

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 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., and following the flag salute, he called for a moment of silence to recognize those fighting at home and abroad for our liberties, as well as those who serve the community, that they may return safely to their families.

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

Solicitor Alfred Scerni, Jr., Engineer Ed Stinson of Doran Engineering, CFO Marilyn Dolcy, City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler, and Deputy City Clerk Kim Hodsdon were present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES/JULY 18, 2006

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Turon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 18, 2006. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Martinez gave the Rescue Squad's monthly report for the month of June as follows: Total number of calls –83 ; Mutual aid provided for Northfield – 0; Mutual aid provided by Northfield – 0; Number of times the FD assisted – 1. The top five run-takers were: Barry Kraus –37; Guy Schlachter –11; Ray E Adams –10; Heather Newbert – 8; Carlos Arguirre - 4.

Emergency services support for the month of June included the Mainland After-Prom, the Mainland Graduation Ceremony, the Northfield Community school graduation as well providing transport services.

For the month of July, Martinez reported the following: Total number of calls –73 ; Mutual aid provided for Northfield –0 ; Mutual aid provided by Northfield –2 ; Number of times the FD assisted – 1. The top five run-takers were: Barry Kraus –24; Heather Newbert – 14; Guy Schlachter –6; Ray E Adams –5; Joe Libertore – 5.

Emergency services support provided for the community in July included the July 4th parade and one transport.

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Council President Mazzeo proposed that the December meeting should be changed from the 19th to the 12th due to the holiday. A motion was made by Councilman Carew and seconded by Councilman Schlachter. All in favor, motion carries. Mazzeo stated that an additional meeting might be necessary at the end of December to handle financial business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri stated that Northfield's National Night Out was a great success this year and he thanked the Police Department for organizing it. He also reported that he attended the Flora Dickinson memorial service which was a fitting tribute to a lovely lady. Perri expressed sorrow as he announced the passing of Jennifer McNamara, a former junior member of the Northfield Rescue Squad. He recognized her public service to the community and offered his condolences to her family and friends. He announced that the Northfield Eckerds Drug Store would be hosting a birthday event on Saturday, August 26th to celebrate their 5th anniversary in the City and invited everyone to stop by. The proceeds from the event will be given back to the community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Bruckler reported that he would be meeting with representatives to discuss possible Brownfield's projects in the City of Northfield. He is receiving quotes for new signs for the front of the Municipal building. He has begun to prepare bid specifications for the biometric attendance system to include hardware and software for all public buildings. He has received quotes for blinking traffic lights for the intersection of Oak and Cedarbridge and will proceed with the purchase. Bruckler stated that Council's e-mail problems are being corrected and they should contact him to obtain password information.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Ed Stinson updated Council on various City projects as follows:
The concrete work has begun on Phase 2 of the reconstruction/resurfacing of Roosevelt Avenue and will continue into the next week; The concrete work has been completed on Leslie Lane and the road reconstruction is scheduled to begin soon; Bids will be received on September 1st for the reconstruction of Davis Avenue (from Fuae to 2nd Street) and the surface course on Harvey Avenue; A bid opening was held on July 28th for the 2006 Community Development Block Grant, for Installation of Accessible Curb Ramps, and the City Engineer is recommending the bid be awarded to L. Feriozzi Concrete Company; The reconstruction of the storm water inlet is complete on Ridgewood and final restoration of the lawn area will be completed soon; Design work will be completed by the end of the week for the drainage problem on Revere Avenue and a bid opening date will be scheduled in September; Installation of the new sod on the All Sports Practice Field is substantially complete; A site inspection with the contractor has been scheduled; Traffic Lines, Inc. will begin line striping at various Bike Path intersections shortly.

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Stinson reported that he met with representatives from the County, the Contractor and the Northfield Community School to discuss the Mill Road project. Phase one of the project is scheduled to be completed before school opens. However, phase two – west of New Road, will begin after school opens.

RESOLUTIONS

119-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Martinez all in favor of adopting a Resolution To Authorize a Raffle License for the Congregation Beth Israel

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

120-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution Amending Resolution 117-2006, Authorization to Extend the Third Quarter Tax Payments

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

121-2006 On a motion of Notaro, second of Martinez all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Overpayment of Taxes –Block 77, Lot 4

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

122-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Kern all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize a Reduction in the Assessed Value of Block 157, Lot 81.02

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

123-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Kern all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Award of Contract for 2006 Installation of Accessible Curb Ramps

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

124-2006 On a motion of Turon, second of Martinez all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Certain 2006 Projects

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

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- 125-2006** On a motion of Notaro, second of Kern all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Return of a Performance Guarantee for WaWa Store #701
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 126-2006** On a motion of Notaro, second of Kern all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow Monies from the Planning/Zoning Board
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 127-2006** On a motion of Kern, second of Carew all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing Jurisdictional Agreement #4569 Route 9, from Oakcrest Road to Banning Avenue, City of Northfield, Atlantic County
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 128-2006** On a motion of Carew, second of Turon all in favor of adopting a Resolution 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 Attorney-Client Privilege
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Martinez for Ordinance 11-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

- 11-2006** An Ordinance Authorizing a Ballot Question
Final Reading/Open to the Public/ Published in Press 8/26/06
Roll call: Carew – yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo – yes. Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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Councilman Schlachter motioned for payment of bills in the amount of **\$2,847,280.41**, second by Councilman Carew. Councilman Turon announced that he would be abstaining on any item related to the Northfield Board of Education. He was duly noted by Council President Mazzeo and requested that a copy be kept on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll call: Carew – yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo – yes. All in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Robert Webb of 218 West Revere Avenue came forward and stated that consolidated services several years ago included the Police Dispatch. He encouraged Council to let the people decide. Regarding speeding motorists, Webb stated that believes the Police Department's resources are limited and that it is a dangerous situation. He addressed Councilman Carew and stated that there is nothing wrong with switching political parties.

Six residents, all of Burton Estates, Jack Sloan Court, came forward to request that Council address the drainage problems as well as other items that remain unfinished by the Developer. Mayor Perri assured them that their concerns would be discussed by Council. Engineer Stinson addressed their concerns over two open lots and the completion of the pavement.

Steve Winn of 107 Haviv Drive came forward and suggested that the City consider doing a revaluation, stating that there is a poor ratio of actual to assessed home values in Northfield and that the tax rate is the second highest in the County.

Eileen Pantalena of 2002 Grove Road came forward and suggested that Council should give Committee Reports during both the work sessions and regular meetings to benefit members of the public who can not attend the first session. She also inquired about the open position for a laborer at Birch Grove Park. Administrator Bruckler said that he has not found a suitable applicant and that he would be happy to show her the job description.

Andrea Dickinson of 250 Mill Road came forward and offered her thanks to everyone involved in her mother's memorial service. She stated that it would have made her mom very proud to see that 54 children participated in the fishing tournament. She expressed appreciation to the Mayor for the proclamation and dedicated "Flora Dickinson Day". She also offered her thanks to Mr. Bob DeBarth for his volunteer work at the Park.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Mazzeo closed the public session

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MEETING NOTICES/KERN

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| Work Session | September 5, 2006 | 7:00 pm |
| Regular Session | September 5, 2006 | 8:00 pm |

Council President Mazzeo announced that Council would enter into Executive Session 128-2006 with Regular Session to reconvene at the end of the Executive Session. All present in favor, motion carries. On a motion made and seconded, the Executive Session was adjourned, and no decisions were reached.

On a motion made and seconded, the Regular Session was adjourned. All present in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk