

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2007**

This regular meeting of Council began, with the all members present, immediately following the work session.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Councilman Mazzeo, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 18, 2007. 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 Turon gave the Fire Department Report for the month of September. He thanked the organizers and volunteers of this year's Family Fest.

Councilman Vain thanked all of those involved in the Family Fest. In regards to speed control efforts around town, he reported that the police department decoy car is working well and it will be moved to different areas in town. He is looking into the possibility of speed humps for speed control on some city streets. Vain has distributed to Council a summary of the estimated cost of redesigning the intersection of Cedarbridge and Zion. He commented on the appearance of Tilton Road; as a main road in town, he would like to see some improvements in its appearance.

Councilman Martinez thanked the Rescue Squad Committee for their commitment to the issues at hand. They have been meeting regularly and he believes that progress is being made. There are some legalities that need further clarification.

Councilman Carew thanked all of the volunteers for their help at the Family Fest as well as Birch Grove Park Supervisor, Vicki Rutter and her staff for bringing it all together. He announced the upcoming hayrides at the park and commented that all proceeds go to park maintenance and enhancements; he thanked the volunteers and the rescue squad for their help with this fundraiser.

Councilman Notaro thanked Councilman Vain for his help in revising the 'Welcome to Northfield' Sign Program. He plans to meet with the City Clerk in the near future to establish procedures for the program. He was contacted by a resident who lives in the area of the First Street Playground who is concerned about loitering and vandalism at the park. Police Chief James stated that he would increase patrols in the area. Mayor Perri pointed out that the area is not well lit and suggested that a street light be installed to deter this kind of activity. Administrator Bruckler is to follow up with the electric company on the cost of installing lights on both sides of the playground on Franklin Avenue and First Street.

Councilman Mazzeo reported that he the budget process has begun with the City Administrator and CFO meeting with departments. More information will be provided as the process continues.

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Council President Kern thanked the organizers of the Family Fest. She announced that the Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend a Veteran's Day Assembly at the Northfield Community School on November 5th at 9:30 am. The cultural committee is sponsoring an evening with the Ocean City Pops Orchestra at Mainland Regional High School on October 13th; and the antique appraisal at City Hall on October 11th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri thanked all of the volunteers and employees for their help at the Family Fest. He thanked the Rescue Squad for their volunteer time at the Family Fest and subsequent football game; he acknowledged that it was a very long day for them. The Mayor recognized the passing of Mrs. Rosalie Clark, mother of Captain George Clark of the Northfield Police Department. He also gave his condolences on the passing of Monsignor Donald D. Velozo of St. Bernadette. Monsignor Velozo was a pillar of the community and he will be sadly missed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Bruckler reported that a company named Velcoitel, a provider of AT&T/Cingular service, has requested Council's permission to put a COW (mobile cell tower on wheels) on City property in the location of either Birch Grove Park or behind City Hall. Councilman Carew expressed discontent at the repeated requests that have come before Council and the Planning Board regarding cell towers. He stated that it is Council's intent to keep cell towers out of residential neighborhoods and to protect the integrity of those areas. Mayor Perri stated that there is federal criteria which requires coverage for 911 emergencies. Perri also spoke to the current ordinance which states that municipal properties, as well as existing locations, are to be considered first as locations for cell towers. It was decided that a committee consisting of Councilman Carew, Mayor Perri and Administrator Bruckler would meet to discuss the matter further.

Administrator Bruckler reported the following: Interviews were held for the position of Public Works Laborer and Brian Di Domenico has been submitted for Councils' approval; departmental O&E and Capital Budgets are due into him by October 10th - he and CFO Dolcy will begin department budget meetings on October 11th; he asked that Council submit a list of capital requests and that the City Engineer submit any infrastructure requests as soon as possible; the Municipal Alliance Grant Application has been completed and submitted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the City Clerk's office. Engineer Stinson recommended that all bids received for the 'General Repairs and Construction of Stormwater Facilities' project be rejected due to the fact they were unbalanced. He suggested that the proposal be revised and the project is re-bid. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor to reject all bids received for the project;

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motion carries. Councilman Vain asked Stinson to look into a flooding problem at the corner of Route 9 and Ridgewood.

RESOLUTIONS/OATHS OF OFFICE

- 163-2007** On a motion of Councilman Carew, second of Councilman Vain, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Promotion of Sergeant Daniel T. Mitchell to Lieutenant within the Northfield Police Department
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - yes, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.
- 164-2007** On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Turon, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Promotion of Patrolman Scott Pollak to Sergeant within the Northfield Police Department
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - yes, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.
- 165-2007** On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Turon, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the of Acting Detective Michael Buccafurni to Detective within the Northfield Police Department
Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - yes, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.

Mayor Perri administered Oaths of Office to all of these police officers. They were congratulated and wished a long and safe career by the Mayor and City Council.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion of Council Vain, second of Councilman Carew the following resolutions were adopted as a Consent Agenda.

- 155-2007** Authorizing the Northfield Cultural Committee to Apply for and Obtain a 2008 Matching Grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, State/County Partnership Block Grant Program
- 156-2007** Authorizing a Bingo License to the Church of St. Bernadette
- 157-2007** Authorization to Apply for the Municipal Alliance Grant for the Calendar Year 2008 in the Amount of \$10,552.39
- 158-2007** Removed from the Agenda at work session
- 159-2007** To Authorize the Cancellation of Certain Arrears Account Balances under Twenty-Dollars

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- 160-2007** To Authorize the Cancellation of an Arrears Account Credit for Block 139, Lot 8.01
- 161-2007** To Authorize the Cancellation of Certain Arrears Account Balances
- 162-2007** A Resolution Revising Resolution Number 150-96 Relating to Sponsorship of Signs by Local Merchants
- 163-2007)**
164-2007) Police Department Promotions/adopted prior to consent agenda
165-2007)
- 166-2007** To Hire a Laborer in the Public Works Department
- 167-2007** 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, Martinez – yes, Mazzeo- yes, Notaro – yes, Turon –yes, Vain – yes, Kern – yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCE

On a motion made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Carew, Ordinance 11-2007 was read by title only. All present in favor.

- 11-2007** An Ordinance Establishing a Rate Schedule for Acquiring Certificates and Licenses from the Registrar of Vital Statistics of the City of Northfield and Repealing all Ordinances and Amendments Thereto Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith

Introduction/No Public Input/Advertised in The Press 10/13/07

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

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Dena Newbert of 6 East Rosedale Avenue, Northfield, came forward and expressed her support for the Northfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. She described how the volunteer experience has instilled values and a sense of responsibility in her daughter, Heather, who has been a member since she was sixteen. She spoke of how the rescue squad maintains a personal connection with the residents of Northfield and how much that means to her personally and to others.

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Dr, Richard Levitt, Chairman of the Planning Board, came forward. While he agrees with Councilman Carew's concerns over cell towers in residential neighborhoods, he explained that there are federal regulations in place which dictate the placement of towers in certain circumstances. He stated that the Planning Board tries to remain conservative when considering these issues.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Council President Kern closed the public session.

Councilman Vain announced the next meeting of Council will be held on October 23, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 167-2007

Motions were properly made and seconded, to go into an executive session not open to the public. After the discussion this executive session was adjourned and Solicitor Bonchi announced a summary for the public as follows: During this executive session, City Council was appraised by the City Solicitor and City Engineer of the status of potential litigation with the Developer of Burton Estates. Council has authorized Solicitor Bonchi, Engineer Stinson, Administrator Bruckler and Council members Vain and Notaro to meet with Trocki Development to discuss a resolution to the matter.

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk