

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

At 6:26pm 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 followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

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 all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of November 12, 2024, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau read a letter he received regarding pedestrian safety and a complete streets policy, there is a webinar on December 5th to learn how to apply for assistance. He announced the 2024 holiday light tour application was on the City website and on Facebook, judging will be between 12/19-21. Contact the City Clerk's office for more information. The ACUA costs will increase 3.38% this year based on the Consumer Price Index. He announced the new tipping rates that would go into effect as of March 2025. He also received a letter from the DCA regarding a Resolution to establish the City as an area in need of rehabilitation; they have received it and we were approved. The Christmas tree lighting would be December 6th in front of City Hall at 7pm. There was no rain date, the event would be held inside if there was inclement weather. He encouraged all to attend. It was also being advertised on the LED sign. He read a letter from the County regarding Tilton Road speed limit reduction; they do not believe a speed limit reduction is warranted. Mayor Chau read the Police Department report for October.

Mayor Chau announced the resignation of one of our Police Officers. If the other town approves, we will need to replace him.

Councilwoman Bucci commented about the letter we sent to the County regarding Tilton Road, and said the request wasn't based on safety, it was also based on a request from the businesses.

Councilman Dewees added that they did leave it open to come up with other traffic calming measures.

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CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Mauro reported that in June we submitted to NJDOT for the reconstruction of Juniper Drive, from Cedar Bridge Road to Mill Road, and were approved for \$229,000.00 for the \$300,000.00 project. As Councilman Notaro said we did meet today regarding the traffic control plan for the slip line project, they were very agreeable to modifications to the plan and will allow police to do some of it. She would revise and resubmit the traffic control plan to the County and would revise the cost estimate as well.

Councilman Notaro added that Council would like to get it on the next agenda.

Clerk Canesi explained what would be needed to do so; once the County approves the new traffic control plan, we would need revised bid specs and a revised proposal for the DeBlasio work and both can be approved at the same meeting. The bid will then be readvertised. The deadline for the December 17th meeting agenda will be the preceding Thursday, so December 12th.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

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, it will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.”

On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 228-2024 through 236-2024 by Consent Agenda.

- 228-2024** Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2024 Budget
- 229-2024** Transfer of Funds
- 230-2024** Amending Resolution No. 192-2024 Recognizing Members of The Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
- 231-2024** Use of Facilities – Calvary Chapel Gateway
- 232-2024** Rescind Approval of Resolution No. 180-2024
- 233-2024** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Certain License Agreements
- 234-2024** Authorization To Hire Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard

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- 235-2024** A Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Improvements to the Little League Baseball Field
- 236-2024** Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates Engineers to Proceed with Engineering Services for the Project Known as Little League Field Rehabilitation

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Smith 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 – yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,077,723.10

Councilwoman Bucci 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 – yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Leeds thanked all from Council for this year, he would not be at next meeting. He would be away.

Council President Leeds then announced that he was resigning from City Council as of tonight.

Clerk Canesi advised Council President Leeds that she would need his resignation in writing, which is what triggers a vacancy.

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Leeds read the meeting notices.

At 6:43pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk