

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2006**

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

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

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

Council President Mazzeo reviewed the agenda. Councilman Martinez questioned Resolution 162-2006. He expressed concerns over the environmental impact and health risks surrounding the B.L. England Generating Station. He read part of a document he had retrieved from the internet web site of the Sierra Club which opposed the sale of the station. Councilman Carew expressed concern for the jobs of some local residents who work at the station and explained that the passing of Resolution 162-2006 serves to help expedite the approval process through the Federal Trade Commission. Martinez agreed that the loss of jobs is a concern and stated that he prefers to hear how the residents of Upper Township feel on the matter before Northfield City Council makes a decision. On a motion of Martinez, second of Notaro, to table Resolution 162-2006 was denied following a roll call vote.

Council President Mazzeo reviewed the topics for discussion. Regarding the use of portable storage units (e.g. PODS), Bruckler provided Council with a copy of the City of Linwood's ordinance for their review. Mazzeo announced that the December Council meeting would be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and that an additional meeting may be necessary to handle year-end financial matters; a date for that meeting has not been set.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Turon reported that he had an enjoyable time at the Family Hayrides at Birch Grove Park and congratulated the volunteers on a successful event. More volunteers are needed for the Halloween Hayrides. He discussed a traffic study report which addressed Maple Avenue. He asked Council to review the recommendations and consider it for a Resolution at the next meeting.

Councilman Carew reported that the Building Department is doing fine and that the Burroughs Avenue matter needs to be addressed. He welcomed two boys in the audience who were there to request Council to consider a skate park within the City.

Councilwoman Kern reported that the Cultural Committee will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Night to benefit the museum on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at City Hall and a flea market at the Northfield Community School on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Due to lack of volunteers, the museum hours have changed and will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Museum staff have begun training on the new data-base system provided for by a County

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Grant. She reported that the Library Board is reviewing the proposed agreement, but have some concerns about trash removal. She announced upcoming Library events that include an evening of viewing a special astrological event. Science teachers from the Northfield Community School were invited to attend the event. She attended a meeting regarding courtroom safety and security upgrades. Kern expressed concern that the televised Council meetings were inaudible. She spoke briefly about following up with applicable persons once Resolutions are passed. Council President Mazzeo asked Administrator Bruckler to follow up.

Councilman Notaro brought it to Council's attention that a resident of Sheperd Circle experienced damages to his vehicle that were allegedly caused by debris left on the street after trash removal. He suggested that the City reimburse for the damages. The policy is that the resident submit a detailed letter to the City clerk's office for consideration by the City's insurance carrier. Notaro welcomed new hire Max Van Gorder to the Public Works department. He reported that trash collection would be increased to five days a week beginning in January of 2007 and residents will be notified accordingly.

Council President Mazzeo named the current members of the Economic Development Committee and announced that Dr. Albert Dearden, a pediatrician who practices in the City of Northfield, will be added to the Committee.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perri thanked Keith Bonchi for his assistance in getting the Library's corporate status upgraded. A 2007 Budget Committee has been established for the Library and they are moving forward with next year's budget preparation. He reported that he has not received any further correspondence from the County regarding the City's request for a speed limit reduction on Zion Road.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The City Administrator reported on the following: There will be a Pre-construction meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00pm to provide residents, businesses and Council with information on the Tilton Rd & Rt. 9 Intersection Project; Lawn Doctor treated the fields at Birch Grove Park with the fall application on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will do the winter application in November; the Public Works Department is assembling the solar-powered flashing stop signs and will install them at the Oak and Cedarbridge intersection soon; the new Public Works Laborer Maximilian Van Gorder began work on October 17<sup>th</sup>; a meeting was held with Department Heads to discuss the 2007 budget and has asked them to submit Operational Budgets by November 1<sup>st</sup>; Departmental budget meetings will begin on November 6<sup>th</sup>; a Court Security Committee meeting was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> to establish a revised security plan for the Northfield Municipal Court; the County has advised him that the construction on Mill Road will be completed by end of October therefore the closing

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of Burton Avenue for the special event is okay; regarding Resolution 156-2006, he asked Council to consider the costs involved in granting an additional Holiday to City employees.

Mayor and Council discussed Resolution 156-2006 after Bruckler recommended that the day following Thanksgiving remain a scheduled work day for City employees. Councilwoman Kern asked Bruckler about the lights on Burton Avenue, to which he responded that he had advised Atlantic Electric of the situation. He also advised Kern that he has discussed the concerns over the yield-to-pedestrian signs with the City Engineer. Kern reported that some residents are concerned about the parking on Jack Sloan Court and Joseph Court during football games. Bruckler will look into it. In response to Councilman Turon, Mayor Perri advised Council that he had sent the Library's financial statements to them via their City e-mail addresses.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Valerie Lonkart of 2313 Burroughs Avenue came forward to follow up on matters that she brought in front of Council at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Bruckler advised her that Burroughs Avenue could not be closed for Halloween due to traffic implications. Ed Stinson advised her that he had contacted the DOT regarding her request for speed humps and they indicated that they were not permissible on Burroughs Avenue. Mayor Perri suggested that Administrator Bruckler write a letter to the City of Linwood asking that they not close Fisher Woods on Halloween.

Gary Ireland and Brandon Canesi, young residents of the City of Northfield, came forward and presented Council with a request to build a recreational skate park within the City. They made suggestions as to the safety rules that could be imposed on the park and expressed that many of the communities' children and parents support the idea. Council President Mazzeo commended the children for coming to the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the time and thought they put into their proposal. He told them that it would be looked into.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Council President Mazzeo called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Carew to adjourn, second by Schlachter. All present in favor; this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC