

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

This meeting was called to order by Joan P. Forcella, Deputy 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 abroad that they may return safely home to their families.

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

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Motion by Councilman Turon, second by Councilman Martinez to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 7, 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

Council Members Turon, Martinez, Kern and Notaro had no reports for this session.

Council President Mazzeo reported forming the Police Committee to be comprised of himself, Councilman Schlachter and Councilwoman Kern to discuss Police issues.

Mazzeo has contacted the Verdin Company to repair the City clock. A technician is due Wednesday 2/22 in the morning.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri recognized the passing of Mrs. Shockey, wife of retired Special Police Officer George Shockey. Officer Shockey served the City for 27 years.

Perri announced "Read Across America" was scheduled for March 2nd, with activities planned at the Northfield Community School.

Mayor Perri referred to the impact study done for the City soccer field locations, asking it be kept on file for future reference.

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Mayor Perri presented the Police Department report for January, 2006: Adult arrests – 28; juvenile arrests – 3; drug offense arrests – 1; calls for service – 1,752; investigations opened – 56; recovered stolen property - \$12,850.00; motor vehicle summons issued – 262; driving while intoxicated arrests – 5; summons issued as a result of motor vehicle accidents – 16; motor vehicle accidents investigated – 30 and, summons issued as a result of radar enforcement – 25.

Administrator Bruckler and Engineer Stinson had no reports for this session.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern, second by Councilman Notaro, all in favor of a Consent Agenda on Resolutions 35-2006 through 36-2006 and Resolutions 38-2006 through 41-2006. All present in favor of adopting 35-2006 through 36-2006 and Resolutions 38-2006 through 41- 2006 as follows:

- 35-2006 Refund of Homestead Rebates Received by the City of Northfield on Behalf of Homeowners

- 36-2006 Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

- 37-2006 Tabled

- 38-2006 A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector of the City of Northfield to Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1 and Charge a Fee of \$100.00 for the Issuance Thereof

- 39-2006 Change Order No. 1, Drainage Improvements at Philmar Circle, City of Northfield, New Jersey

- 40-2006 Additional Temporary Appropriations

- 41-2006 A Resolution Authorizing Auditing Services for the City of Northfield Police Department

ORDINANCE

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Council President Mazzeo requested a motion for Ordinance 2-2006 be read by title only. Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Councilman Martinez, all present in favor.

2-2006 An Ordinance Regulating Street Openings Within the City of Northfield (Repealing Ordinance 7-1981)
Introduction/No Public Input/Published in The Press 2/25/06

Roll Call: Carew – absent; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – absent; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes. All present in favor.
Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$3,206,546.61

Councilman Martinez motioned for payment of bills in the amount of \$3,206,546.61 second by Councilman Turon. Roll call: Carew – absent; Notaro - yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – absent; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes. All present in favor.
Motion carries.

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.

Chuck Gunther, 214 Sherwood Drive, EHT, President of Tilton Recreation Corp. He thanked Councilman Martinez for signs installed for the safety of children. Gunther respectively requested City Council consider trash pick up at Tilton Pool during the summer season. He stated the facility is the only not-for-profit, volunteer run facility in the City. Gunther shared membership and organization statistics. Gunther responded to questions from President Mazzeo about length of time accommodated, when first notified would not be picked up, number of bags of trash during season, and efforts to obtain prices for contracted services. Gunther stated it would cost the organization between \$800 and \$1,000 per season for contracted services. Councilwoman Kern pointed out, in keeping with City code, other organizations had contracted with private agencies for trash pick, sometimes for one-day events. Mayor Perri recollected, when the issue was discussed in 2005, Tilton Pool would be accommodated for the 2005 season, giving them time to make private arrangements for 2006. Further discussion followed. David Solt, 203 Briarcliff Place, Absecon, spoke on behalf of the interests of Tilton Pool.

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Lana Samuels, 325 E. Magnolia Avenue, Wildwood, spoke on behalf of People in Crisis, a non-profit organization, which is currently requesting donations from City residents. She detailed the scope of the organization and several individuals receiving assistance. Council President Mazzeo asked Ms. Samuels what her request was of the City. She responded that a letter of support was being requested in addition to her request for Council to purchase tickets for a function in Cape May, priced at \$200 and \$375. Councilwoman Kern suggested contacting the Northfield Community School for communication.

Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone else from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one, he closed the public session.

MEETING NOTICES/KERN

Work Session	March 7, 2006	7:00 pm
Regular Session	March 7, 2006	8:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Kern, seconded by Mazzeo, all present in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Forcella
Deputy Municipal Clerk