

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008**

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

Present: Carew, Kern, O'Grady, Vain, Zlotnick, Martinez.

Absent: Notaro

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES / February 12, 2008

Motion made by Councilman Vain, seconded by Councilwoman Zlotnick, all in favor of dispensing with the reading of the minutes of February 12, 2008. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

Council President Martinez asked if there were any updates to the Committee Reports delivered by Council during the Work Session immediately preceding this meeting. Mayor Mazzeo added that Chief James had recently distributed the annual Police Report. Last year there were many changes and a restructuring within the department. Highlights of the Report included statistics on calls for service, calls by the hour, a monthly breakdown of crimes for 2007, and Traffic Safety Initiatives programs Click it or Ticket, and Drunk Driving. The Mayor was pleased to note that the Police Department's response time for calls in 2007 was less than 2 minutes on 88% of calls, and less than 5 minutes on 96% of calls. He commended Chief James for these results and for the effort put into the report. City Engineer Matt Doran had nothing further to add to the Engineers Report.

RESOLUTIONS/ 40 through 47/Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Councilman Carew, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, for a Consent Agenda on Resolutions 40 through 47, all in favor.

- 40-2008** Ratify hiring of Deputy City Clerk
- 41-2008** Community Development Block Grant Program
- 42-2008** Accept Atlantic County JIF Loss Control Policy
- 43-2008** Hiring of Crossing Guards
- 44-2008** Opposition to NJ American Water Rate Increase
- 45-2008** Amendment of Resolution 10-2008
Safety and Health Committee Appointments

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46-2008 Award bid to Marturano Recreation for BGP ball field bleachers

47-2008 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations

Roll Call: Carew-yes, Kern-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Mr. David Seitman of 3 Cara Court explained that his home is in the Sutton Woods development, close to a cul-de-sac near the edge of Haviv Drive. There is no street sign that identifies where Cara Court and Haviv Drive meet, therefore he gives directions to many people driving in this area due to the lack of signage. Mr. Seitman is asking Council for a street sign to properly identify this intersection. Council President Martinez directed Councilman O'Grady, as head of the Traffic and Safety Committee, to investigate Mr. Seitman's request. Councilman O'Grady noted that he is familiar with the area and agrees with Mr. Seitman's assessment, but he will investigate and respond. Mr. Seitman added that with regard to the revaluation, he has received information from local realtors indicating that homes larger than his are selling for less than the currently assessed value of his home. He fully supports Council's effort in pursuing a revaluation. Mr. Seitman was thanked for his comments.

Councilman O'Grady read the meeting notices. Budget Meetings will be held on March 11, 2008 and March 13, 2008 at 7:00pm. The next Council Work Session will be held on March 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm, with the Regular Session immediately following. Council President Martinez added that there will be a free Rabies Clinic at City Hall Fire Station on Saturday, March 8, 2008, from 9:00am to 11:00am.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting of Council

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC