

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

At 6:00pm 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 1975, 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; Councilman Smith; Council President Leeds.

Absent: Mayor Chau.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Dewees – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works: Roads, Engineering

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees announced Girl Scout Troop 101 would be doing a cleanup at Birch Grove Park on November 22nd as part of the Clean Communities Grant; Public Works was aware. He read the Police Department report for October.

Council President Leeds commented that Councilman Notaro went through the park the other day and found it to be very clean.

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees agreed, he went over after the last meeting. The park was fine.

Councilman Notaro added that he did not see any fishing line etc.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Bucci reported this Thursday is the next Safety meeting; the Planning Board was in the final stages of the Master Plan and there would be an Economic Element with clear goals and objectives. There is talk of forming a joint Economic Development Commission as well.

Councilman Polistina – Finance and Collections; Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Library; Municipal Alliance Senior Citizens

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Councilman Polistina had no Committee Report.

Councilman Smith - Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth; Northfield Community School; Shared Services

Councilman Smith congratulated Councilwoman Bucci on her re-election. He thanked Joan Brennan for reaching out to him the day after the election to wish him well. He thanked her as well for a friendly campaign. She offered her assistance and was very gracious; he thanked her for stepping forward to run for office. He also thanked the residents for the faith they have in him. He deferred to Solicitor Facenda for an update on the Court.

Solicitor Facenda stated we have been in communication with the court staff and Judge Blee, we were approved and to Solicitor Facenda's understanding we were just waiting for written confirmation. Judge Belasco has retired as Presiding Judge and that may be the reason for the delay; he believed we were still on track for January 1st.

Councilwoman Carfagno - Technology / MRHS Channel; Cultural Committee / Veteran Liaison; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Carfagno announced the Cultural Committee Flea Market for November 23rd from 8am - 2pm at the Community School, a few spaces remain. She thanked all our Veterans for their service.

Councilman Notaro - Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)

Councilman Notaro had no report.

Council President Leeds – Fire Department/EMS

Council President Leeds congratulated Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Smith, they both worked hard on an issue-focused campaign.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Electric Vehicles – *Councilmen Polistina and Notaro.*
No update.

Special Events Ordinance – *Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Dewees.*

Councilwoman Bucci reported she was reviewing the draft that Clerk Canesi sent her. She also congratulated Councilman Smith on his win and thanked the citizens of Northfield for their faith in her. She was in the home stretch for the event ordinance.

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Affordable Housing – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Polistina*
Councilman Polistina shared the letter from our affordable housing attorney, he made some notes on it; we were right on track and moving in the right direction.

Road Opening Ordinance – *Councilmen Dewees and Notaro.*
Councilman Notaro did not have an update.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

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- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

There were no new grant opportunities.

Councilwoman Bucci, for new business, would be sending information on nano-plastics and may have a speaker on the subject at a future meeting.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Leeds reviewed the agenda and made the assignments.

Councilman Smith asked if the jet vac was approved during the budget process?

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees replied, yes.

PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Leeds opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that all persons state their name and city of residence for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

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

At 6:10pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk