \$142 to \$206 million government tax loss revenue over the project life; and
- s. offshore wind turbines do not create lower cost energy for local residents and business, especially fragile seasonal tourism businesses; and
- t. based upon the most recent analysis for 11GW of offshore wind energy in New Jersey, electricity rates are expected to increase by over 55% for residents, 70% for commercial and over 80% for industrial users by 2047 and based upon the most recent solicitation for 3742 MW of power over 20 years, rates are projected to increase by 20-30%; and

- u. offshore wind turbines not only impact our onshore tourist economy but also affect the recreational fishing industry; and
- v. projection envision approximately \$19 Million per year losses to the New Jersey recreational fishing economy over an estimated 20-year period because of wind turbine construction and operation; and
- w. Atlantic County famously hosts significant regional and state events and attractions and the future scheduling and success of such events becomes questionable with the development of giant wind turbines immediately off the coast of Atlantic County; and
- x. for example, the County hosts the annual Farley Marina Jimmy Johnson Fishing Tournament, the annual Atlantic City Air Show, and world class beach concerts, and other beach centric entertainment events, bars and restaurants and the future of those events becomes uncertain; and
- y. the air show alone brings 100,000 tourists to Atlantic City and \$50 million to the economy; and
- z. the construction of turbines and the loss of tourists will result in casino contraction; and
- aa. closure of casinos because of operating losses may jeopardize the casino industry which, in turn, could reduce local and state taxes/fees including but not limited to the annual \$200 million PILOT tax payments and \$700+ million annual Gaming Specific taxes and fees; and
- bb. the New Jersey Legislature expressed concern for the Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) approach on offshore wind project because of unanswered questions about the economic impact these projects will have on ratepayers as well as potential impacts to one of our state’s largest economic drivers, tourism at the shore; and
- cc. the Legislature has asked the BPU to share these impacts with the communities affected and the Legislature before moving forward with these new offshore projects; and
- dd. the Common Council of the City of Northfield remains concerned about the negative impacts of the build-as-fast-as-possible approach that the State of New Jersey is currently taking on offshore wind; and
- ee. these massive ocean wind projects that Governor Murphy has planned for the waters off the coast of New Jersey are being utilized to advance a dangerous experiment with little understanding or concern for the many, potentially catastrophic, impacts the installation of these industrial power generating facilities will have on the environment, economy, fishing industry, property values, and cost of electricity for the people of New Jersey; and
- ff. the BPU and the developers cannot assure the Legislature that construction of these offshore wind facilities will not negatively impact tourism; and

- gg. even taken at their own word, one of the developers indicates that tourism losses could be as high as 15%, creating a scenario where New Jersey would lose over \$210 million in annual tax revenue; and
- hh. such construction will have a devastating impact on New Jersey families and small businesses; and
- ii. neither BPU nor any other state or federal agency have adequately studied these impacts on our economy; and
- jj. the City of Northfield community supports appropriate clean energy programs, but believes these projects should proceed no further until the potential damage to our tourism-based economy is studied and quantified; and
- kk. before these projects are rushed to be built, our citizens need to know what the real economic and environmental impact will be; and
- ll. the negative impacts from the infrasound generated by these massive ocean wind turbines on marine mammals and humans living along the coast is still unknown and could have long-term damaging effects that may change the Jersey shore forever; and
- mm. despite the pronouncements by Executive agencies of the State of New Jersey that the surveying operations by these off shore wind developers is not leading to the demise of whales, dolphins and porpoises, the Common Council of the City of Northfield is aware that in 2018, the Murphy Administration joined a federal lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, case number 2:18-cv-03326-RMG, seeking an injunction against similar surveying activities by other offshore energy companies; and
- nn. in the lawsuit, the State of New Jersey alleged that “the prospect of seeing marine mammals – whether directly from New Jersey’s shores, or from boats launched from New Jersey’s shores – is an important draw for the State’s coastal economies.” And further, “Whales, dolphins, and porpoises have finely tuned senses of hearing, on which they rely to navigate, seek food, avoid danger, and communicate among themselves. Many species are vulnerable to human activities;” and
- oo. the lawsuit further alleged, “The seismic testing activities at issue here will harm New Jersey and its citizens. They will harass marine mammals and other wildlife that commonly move between federal and state waters, including the waters of New Jersey. Further seismic testing’s negative impact on marine mammals’ health and abundance will make New Jersey less attractive for coast tourism, will deprive New Jersey of tax revenues associated with coastal tourism, and could create cascading effects on the New Jersey’s economically important commercial and recreational fishing industries.,” and
- pp. the CITY OF NORTHFIELD finds that the State of New Jersey’s current insistence that the offshore wind activities will have no negative impacts on

marine mammals, tourism, or fisheries to be inconsistent with reality and contrary to the arguments the State of New Jersey made in Federal Court in 2018; and

- qq. although the Governor and certain other New Jersey officials and representatives of offshore wind developers continue to represent to the public that the immediate construction of these offshore wind electric power generation facilities is of emergent importance in efforts to combat climate change, the Common Council of the City of Northfield is aware of significant findings both governmental and private sector researchers to the contrary; and
- rr. the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in 2021, in Volume II of its Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Vineyard Wind 1 offshore wind project at page A-66 states, “Therefore, the Proposed Action (the construction of multiple offshore wind project along the East Coast] would have negligible impacts on climate change during these activities and an overall minor beneficial impact of Green House Gas emissions compared to the generation of the same amount of energy by the existing grids. Development of offshore wind projects and the construction, implementation, operation, maintenance, and the eventual decommissioning activities would cause some Green House Gas emissions increases primarily through the emissions of CO2. Overall, it is anticipated that there would be no collective impact on global warming as a result of offshore wind projects... though they may beneficially contribute to a broader combination of actions to reduce future impacts of climate change.” and
- ss. BOEM concluded in 2021 that building multiple offshore wind farms in Atlantic waters of the East Coast of the United States will essentially have no impact on reducing global warming; and
- tt. the Common Council of the City of Northfield through sharing data with neighboring municipalities and counties, is aware of studies conducted by researchers at Harvard University that found that the installation of scores of wind turbines in a concentrated area will actually raise surface temperatures, especially in the immediate area of the turbines. The Harvard researchers concluded, “The direct climate impacts of wind power are instant, while the benefits of reduced emissions accumulate slowly. If your perspective in the next 10 years, wind power actually has – in some respects – more climate impact than coal or gas,” David & Keith, Climate Impacts of Wind Power, Joule, Volume II, Issue 12, P2618, December 19, 2018; and
- uu. it would appear that combating climate change does not appear to be advanced by the installation of wind projects thus the urgent necessity of stripping the City of Northfield home rule does not appear to exist; and

- vv. post-construction evaluations of the projects' impact will be meaningless to the residents of Atlantic County when the economy is decimated and to the ocean life after their habitats are severely altered; and
- ww. the recent, unprecedented deaths and stranding of marine mammals including whales, dolphins and porpoises along the shores of Atlantic County and other New Jersey Counties and surrounding states is of the utmost concern to the Common Council of the City of Northfield and no satisfactory answer to the question of whether or not the actions of offshore wind developers are leading to the deaths of whales and other marine mammals had been provided by any federal or state agency; and
- xx. the Common Council of the City of Northfield does not find it an acceptable answer for state and federal officials and agencies to state that they are not certain what is leading to the unprecedented deaths of multiple marine mammals but that they somehow know for certain that the deaths are not related in any way to the activities of offshore wind development companies; and
- yy. the Common Council of the City of Northfield has grave concerns about the potential negative impaction on our tourism economy as a result of the installation of scores of offshore wind turbines visible from shore; and
- zz. the Common Council of the City of Northfield joins and supports the approach and statements made by United States Congressman Van Drew, State Senator Polistina, Assemblywoman Claire Swift and Assemblyman Don Guardian in the State Legislatures' efforts to vote against Senate Bill S4019 and Assembly Bill A5651 that would give millions of dollars in federal tax credits to the offshore wind project that will adversely affect the rate payers of this municipality, this County and this State.

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

1. The preamble to this resolution is incorporated here by reference and made part hereof as the findings of the Common Council of the City of Northfield.
2. The Common Council of the City of Northfield opposes the Atlantic Shore and Ocean Wind turbine projects; and
3. The Common Council of the City of Northfield determines that the installation of offshore wind projects and other such projects, as currently designed and intended will cause great harm to our marine environment and great harm to the tourism and fisheries sector of our local economy and may cause to other sectors such as real estate.
4. The Common Council of the City of Northfield further opposes any wind turbine projects along New Jersey's coast, regardless of height of the structures

and distance from New Jersey's pristine shorelines, until proper studies are performed; and

5. Studies must include full evaluation of the impact of such construction on the tourism industry, the economy in general, the Atlantic County labor market; and
6. Studies must better understand the environmental impact of ocean habitats, the migration of ocean mammals and organisms that create a healthy biosphere to ensure continued protection of the Atlantic Ocean, waterways and back bays and ocean life in general; and
7. The Common Council of the City of Northfield resolves that until such time that the wind developers present a project design that, to the greatest extent possible, mitigates the negative environmental and economic impacts of its project, the Common Council of the City of Northfield objects to and opposes the construction of the projects.
8. The Common Council of the City of Northfield calls on the municipalities in Atlantic, Cape May and Ocean Counties to join in the opposition to these wind turbine projects because of the significant negative impacts to the New Jersey coastline and coastline communities; and
9. The Common Council of the City of Northfield encourages and urges the Atlantic County Executive and Board of County Commissioners to pursue all appropriate action, including but not limited to legal action to prevent the approval and construction of wind turbine projects because of the detrimental impact they would have on Atlantic County municipalities; and
10. The Common Council of the City of Northfield recognizes and appreciates the efforts already initiated by Congressman Jeff Van Drew and Senator Vince Polistina and Assembly Members Don Guardian and Claire Swift; and
11. The Common Council of the City of Northfield shall provide copy of this resolution to each elected official at the County, State and Federal level as well as serve a copy upon Governor Phil Murphy, Lt. Governor Tahesha Way, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette, Members of the Board of Public Utilities, the Senate President Nicholas Scutari, and the Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.

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 Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 133-2024**

**TO AUTHORIZE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, an application was submitted by Northfield Liquors LLC to the state of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the 2024-2025 renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate has been received from the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate renewal fees have been paid to the State of New Jersey and to the City of Northfield by the licensee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Northfield that license number 0118-44-004-001 shall be granted to Northfield Liquors LLC effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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 11th day of June 2024.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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Engineer's Report

To: Mayor & Council
City of Northfield

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City Engineer

Cc: Mary Canesi, Clerk (via email)
Dawn Stollenwerk, CFO (via email)
Qwin Vitale, Superintendent of Public Works (via email)

Date: June 11, 2024

Grant Applications

1. **FY2024 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG)**
 - The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has announced that they are accepting LRIG applications and the submission deadline is February 27, 2024. The LRIG application was submitted on February 23, 2024.
 - Grant awards were announced on May 31, 2024. The City was awarded \$63,000.00.
2. **USDA Water and Waste Disposal-Predevelopment Planning Grant (PPG)**
 - The requested financial information from the City has been submitted to the USDA and is currently under review. Our office contacted the USDA on March 18, 2024 asking for a status update and resubmitted the financial information.
 - Our office contacted the USDA again on April 16, 2024. USDA responded on May 2, 2024 that since Northfield did not have a Utility Account, they had to consult the national USDA office for Guidance. Guidance was received and recommendations should be given in the upcoming week or two. USDA requested an update to the PPG regarding the schedule, which was submitted on May 29, 2024.
3. **New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Projects Fund (NJDOT LTPF)**
 - Subject to funding appropriation, the Local Transportation Projects Fund is established to address specific focused local transportation issues throughout the state. Applications can be submitted at any time via SAGE (System for Administering Grants Electronically). City

projects will be evaluated for eligibility and submission. Our office transmitted a proposal to complete and submit the grant application on January 30, 2024.

- The City has identified various streets within the City which are in need of re-striping. DBA will submit a proposal for this work and collaborate with Qwin Vitale on identification of street locations.
- The City has selected the reconstruction of Forrest Drive from Juniper Drive to Mill Road for FY2024 of the Local Transportation Project Fund.

4. New Jersey Department of Transportation State Aid

- The NJDOT has announced that the State is accepting grant applications for roadway, bikeway and pedestrian improvements.
- The grant application deadline is July 1, 2024.
- The City has selected the reconstruction of Juniper Drive from Cedarbridge Road to Mill Road as its project for FY2025 Municipal Aid.

Engineering

1. Drainage Issue at 2320 Cedarbridge Road:

- On February 9, 2024, Marc DeBlasio met with Qwin Vitale to assess drainage issues at 2320 Cedarbridge Road. It was determined that the property lies at a low point within the drainage area. Recommended short term solutions include constructing an earthen berm at the driveway and cleaning and inspecting storm sewer inlets and pipe. Long term solutions include evaluating the storm sewer system and installing larger pipes and/or drainage facilities, and the installation of curbing along the roadway.
- The Public Works department cleaned and video recorded the pipe. Per Qwin Vitale's email: "The storm drain running in front of the house that floods on Cedarbridge is clean and in good condition. A couple bellies in the pipe and small root intrusion at a couple joints but nothing to cause the flooding." The inspection video was recorded for reference.

2. Street Excavation and Sidewalk Ordinance

- Our office was asked to review and revise the street excavation and sidewalk ordinance. We have been coordinating with the City to update this ordinance.
- Our office sent draft ordinance to the City on May 21, 2024.

3. Stormwater Management Plan

- DeBlasio and Associates was asked by Qwin Vitale to review and update the City's Stormwater Management Plan.
- A proposal was sent out to the City on June 5, 2024 for discussion at the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting.

4. Slipline Repairs Zion and Mill Roads, Zion and Davis Roads

- On March 14, 2024, Qwin Vitale contacted our office to discuss the sliplining of sanitary sewers and manhole rehabilitation at Zion and Mill Roads and Zion and Davis Roads. Partial sections have been videoed by the City and one of the pipes was found to have a hole in it. DBA submitted a proposal for this work on March 22, 2024.
- DBA's proposal to complete this work at Zion and Mill Roads and Zion and Davis Roads was approved at the March 26, 2024 meeting.

- The project is currently in design and is scheduled for public bidding in the next few weeks.
- The project was submitted to the Atlantic County Engineering department for review. The County is requiring the majority of the work to be conducted during the night.