

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2024**

At 6:18pm 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

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Smith; 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 Notaro, apart from Councilwoman Bucci and Council President Leeds who both abstained, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of October 15, 2024, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees announced there was no report.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro announced that the Educational Cooperative pricing resolution was for the Little League Field redesign and will save over \$14,000 if the coop is used. She listed improvements that would be undertaken. Regarding the request for a survey for the easement between Burton and New Road, she said the proposal was requested by Superintendent Vitale to establish boundaries. The City received a grant from USDA for \$17,000; she understood USDA had been on site, the next step would be to authorize DeBlasio to proceed with the study, and then authorize DeBlasio for a larger amount for additional grants.

Councilman Polistina asked about the easement.

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees explained he had received complaints via Code Enforcement regarding bamboo and possible encroachments.

Councilman Notaro asked if we needed a resolution to proceed.

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Council President Pro Tempore Dewees replied; if we intend to proceed, yes.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

William Stub, Northfield, spoke regarding the waterfowl mentioned earlier, and said it was rescued by him not by the Fire Department. He had concerns with Birch Grove, things are getting bad and they are getting worse. He has seen evidence of bonfires. There were things that could be done, debris and entanglements in the water can be addressed. There was a goose missing its entire leg that people are attempting to rescue. He was working on a proposal to take back our park. Birds and fish are dying. He would have written proposal sent to everyone. He grew up fishing in the park with his grandfather. He felt there was too much litter and dumping at the park. He works for Marine Mammal Stranding Center, but his views and thoughts do not reflect those of the Stranding Center.

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees asked Mr. Stub is he contacted the Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Stub replied, no.

Councilman Polistina asked where the evidence of bonfires was.

Mr. Stub explained the location.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Council President Leeds closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Notaro, seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Dewees.

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."

All members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 216-2024 through 220-2024 by Consent Agenda.

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- 216-2024** Authorizing the City of Northfield to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- 217-2024** Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Engineering Services for the Project Known as Reconstruction of Ridgewood Drive
- 218-2024** Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Engineering Services for the Project Known as Reconstruction of Wabash Avenue
- 219-2024** A Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey to Accept the Donation of an E-bike for Use by the City of Northfield Police Department
- 220-2024** Authorizing the Waiver of Any and All Permit Fees Associated with the Renovation of the Fire Department Ready Room at the City of Northfield Municipal Building

Councilman Notaro motioned, Council President Pro Tempore Dewees seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 56,642.06

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Leeds 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