

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

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

Present: Carew, Kern, Notaro, O'Grady, Vain, Zlotnick , Martinez.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES / January 22, 2008

Motion made by Councilman Vain, seconded by Councilman Notaro, all in favor of dispensing with the reading of the minutes of January 22, 2008. 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

Councilwomen Zlotnick read the report from the Rescue Squad. She made the public aware that Solicitor Scheffler distributed a copy of the Rescue Squad's draft contract for Council's review. Northfield Community School held their 2nd Annual Health and Fitness Fair and appeared to be successful. On January 26th one of the teams from the Future Engineer's Club sponsored by the Northfield Education Foundation won 4th place, state wide on the Rutgers Future City's Competition. She said it was really exciting.

Councilman Notaro made Council aware that prices are being solicited for a treatment program on the athletic fields in March. He requested that Council approve a street light at the First Street Playground. He yields to Police Chief James to explain the situation. Chief James met with residents in the area and discussed the many problems they have encountered. Notaro added that regulation signs will be posted. Carew offered a contact number for Atlantic City Electric to review lighting needs of the area.

Councilman Vain's history class was studying the History of Northfield. Mr. Vain wished to thank and recognize Robert Webb for responding to interviews conducted by his students. He said that it was nice to recognize people that do nice things, and he was sorry that Mr. Webb was not present at this evening's meeting. Vain made Council aware that he finally received the necessary paper work for Birch Grove Park to attain historical status. Park supervisor Vicki Rutter and Vain will take pictures, work on the application, and await the status of this endeavor. Vain offered an update on Cedarbridge and Zion Road. County Executive Dennis Levinson will be contacted to schedule another meeting to discuss the funding proposals. Fire Road and the newly planned construction will be discussed with the County making them aware of

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the burden this is going to put on Northfield. Vain met with Little League and presented to the Council a list of requested items to be considered at the 2008 budget meeting. He attended the JIF Safety seminar for elected officials held in January and the City received a \$250 premium reduction because of his attendance. During this meeting, inspecting areas on a regular basis, such as playgrounds, buildings, etc. was emphasized. Documentation of time, date and location is necessary backup for the City in order to win law suits. Vain said it is time to review city job titles, job descriptions, the employee evaluation process and manual to see if they are up to date. Martinez will talk with the Mayor.

Councilman Carew said that a schedule of events at Birch Grove Park will be ready in March.

Councilwoman Kern reported that the Municipal Alliance meeting was held on January 29th discussion included future plans involving senior citizens and programs at Mainland Regional High School. She also attended a needs assessment meeting at the County Building on Shore Road about sharing ideas for the Alliance. The Community School held a Family Health Day in which the Alliance participated. She thanked the fire and rescue for being there and showing off their new equipment. Northfield Community School is celebrating their 10th year at their current location. Kern was pleased to announce that the Fire Department has received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security /FEMA assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$69,920 for the purchase of protective equipment. The City's matching portion is \$3,680. She congratulated the Fire Department on receiving this grant for the fifth year in a row. Also, as per the OSHA report received from the City Clerk's office, the Fire Department was injury free in 2007. Fire truck E64 went to auction for bid and no bids were received. Other avenues of selling the fire truck will be explored. One of the municipal court room safety concerns are the free standing chairs that will be replaced with benches shortly. A meeting will be held in March to discuss further safety concerns with Judge Broom, Mayor, Court Administrator, Police Chief, Emergency Management Coordinator and Councilwoman Kern. A thank you letter was received from the Northfield Mother's League in appreciation of the City honoring them on their 75th anniversary. The Mayor's Cup Golf tournament will be held on October 26th at the Atlantic City Country Club. Councilman O'Grady has been working on the web-site making all changes requested to date.

Councilman O'Grady reported that an application was declined for a D Variance (a change of use on Shore Road) that was scheduled before the Planning/Zoning Board. This is in accordance with the Master Plan in keeping Shore Road residential. Linda Dyrek was appointed to the Board by the Mayor. Updates from the

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Technology Committee as follows: web site is a work in progress and includes; meeting notices, minutes of the meetings of Council and Planning/Zoning Board, information on various departments, history of the City and various applications. O'Grady encouraged everyone to view the web site. Two contracts to United Computer Company will be awarded this evening. The Company has an impressive resume in municipal work, and is the longest operating computer company in the State. Discussion was held on SPAM protection as a high priority.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo attended the second Annual Family Fitness Day at the Community School and thanked the Fire and Rescue for being present with their equipment. He attended the Birch Grove Park Advisory Board meeting and turned in the names of the board members to the City Clerk's Office. He talked with the County and Donna Taylor from Linwood about Zion and Cedarbridge Roads. The cost break down is 15 % from Linwood, 33 % from the County, and 52% from Northfield. Linwood believes that it only impacts Northfield; the County believes Zion and Burroughs roads are fine; they are leaving the Cedarbridge project to Northfield as the lead agency. Further discussion will be held during the Capital Project portion of the Budget to see how far we are going to pursue this project. Mayor Mazzeo thanked O'Grady for his swiftness on working with the web site. A call was received from Chief James in January through Global Connect when phones were out in City Hall. It is a good service that the County provides to us. He thanked the Detectives in the McDonald's case. The Police Report is available in the City Clerk's Office. The DARE program is started in the fifth grade. Mayor Mazzeo read a letter of appreciation received from Jake Egge stating all the kindness that the City bestowed as a tribute to his wife on her passing.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Matt Doran made Council aware of bid dates as follows: March 14, 2008, at 10:00 am, BGP Walkways and March 14, 2008; 10:30 am, Pumping Station at Philmar Circle funded by the 2006 & 2007 CDBG grant program and some funds from the 2006 Recreation to Trails Program. Matt Doran continued with regard to the 2008 Recreation Program that was resubmitted to upgrade the bridges at the park.

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OPEN SPACE HEARING

Councilman Martinez opened the “County Open Space Partnership Program Hearing” at 8:00 pm. This hearing had been properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 25, 2008 in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Law” PL 1975, c231

City Engineer Matt Doran said that the City of Northfield is applying for funding through the 9th Round of the County Open Space Partnership Program for two development projects, both in the Birch Grove Park area.

1. \$300,000 will be applied for the snack bar, concession and a small meeting place, outside enclosure for eating outside, ADA compliant bathrooms
2. \$100,000 will be applied for a storage and concession expansions at the football field

This hearing was open to the public. There was no public input and the hearing was closed. The filing date is February 29, 2008. Roll Call: Carew-yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O’Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes

RESOLUTIONS/ 34 through 39/Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Councilman Carew, seconded by Councilwoman Zlotnick, for a Consent Agenda on Resolutions 34 through 39, all in favor.

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| 34-2008 | Transfer of Funds |
| 35-2008 | Release of escrow monies from the Planning /Zoning Board |
| 36-2008 | Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Engineering services for Philmar Circle Storm Water Pump Station |
| 37-2008 | Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to United Computer for Installation Services |
| 38-2008 | Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to United Computer for Comprehensive Support Agreement for the City’s Computers and Network |

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39-2008 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 Contract Negotiations

Roll Call: Carew-yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O’Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilwoman Kern motioned for payment of bills in the amount of **\$3,021,428.35** second by Councilman O’Grady, all in favor. Copies are available in the City Clerk’s Office.

Roll Call: Carew-yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O’Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

David Seitman of 3 Cara Court, Northfield, came forward to express his objection to an interest charge from the tax office that he feels is incorrect, and presented a copy to Council. Councilman Martinez will try to get an answer for Mr. Seitman.

Craig Tanzola of 10 Magnolia Court suggested that a censored light can be put on the pole at the 1st Street playground. On another note, he said that this is the third time he has come before Council to inform them of a speed limit problem on Mill Road. Upon exiting his development, drivers feel they have the right of way by using the shoulder as a traffic lane. He requests that the line be painted darker in order for the drivers to notice the shoulder area. Mr. Tanzola placed a piece of siding out to the curb, the City did not pick it up therefore, and he had to take it to the County for disposal. He feels that since 1998 the City became a little over zealous of what is picked up and not pick up. He requested changes be made. He said that the business district in the City is not paying their fair share of taxes; residents are selling their homes because of high taxes; and a revaluation needs to be done.

Frank Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, Northfield, thanked Council for getting the proposed agreement for the Rescue Squad for review. He questioned if there is a nepotism

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policy for the school board members. President Martinez responded that he inquire about that at one of their meetings. Councilman Vain requested feedback from anyone on his proposed nepotism policy, however, he did not receive any input.

Lou Milone, 106 Haddon Avenue, Northfield, has information on where to purchase the flags when Council is ready to order them.

Councilman O'Grady read the meeting notices. The next Council meeting will be held on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Council canceled the Budget work session scheduled on February 25th and 26th, and rescheduled the meetings for March 11th and 13th. This change will be advertised.

A motion to enter into Executive Session as per Resolution 39-2008 was properly made on the Consent Agenda. This meeting is closed to the public. Following the executive session, City Solicitor Scheffler summarized as follows: negotiations going well; the Fire Department has settled at a 3% increase; Council amicable to 3% across the board; no special assessments for anyone; increases are fairly far apart; standstill with workers union.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting of Council

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC

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