

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

At 6:14pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2024, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Chau led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith; Council President Leeds.

**Absent:** Councilman Dewees.

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were also present.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilman Polistina with a second by Councilman Smith, all members present, were in favor of approving the minutes of September 3, 2024, without formal reading.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau had no report.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Mauro followed up on the survey requirements as discussed at last meeting for the subdivision plan for Habitat, there was a much more extensive requirement than done by the former engineer.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Leeds opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, the public comment portion of this meeting was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Leeds read Resolution 185-2024 by title.

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Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Council President Leeds to adopt Resolution 185-2024.

**185-2024** Dedication of Ladder 63 in Memory of Eustace ‘Jake’ Eggie III and Robert C. Leeds

Council President Leeds thanked the Fire Department for the long hard work they did to purchase the truck, a lot of hours were put into it; he was very thankful. He thanked the Fire Department for dedicating the truck to the memory of the two fire fighters.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees-absent; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Leeds thanked all for coming.

Mayor Chau recognized Bud Eggie, Jake's son, and thanked him for being here, he thanked him for the dedication to the City on the part of their entire family.

Bud Eggie, to all, said Jake was his father. He belonged to many organizations, the Carpenters Union, American Legion, AllSports and of course the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company. Out of all of them, the Fire Company was dearest to him and took up most of his time. To have a truck named in memory of him is very meaningful to the family. He thanked all.

Council President Leeds read the following statement: “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 motion of Councilwoman Bucci, seconded by Councilwoman Carfagno all members present, were in favor of voting on Resolutions 186-2024, 187-2024 and 189-2024 through 195-2024, by Consent Agenda.

**186-2024** Employment Status Change for Substitute School Crossing Guard

**187-2024** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

**189-2024** Acknowledge Resignation of Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management

**190-2024** To Reject the Sole Bid Received for the Project Known as “Various Sanitary Sewer Main and Manhole Rehabilitations”

**191-2024** Acknowledging Retirement of Adult School Crossing Guard

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- 192-2024** Amending Resolution No. 60-2024 Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
- 193-2024** A Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- 194-2024** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield Adopting its Mount Laurel Amended Spending Plan
- 195-2024** Resolution Designating the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees-absent; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith spoke and said he wanted Resolution 188-2024 voted separately; the applicant is someone from outside of town, the field has had a lot of work on it, he cannot support this use of the field.

Councilwoman Bucci stated that she had attempted to Google the organization but found nothing. We have no idea if there are any Northfield participants.

Councilman Notaro said he had checked with Jason Yard, who advised was okay with it in terms of scheduling. Councilman Notaro did agree that it was extra wear and tear.

Councilman Polistina said it sounded like they were charging for a baseball clinic and using our fields.

Councilman Smith added that the fields get a lot of use in the summer, the field needed to rest and recover. Joe Bunting has put a lot of money into that field. He was not in favor of it.

Mayor Chau asks if we verify the number of Northfield residents.

Clerk Canesi responded; if the applicant does indicate there are Northfield residents playing, the Clerk's Office does not attempt to verify that.

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to adopt Resolution 188-2024.

- 188-2024** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – no; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees-absent; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – no; Mr. Smith – no; Mr. Leeds – yes.

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The vote on resolution 188-2024 by the members present resulted in a tie; Mayor Erland Chau cast the deciding vote in the negative, therefore the motion failed.

**ORDINANCE**

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilwoman Carfagno seconded to introduce Ordinance 10-2024.

**10-2024** Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1-2024, Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County  
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 9/24/2024*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 10/1/2024*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication, public hearing, and final consideration 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 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina– yes; Mr. Smith – no; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**      \$ 643,158.05

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to approve payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina– yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

**MEETING NOTICES**

Councilwoman Bucci read the meeting notices.

At 6:32pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk