

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Turon, second by Councilman Carew, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 23, 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 announced the City's tree lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm with a rain date of December 14th.

Councilman Vain congratulated the newly elected City Officials and recognized all those who ran for office. He thanked Ms. Devine, a 6th grade social studies teacher at the Northfield Community School, for organizing the Veteran's Day assembly at the school and for displaying the children's projects around town.

Councilman Martinez announced the proposed tree removal and protection ordinance is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Board at their next work session.

Council President Kern announced that the Cultural Committee will be holding their annual Garage Sale at the Northfield Community School on November 17th and that all of their projects this year have been very successful. She reported the Rescue Squad Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis. She explained that the committee wants to request formal proposals for City EMS in order to have estimated figures for the 2008 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Councilman Vain to allow the City Administrator to begin the RFP process for City Emergency Medical Services. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Council President Kern stated the committee would be meeting again in the near future and the Mayor is invited to attend. Mayor Perri stated that a revised proposal was given to Solicitor Bonchi over ten days ago. Kern said she had not received it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri gave the October Police Department Report. He thanked Ms. Devine for educating the children of the Northfield Community School about our Nation's Veterans and for her efforts in organizing the school assembly in their honor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the City Clerk's office. Councilman Turon and Engineer Stinson discussed the alternate bid for the Sewer Repairs project.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 173-2007** To Authorize a Raffle License to Congregation Beth Israel
- 174-2007** Authorization to Close Burton Avenue on November 22, 2007 for a Special Event
- 175-2007** A Resolution Authorizing the Northfield Police Department to Apply for and Obtain an 'Over the Limit, under Arrest' Grant
- (176-2007)** *removed from consent agenda and adopted thereafter*
- 177-2007** Release of Escrow Monies from the Planning/Zoning Board
- 178-2007** Refund of Overpayment of Taxes on Block 177, Lot 24
- 179-2007** A Resolution to Award Contract for General Repairs and Construction of Stormwater Facilities
- 180-2007** Authorizing Release of a Maintenance Bond, Interest and Escrows on Block 66, Lot 12
- 181-2007** Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Certain 2007 and 2008 Projects
- 182-2007** Green Acres Enabling Resolution
- 183-2007** A Municipal Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a 2006 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 184-2007** A Resolution for the Cancellation of Grant Fund Receivables and Appropriation Reserves
- 185-2007** Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks
- 186-2007** Transfer of Funds

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187-2007 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 Possible Litigation / Pipe Bursting Extension at Bay Drive

(176-2007) *removed from consent agenda and adopted thereafter*

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

RESOLUTIONS

176-2007 On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Martinez, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Ratify the Hiring of Edward McGrath for the Position of Fire Subcode Inspector

Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - absent, Turon - abstain, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.

188-2007 On a motion of Councilman Carew, second of Councilman Martinez, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Waiver of Chapter 83-4 of the City of Northfield Code Regarding Noise

Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - absent, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Mazzeo motioned, Councilman Martinez seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$1,924,419.93. Council President Kern, Councilman Turon and Councilman Vain announced their abstention from certain line items on the bill list. Copies will be kept on file in the City Clerk’s office.

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

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Robert Webb of 218 West Revere Avenue came forward and thanked the Mayor the Council for recognizing the City’s Veterans. He expressed sincere gratitude to Ms. Devine for honoring the Veterans with an assembly at the Northfield Community School.

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

Councilman Turon announced the next meeting of Council will be held on December 11, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION 187-2007

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 Ballak announced a summary for the public as follows: An Executive Session was held during which City Council discussed possible litigation regarding the pipe bursting at the extension of Bay Drive. A motion was made by Councilman Vain, seconded by Councilman Martinez, to allow the City Solicitor to make a settlement offer to Metra Industries. All present were in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley Hodsdon
Deputy Municipal Clerk