

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2006**

This meeting was called to order by Carol A. Raph, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised under Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. After the flag salute Mayor Perri called for a moment of silence to recognize those fighting at home and abroad for our liberties that they may return safely to their families.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Carew, Notaro, Kern, Martinez, Schlachter, Mazzeo  
Absent: Turon

Solicitor Alfred Scerni, Jr., Engineer Edward Stinson of Doran Engineering, and City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler were present.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES/JANUARY 3, 2006**

Motion by Councilman Martinez and second by Councilwoman Kern to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 3, 2006. 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 Martinez reported the Rescue Squad drill night was held January 16, 2006. Martinez made Council aware that stair chairs were purchased and received. He stated that the chairs allow maximum movement with less lifting. All members of the Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Police Department will be trained on their use.

Martinez presented the December 2005 Monthly Rescue Squad report: Total calls – 78; total Fire Department assists – 6; top five run takers: Barry Kraus – 12, John Brescia – 7; Heather Newbert – 6; Ray E. Adams – 5; Dan Blaine – 4.

Martinez also presented the 2005 Year End Rescue Squad report: Total calls – 943; total mutual aid provided by Northfield – 18 (Linwood – 3, Pleasantville – 5, Egg Harbor Township – 10); total mutual aid provided for Northfield – 20 (Linwood – 4, Pleasantville – 11, Egg Harbor Township – 5); total Fire Department assists – 75; top five run takers: Barry Kraus – 134, Ray E. Adams – 113, Dan Blaine – 77, Heather Newbert – 48, Guy Schlachter – 45.

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Martinez recognized Assistant Chief Ray Adams and wished him a happy 34<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for February 4, 2006, at the Mays Landing Country Club and invitations have been distributed, Martinez said.

Councilman Schlachter reported the Northfield AllSports held its Reorganization Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, new officers were sworn in and a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 (the annual installment) was received for lighting at the girl's softball field. A new backstop is being installed on the boys Little League Field, he added.

Schlachter reported the Birch Grove Park Advisory Board held their first meeting of this year on January 16, 2006. He stated the Board will now oversee Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, the Bird Sanctuary, and First Street Playground in an advisory capacity.

Councilman Notaro presented the 2005 Fire Department report: Total fire incidents – 252; total EMS incidents – 396; non-emergency responses – 50; mutual aid to other municipalities – 29; mutual aid received – 3.

Council Members Carew and Kern gave their reports during the work session.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perri offered congratulations and well wishes to Governor Jon Corzine.

Perri announced the sudden passing of Pastor Barry Rice who was very dedicated and special to his church and our community. Pastor Rice will be sadly missed.

Perri reported that during the week of December 25, 2005, Northfield Police Officers participated in a multi-jurisdictional burglary task force which concentrated on commercial burglaries. The officers taking part were: Lieutenant Randy Clark, Detective Scott Pollak, Acting Lieutenant Art Faden and Detective Stephen Steinecke. Perri recognized and commended the officers for their work.

Perri presented the December 2005 Police Department report: adult arrests – 29; juvenile arrests – 23; drug offense arrests – 5; calls for service – 1,882; investigations open – 58; recovered stolen property - \$18,630; motor vehicle summons issued – 147; driving while intoxicated arrests – 8; summons issued resulting from motor vehicle accidents – 31; motor vehicle accidents investigated – 34; summons issued for radar enforcement – 12.

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Councilman Carew asked Mayor Perri for the status of negotiations for the professional positions of Labor Relations Attorney and Bond Counsel discussed at the Reorganization Meeting. Perri responded both are in process. Solicitor Scerni gave a positive update for the position of Bond Counsel negotiations.

Administrator Bruckler and Engineer Stinson offered their reports at the work session.

**RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilman Carew, second by Councilman Notaro, all present in favor of a Consent Agenda on Resolutions 25-2006 through 29-2006. Roll call: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – absent; Mazzeo – yes. All present in favor of adopting Resolutions 25-2006 through 29-2006 as follows:

- 25-2006**      Agreement with Commerce Risk Control Services
- 26-2006**      Refund Building Permit Fee
- 27-2006**      Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Certain 2006 Projects
- 28-2006**      Enter into an Agreement with Eastern IT Group to provide Internet Administration Services
- 29-2006**      Authorize Hiring of Additional Substitute School Crossing Guards

**ORDINANCES**

Motion by Councilman Martinez to read Ordinance 1-2006 by title only, second by Councilman Schlachter on final reading. All present in favor.

- 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 Inconsistent Herewith/Final Adoption/Opened to the Public/Published in the Press 1/21/06

Council President Mazzeo opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

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Wayne Thomas, 29 Jackson Avenue, asked if the Municipal Budget provides for the maximum salary range amounts. CFO Dolcy responded the budget is based on actual salary amounts, and that the salaries must fall within the range designated. Thomas asked if the salaries in Resolution 24-2006, Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employees of the City of Northfield for 2006, were represented on the Ordinance for salary ranges. CFO Dolcy responded affirmatively.

Council President Mazzeo, seeing no one else from the public who wished to speak on Ordinance 1-2006, closed the public session.

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Schlachter to adopt Ordinance 1-2006 as read. Roll call vote: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – absent; Mazzeo – yes. Motion carries.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS        \$2,279,103.65**

Councilman Schlachter motioned for payment of bills in the amount of \$2,279,103.65, second by Councilwoman Kern. Roll call: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes, with abstention from Local School Tax 6-01-55-900-002; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – absent; Mazzeo – yes. All present in favor. Motion carries.

Mayor Perri questioned the effectiveness of advertising with Catamaran Media ( The Current), specifically the notice regarding trash receptacle requirements/limits. Perri suggested resident notification be included with formal City mailings.

**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Mazzeo opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Wayne Thomas, 29 Jackson Avenue, questioned the Solicitor about the Council Member term of office expiration date, being December 31<sup>st</sup> of the last year of representation, and the effective date of a resignation, being the date of the resignation notification. Solicitor Scerni explained a resigning Council Member could designate a time and date, or, in the absence of such stipulation, it would be effective at the time of presentation to the City Clerk. Thomas requested Council, by resolution, completely strike the Work Session held on January 3, 2006, because, in his opinion, only three members were official. Council President Mazzeo explained

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that the new officials were sworn in on January 1, 2006, and the Reorganization Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> presented a ceremonial swearing in. Mazzeo responded to a question from Thomas regarding procedure for selecting Committee Appointments.

Council President Mazzeo asked if any one else wished to speak. Seeing no one, the Public Session was closed.

**MEETING NOTICES/KERN**

<b>Work Session</b>	<b>February 7, 2006</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Regular Session</b>	<b>February 7, 2006</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Budget Meetings</b>	<b>1/30/06, 1/31/06, 2/1/06</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Councilman Notaro to enter into Executive Session, Resolution 30-2006, second by Councilman Carew. All present in favor. Motion carries.

**30-2006** Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Regarding Personnel Matters

Motion made and seconded, all in favor of adjourning Executive Session and returning to regular Council Meeting. Results of this Executive Session will be released upon completion of the matter discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Carew, seconded by Martinez, all present in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk