

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 who perished in the 9/11 events, as well as those fighting at home and abroad for our liberties and 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/SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Turon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 5, 2006. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

8:15 PM PRESENTATION

Mayor Perri and Councilman Schlachter presented Certificates of Achievement to the 8 year-old and 9-year old All Star baseball teams in recognition of their victories. Perri thanked the coaches for doing a fine job and for volunteering their time.

There was a five (5) minute recess following the presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Turon offered a public apology to Mr. Leonard Rataski and recognized him for his volunteer work. He thanked the organizers and volunteers involved in this year's Family Fest for keeping the tradition.

Councilman Martinez gave the Rescue Squad's report for the month of August as follows: Total number of calls -97 ; Mutual aid provided for Northfield - 3; Mutual aid provided by Northfield - 1; Number of times the FD assisted - 4. The top five run-takers were: Barry Kraus -30; Randy Dennis -12; Guy Schlachter -9; Heather Newbert - 8; Joe Libertore - 6.

Councilman Schlachter thanked and recognized the Police Department for doing a great job during this time of heavy construction around the City. He announced that Officer

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Mike Trimble is approaching retirement and thanked him for his many years of service to the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri is scheduled to meet with the Town Planner to discuss concerns over the City's Master Plan. He thanked all who were involved in the Family Fest, noting that the new committee organized the event in very little time.

He gave the Police Department Report for the month of August as follows: Total adult arrests – 60; Juveniles arrested – 2; Drug offense arrests – 3; Total calls for service – 1677; Investigations opened – 65; Recovered stolen property - \$2000.00; Motor vehicle summons issued – 277; DWI arrests – 7; Summons issued as a result of MV accidents – 20; MV accidents investigated – 51; Summons issued as a result of radar enforcement – 23.

Perri commended the Volunteer Rescue Squad for their excellent work during the busy month of August – noting that they responded to 97 calls for service. He recognized All-Sports for their work in beautifying the footballs fields.

Council President Mazzeo recognized Birch Grove Park Supervisor, Vicki Rutter, on her recent Safety Recognition Award. Mayor Perri added his thanks, noting that the Park is a difficult operation to manage and stay injury-free.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Bruckler reported on the following: the installation of the video surveillance system at the municipal building is nearly complete; solar-powered blinking lights have been ordered for the intersection of Oak and Cedarbridge and will be installed as soon as they arrive; the contract for a new PW Refuse Truck was awarded to Robert Hoover & Sons and the truck has been ordered; interviews for the open PW Laborer position are on-going and he expects to select a candidate soon.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Stinson of Doran Engineering reported on the following: the reconstruction projects on Roosevelt Avenue and Leslie Lane are substantially complete; the contract for the reconstruction of Davis Avenue was awarded to Arawak Paving and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for the near future; L. Feriozzi Concrete Co. has begun construction on the 2006 Community Development Block Grant; the revision of tax maps to include major subdivisions are still on-going; a meeting with representatives from K. Hovnanian is scheduled in October to discuss required repairs; work is scheduled to begin in late September on the line-stripping at Bike Path intersections; a bid opening is scheduled for September 19th for the improvements to the Babe Ruth Field and will include a Base Bid as well as an Alternate Bid.

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Councilman Turon asked Administrator Bruckler to look into old correspondence regarding the direction of traffic flow at Walnut Avenue & Dolphin as well as Cecil Lane & Fairbanks so that Council may consider taking action. Councilman Schlachter commented on the entrance to Sutton Woods and expressed concern that the grounds are not being maintained. Currently, an adjacent property owner cuts the grass. Bruckler responded that it is the responsibility of the developer. Mayor Perri inquired about the entrances to the Northfield Community School. Engineer Stinson responded, explaining that the City has an application on file for the Safe Streets to Schools Grant to pay for the installation of sidewalks, but has failed to receive grant monies thus far.

RESOLUTIONS

136-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution To Authorize 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.

137-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution To Authorize a Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

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

138-2006 On a motion of Turon, second of Carew all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Request to Reduce the Speed Limit in Certain Areas on Route US 9

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

139-2006 On a motion of Kern, second of Carew 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.

140-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize Participation and Acceptance of the Municipal Open Space Partnership Program Grant from Atlantic County

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

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- 141-2006** On a motion of Martinez, 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 Possible Litigation
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 142-2006** On a motion of Kern, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution Granting Authorization to Apply for the Municipal Alliance Grant for the Calendar Year 2007 in the Amount of \$10,074.82
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 143-2006** On a motion of Kern, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Relocation of a Public Transportation Bus Stop
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.
- 144-2006** 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 a Police Department Update
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo- yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilman Turon, second by Martinez for Ordinance 12-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

- 12-2006** A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2006 Capital Improvements and Acquisitions of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,141,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,084,030 Bonds for Notes of the City of Northfield to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
- Final Reading/Open to the Public/Published in Press 9/23/06
- Council President Mazzeo opened this matter to the public before final adoption. Seeing no one, he closed the public session.
- Roll call: Carew – yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo – yes. Motion carries.

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Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Martinez for Ordinance 13-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

13-2006 An Ordinance Regulating and Controlling the Collection and Disposal of Solid Wastes and Recyclables Within the City of Northfield and Repealing All Ordinances and Amendments Thereto Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith

First Reading/No Public Input/ Summary Published in Press 9/23/06

Full copies are available to the public in the City Clerk's office and can be viewed on the City of Northfield's web site.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Schlachter motioned for payment of bills in the amount of **\$1,358,886.58**, second by Councilwoman Kern. Councilman Turon announced that he would be abstaining on any item related to the Northfield Board of Education. Kern also announced her abstention on certain items. Both were duly noted by Council President Mazzeo and it was 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. Seeing none, he closed the Public Session.

MEETING NOTICES/KERN

Work Session	October 3, 2006	7:00 pm
Regular Session	October 3, 2006	8:00 pm

Council President Mazzeo announced that Council would enter into Executive Sessions with the Regular Session to reconvene afterwards. All present in favor, motion carries.

Proper motions were made to enter into Executive Session 141-2006. On a motion made and seconded, all in favor, the Executive Session was adjourned. Solicitor Scerni announced a summary for the public as follows: City Council discussed the status of Burton Estates and specific infrastructure improvements that are required. Council discussed correspondence between the City Solicitor and the Developer. Council directed

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the Solicitor to send further correspondence and the matter will be considered again at the next Council Meeting.

Proper motions were made to enter into Executive Session 144-2006. On a motion made and seconded, all in favor, the Executive Session was adjourned. Solicitor Scerni announced a summary for the public as follows: City Council discussed certain matters with regard to the Police Department and the need to amend certain procedures and Ordinances. These matters are currently being reviewed with labor Counsel and are ongoing. More information will be made available to the public once the matters are concluded.

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