

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD ANNUAL REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 2, 2008**

This meeting was called to order by Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC. It was properly advertised under Public Law 75, Chapter 231. Carol welcomed everyone to this annual reorganization meeting. The flag salute was led by former Councilman Ben Mazzeo, father of Mayor Elect Vincent Mazzeo.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Vincent Mazzeo by State Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano. Mayor Mazzeo thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated that he was honored to be the Mayor of the City he grew up in. He thanked the residents of Northfield for the opportunity. He thanked his family for their support and especially his parents for teaching him to have a good work ethic. He acknowledged the many great employees of the City.

The Oath of Office was administered to Jimmy Martinez, Councilman First Ward, by State Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano. Councilman Martinez thanked his wife and children for their support. Appreciative of the honor, he thanked the residents of Northfield for their support.

The Oath of Office was administered to Jason D. O'Grady, Councilman Second Ward, by State Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano. O'Grady thanked the citizens of Northfield, stating that he met many neighbors and residents during his campaign. He is very proud and excited about this opportunity to serve. He thanked his mother and his wife for their support.

Roll Call was taken by Municipal Clerk Carol Raph as follows:

Present: Timothy Carew, Jimmy Martinez, David Notaro, Jason O'Grady,
Steven Vain

Absent: Cynthia Kern

The Municipal Clerk announced and recognized the passing of Councilwoman Kern's mother. She then called for a motion to elect a Council President for the year 2008. Motioned by Councilman Notaro, second by Councilman Carew to elect Councilman Jimmy Martinez as Council President.

Roll call: Carew – yes; Kern – absent; Martinez – yes; Notaro – yes; O'Grady – yes; Vain – yes. Motion carries.

Council President Martinez stated that Council's thoughts and prayers are with Councilwoman Kern and her family at this difficult time. Martinez distributed the 2008 Committee Assignments to Council and the public.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES/ DECEMBER 11, 2007

Motion was made by Councilman Carew, second by Councilman Vain to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 11, 2007. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

MAYOR VINCENT MAZZEO'S 2008 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Mazzeo believes the City is entering into its One Hundred and Third year of incorporation vibrant and strong; while the real estate market is in despair across the Country, Northfield's added assessment went up by \$2,869,500.00 and the tax collection rate is strong at 97.6%. Due to an aggressive approach to our Debt Service, we realized a decrease of \$620,000.00 in 2007. The City's total Debt Service is \$7,884,000.00 and our total assessed value is over \$550,000,000.00.

Accomplishments for the year 2007 included:

- Installation of a 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Cedarbridge and Oak
- Completion of the State's Project at the Tilton & Rte. 9 intersection
- Reconstruction of Banning Avenue, Roosevelt and Davis Avenue
- Transfer of a Liquor License to the Atlantic City Country Club
- Hiring of new Police Officers – resulting in a fully staffed department
- Hiring of two new Firefighters
- County approval of the City's Open Space Grant application in the amount of \$1 million dollars for the purchase and preservation of property on Oak Avenue
- Refurbishment of the baseball fields – with special thanks given to Mr. Leeds and all of the volunteers who give of their time and skills to maintain and improve the City's recreation fields and facilities

Going into 2008, the City's tentative Capital Plan is in place with various street projects including: reconstruction of the Zion and Cedarbridge intersection; drainage improvements on Davis, Cedarbridge and Wabash; installation of a pump station at Pasadena and Phillmore.

Year 2008 Objectives include:

- Improvements to the City's sewer system
- Addition of a Council Traffic Safety Committee – Mayor Mazzeo recognized Councilman Vain for his dedication to this issue; a single traffic speed hump is to be installed as a test of the device's effectiveness.
- Improvements to the recreation fields to include more lighting and new cages
- Construction of a new walkway at Birch Grove Park

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- Technology updates to include automated record keeping and upgrades to the Police Department computers
- An updated City Website to better serve the community

Mayor Mazzeo thanked all of the community volunteers for their countless hours of time and dedication. He thanked the Northfield Volunteer Rescue Squad for their community service and he expressed hope that Council will endorse their proposal in 2008.

He concluded by thanking the Governing Body and City employees and is looking forward to working together with everyone to continue to provide excellent services to the residents of Northfield.

RESOLUTIONS

On a motion by Councilman O'Grady, seconded by Councilman Notaro, all present in favor of a Consent agenda, as follows:

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| 1-2008 | Annual Schedule of Meetings/Published in the press
January 5, 2008 |
| 2-2008 | A Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan |
| 3-2008 | Designate The Press of Atlantic City as the Official Instrument for
the Publication of Legal Notices for the City of Northfield |
| 4-2008 | Annual Appointments |
| 5-2008 | Temporary Appropriations |
| 6-2008 | Award of Contracts for Professional Services |
| 7-2008 | Northfield Cultural Committee Appointments |
| 8-2008 | DELETED |
| 9-2008 | Appointments of Hazardous Materials Emergency Management
Advisory Council |
| 10-2008 | Safety and Health Committee Appointments |
| 11-2008 | Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records |
| 12-2008 | To Establish the Rate of Interest for Nonpayment of Taxes or
Assessments |

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- 13-2008** Authorize Delinquent Tax Penalty Charges
- 14-2008** To Authorize the Tax Assessor to File a Petition of Appeal or Appeals for the Tax Year 2008
- 15-2008** To Authorize Northfield-Linwood Shared Service Sewer Committee
- 16-2008** Rescue Squad Appointments
- 17-2008** To Hire a Laborer in the Public Works Department
- 18-2008** Pipe Bursting at Revere Avenue & Bay Drive, Change Order No. 1
- 19-2008** Appoint Risk Management Consultants/ Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF)
- 20-2007** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers/Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
- 21-2008** A Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 22-2008** A Resolution Authorizing the Contact Persons to Access the Employment Practices Liability Consultation Service (EPL)/ ACMJIF
- 23-2008** To Authorize the Sale of a City-Owned 1979 Emergency One Protector III Pumper – Fire Truck

Roll call: Carew – yes; Kern – absent; Notaro – yes; O’Grady - yes; Vain – yes;.
Martinez – yes. Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman O’Grady motioned for payment of bills in the amount of **\$184,291.68**, second by Councilman Carew.

Roll call: Carew – yes; Kern – absent; Notaro – yes; O’Grady - yes; Vain – yes;.
Martinez – yes. Motion carries.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Martinez opened this meeting to the Public. Lou Malone came forward and expressed concern about the lack of American Flags that are on display in the City. He explained how the Y2K Committee had acquired about 200 flags back in 2000, but that they are all gone or are tattered. He requested that City Council refurbish the stock of flags.

Robert Webb of 218 West Revere Avenue came forward and offered well-wishes to outgoing Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. and best wishes to the new Mayor, Vince Mazzeo.

Ida Margolis of Cara Court came forward expressing concerns over the amount of leaves that are piling up along the curbs in her neighborhood. She inquired about street cleaning.

Former Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. came forward and congratulated Mayor Mazzeo, and Councilmen Martinez and O'Grady. He recognized former Councilman Ben Mazzeo who was in attendance. He offered his condolences to the Kern family and thanked Councilwoman Kern for her hard work last year on the Rescue Squad Committee. On behalf of the Squad, he expressed hope that Council would accept their proposal and allow them to move forward.

Councilman Martinez recognized the following dignitaries in attendance: Freeholder Frank Sutton; Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano; Former Councilman and Council President Ben Mazzeo; Former Mayor, Frank Perri, Jr.; Sheriff Jim McGettigan; Freeholder Lisa Cooper.

Councilman Carew announced the next meeting of Council will be held on January 22, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Vain, seconded by Councilman Notaro. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk