

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD ANNUAL REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 3, 2006**

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 Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. He called for a moment of silence for our troops fighting for our freedom at home and abroad, that they may return home safely to their families in this new year.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Oath of Office was administered to Vincent Mazzeo, Councilmember-at-Large, by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. Councilmember Mazzeo thanked his family, friends and the residents of Northfield for giving him this opportunity. He expressed how much it means to him being a resident of Northfield most his life, watching his children grow up in the City, serving as a Councilmember, Councilmember-at-Large and now President of Council. Mazzeo said he will continue to make Northfield a great City now and in the future.

The Oath of Office was administered to David Notaro, Councilmember 1st Ward, by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. Notaro thanked his family, friends and all volunteers who helped with his campaign, and said he was looking forward to working with the Mayor, Council, City professionals and employees for the good of Northfield.

The Oath of Office was administered to Cynthia Kern, Councilmember 2nd Ward, by Municipal Clerk Carol A. Raph. Kern said being elected to Council three years ago was an honor, but being elected for a second term is a greater honor. She thanked all the voters of Northfield and said she will continue to work on behalf of Northfield's residents. Kern also thanked her family, her biggest supporters, which included her three sons, future daughter-in-law and husband Dan. Kern congratulated Dave and Vince and thanked Carol for administering the Oath.

Roll Call for 2006: Present were: Timothy Carew, Cynthia Kern, David Notaro Vincent Mazzeo, Jimmy Martinez and Michael Turon.

Resolution 1-2006

Municipal Clerk Carol A. Raph read this resolution appointing Guy Schlachter to fill the vacancy for the 2nd Ward Council position created by the resignation of Vincent Mazzeo. Motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Notaro. Roll call: Carew – no; Kern – no; Martinez – yes; Mazzeo – yes; Notaro – yes; Turon – no. Mayor Perri was called upon to break the tie vote. Mayor Perri, by authority of N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, cast his vote in favor of appointing Guy Schlachter as Councilmember 2nd Ward. Motion carries.

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The Oath of Office was administered to Guy Schlachter, Councilmember 2nd Ward, by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. Schlachter expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work for the community.

Municipal Clerk Carol A. Raph called for a motion to elect a Council President for the year 2006. Motioned by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Notaro to elect Council-at-Large Vincent Mazzeo as Council President. Roll call: Carew – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Mazzeo – yes; Notaro – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes. Motion carries.

Council President Vincent Mazzeo thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President of Council and welcomed Councilman Schlachter.

Mayor Perri recognized attendees as follows: former Councilmember Ben Mazzeo, Atlantic County Surrogate James Carney, former Assemblyman Fred Scerni and former Councilmember Wayne Thomas.

The Mayor stated for the record that the process for selecting the nominees to fill a vacancy on Council is accomplished according to State Statute, by the Municipal Party Chairperson and 2nd Ward County Committee of the City of Northfield, and that he was not included in the process of the selection.

Motion for a five minute recess by Council President Vincent Mazzeo, seconded by Councilman Martinez. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council President Mazzeo distributed 2006 Council Committee Appointments.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Turon and second by Councilman Notaro to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 27, 2005. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Turon had no report for this session.

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Councilman Martinez wished all a happy new year and congratulated Mazzeo and all elected officials.

Councilman Schlachter wished all a happy new year and said he is looking forward to working with Council to move forward in the City.

Councilman Carew congratulated the new members of City Council and Councilwoman Kern for her re-election. Carew reiterated the new playground equipment had been delivered to Birch Grove Park and is looking forward to the installation and to 2006.

Councilwoman Kern offered congratulations to Councilmen Schlachter and Notaro, and to Council President Mazzeo.

Councilman Notaro said he has spoken with Administrator Bruckler regarding the Oak and Cedarbridge project, and anticipates moving forward in the near future. Notaro also will be working with the Police Department to identify additional problem areas in the City.

Council President Mazzeo congratulated Council Members Schlachter, Kern and Notaro, and said he was looking forward to a good year working together.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Perri reported that January is Radon Action Month. A phone number and website are available from the EPA for residential testing.

Mayor Perri gave his 2006 State of the City Address, noting the City's 100th anniversary which was highlighted with special events enjoyed by the community. He described the City's economy as good despite the restraints from the State and grant funding. He said the net worth of the community had increased but was slowing. Perri added a more conservative approach would be taken for capital projects due to the current loan debt. The new debt for 2005 shows a total of \$1,450,555, total City loan debt is \$6,815,000. The debt payment for 2005 was \$290,000. Added assessment for 2005 is \$14,018,000. The tax collection for the City is excellent at 98.40%. The year was busy with 173 Resolutions and 9 Ordinances adopted.

Accomplishments for the year 2005 are:

- 80% of the 2005 municipal paving projects have been completed

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- Phase I repaving of Roosevelt Avenue under the 2005 State Aid Grant
- New City Hall parking lot
- Storm water pumping station at Cedarbridge and Juniper
- Upgrade of the football field
- Phase III of the handicap curb cuts project
- Impact Fees for new home development
- Trail and footbridge improvements at Birch Grove Park
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Department acquired through Federal funding
- Completion of Philmar Circle storm water main repair

Year 2006 Objectives:

- Video cameras for police vehicles
- Installation of flashing stop sign control devices at the intersections of Cedarbridge and Oak, and Zion and Oak
- Upgrading of City communication system
- Completion of the all purpose sports field
- Phase II of Roosevelt Avenue repaving project under State Aid Grant
- Completion of 2005 municipal paving project
- Installation of new playground equipment at Birch Grove Park
- Continue to work with State for reconstruction of Tilton Road and US Route 9 intersection, and follow through with the Department of Transportation Grant for sidewalks on US Route 9
- Complete Phase IV of the handicap curb cuts project

Mayor Perri concluded by thanking the Governing Body, employees and volunteers for their support and dedication to the City. He stated that he is looking forward to working together with everyone.

Council President Mazzeo requested a motion to include Resolution 24-2006 in the Consent Agenda. Motion by Councilman Turon, seconded by Councilman Carew, all in favor. Motion carries

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Mazzeo requested a Motion for a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 2-2006 through and including 24-2006. On a motion by Councilman Carew, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all present in favor, as follows:

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- 2-2006** Annual Schedule of Meetings/Published 1/7/2006
- 3-2006** A Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- 4-2006** Designate the Atlantic City Press as the Official Instrument for the Publication of Legal Notices for the City of Northfield
- 5-2006** Annual Appointments
- 6-2006** Temporary Appropriations
- 7A-2006** Appointing Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., PA, City Solicitor
- 7B-2006** Appointing Edward J. McManimon, III, Bond Counsel
- 7C-2006** Appointing Kenneth W. Moore, CPA/RMA, City Auditor
- 7D-2006** Appointing Andrew F. Schaeffer, PE/PP, Assistant City Engineer
- 7E-2006** Appointing Eric Martin Bernstein, Esquire, Labor Relations Attorney
- 7F-2006** Appointing Jeffrey J. Waldman, Esquire, Municipal Prosecutor
- 7G-2006** Appointing Darrin M. Lord, Esquire, Public Defender
- 7H-2006** Appointing Thomas G. Smith, Esquire, Tax Appeal Attorney
- 8-2006** Northfield Cultural Committee Appointments
- 9-2006** Appointments of Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Advisory Council
- 10-2006** Fire Department Appointments
- 11-2006** Safety and Health Committee Appointments
- 12-2006** Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records.
- 13-2006** To Establish the Rate of Interest for Nonpayment of Taxes or Assessments
- 14-2006** Authorize Delinquent Tax Penalty Charges

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- 15-2006** To Authorize the Tax Assessor to File a Petition of Appeal or Appeals for the Tax Year 2006
- 16-2006** To Authorize Northfield-Linwood Joint Sewer Committee
- 17-2006** Rescue Squad Appointments
- 18-2006** To Authorize a Raffle License to Congregation Beth Israel
- 19-2006** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers/Rescue Squad
- 20-2006** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers/Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
- 21-2006** Appoint Raymond E. Adams Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
- 22-2006** Appoint Risk Management Consultants/ Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF)
- 23-2006** Change Order No. 1, Fence Removal at Birch Grove Park, City of Northfield, New Jersey
- 24-2006** A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employees of the City of Northfield for 2006

Roll call: Carew – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Notaro – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes; Motion carries.

Council President Mazzeo requested a motion for Ordinance 1-2006 to be read by title only. Motion made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all present in favor.

ORDINANCE

- 1-2006** Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are

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Inconsistent Herewith/Introduction/No public input/Published in the
Press 1/7/2006

Roll Call: Carew-yes; Kern-yes; Martinez-yes; Notaro – yes; Schlachter – yes;
Turon-yes; Mazzeo-yes Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Mazzeo opened the Public Session of the meeting, asking if anyone wished to speak. Mayor Perri asked the new Solicitor, Alfred Scerni, Jr. to come forward. Council President Mazzeo introduced him to the public.

Robert Webb, spoke about the youthful look of the City Council and said he was proud to see youth leading the City. Mr. Webb closed with “God bless you and good luck.”

Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone else wished to speak. Seeing none, the Public Session was closed.

MEETING NOTICES/MARTINEZ

Council Work Session	January 17, 2006	7:00 p.m.
Council Regular Session	January 17, 2006	8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Carew. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk