

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

This meeting was called to order by Joan P. Forcella, Deputy Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised under Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. He called for a moment of silence for our troops, at home and abroad, and that they be out of harms way and return safely.

**ROLL CALL:** Carew, Kauffman, Kern, Martinez, Mazzeo, Turon, Gerber

Solicitor Keith Bonchi, Engineer Edward Stinson of Doran Engineering, and City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler were present.

Council President Gerber called for a motion to dispense with a reading of the January 18, 2005 minutes, they have been posted and filed in the City Clerk's office. Motion made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Councilman Martinez. Voice vote, all in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Turon gave the Northfield Fire Department report for the month of January 2005: Total fire incidents – 22; total EMS incidents – 35; and, total non-emergency responses – 5.

Councilman Mazzeo reported on the Centennial Clock production time frame. He was advised by the manufacturer, Verdin, that the clock would be delivered toward the end of March. Equipment is available through Public Works to remove the clock from the truck.

Councilman Carew requested a framed map of the City of Northfield be displayed in Council Chambers for reference purposes, and complimented the new flags.

Council Members not reporting at this meeting gave their reports during the Work Session.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perri presented the appointments to the Birch Grove Park Advisory Board. The Board Members, length of term and term expiration date were read by Joan P. Forcella, Deputy Municipal Clerk. After a brief discussion regarding appointments, re-appointments, unexpired terms and some additional concerns, Council President Gerber motioned for a voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Perri reported on the Atlantic County League of Municipalities Dinner featuring New Jersey State Police Emergency Management Coordinator for Cumberland and Atlantic Counties, Sgt. Bryan Everingham. Perri said Everingham presented an informative overview of the State plans, including evacuation routes, meeting criteria for grants and dealing with oil spills. Perri will be stepping down as President of the League. Rose Turner will be taking over as President at the next League meeting. Perri also announced he will be stepping down as President of the Mayor's Association and the new President would be Tim Kreisler.

Mayor Perri thanked all involved in making the Rescue Squad Dinner such a nice event.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The City Engineer gave his report during the Work Session.

Councilwoman Kern questioned Engineer Stinson about manhole's on Harvey Drive. Councilman Turon advised that cold patch had been applied to the area and it had been ramped up to street level.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Report given during the Work Session, no questions during this meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Mazzeo made a motion for a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 27-2005 through 30-2005, seconded by Carew. Roll Call Vote for a consent agenda and

adoption of the Resolutions as follows: Carew-yes; Kauffman-yes; Kern-yes; Martinez-yes; Mazzeo-yes; Turon-yes; and Gerber-yes. Motion carried.

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- 27-2005** Refund of Payment for Bike Path Plaque
- 28-2005** Resolution Cancelling Excess Sewer Charge
- 29-2005** Resolution for a Feasibility Study
- 30-2005** Resolution Supporting S1023 and A1833 Requiring the State to Reimburse Municipalities for Property Tax Exemption

**ORDINANCES**

Councilman Kauffman made a motion for final adoption of Ordinance 2-2005 to be read by title only, seconded by Kern. Council President Gerber read Ordinance 2-2005 by title only. Deputy Municipal Clerk Joan P. Forcella read Ordinance 2-2005 by title only. Opened to the public, no public input received, public session closed. Solicitor Bonchi clarified Ordinance 2-2005 was a part of the resolution of the class action lawsuit wherein, after the Open Public Records Act was passed, certain municipalities within the State were not following the Act, and we agreed as part of that settlement to pass Ordinance 2-2005 to bring the City into compliance with the State of New Jersey. Roll Call Vote for final adoption of Ordinance 2-2005 as follows: Carew-yes; Kauffman-yes; Kern-yes; Martinez-yes; Mazzeo-yes; Turon-yes; and, Gerber-yes. Motion carried.

- 2-2005** Ordinance of the City of Northfield Establishing the Fees to be Charged for Copies of Documents Requested Through the Municipal Prosecutor for Municipal Court Discovery/Final Adoption/Open to Public/Published in The Press 2/12/05

Councilman Mazzeo made a motion for introduction of Ordinance 3-2005 to be read by title only, seconded by Turon. Council President Gerber read Ordinance 3-2005 by title only, introduction, no public input, published in the Press February 12, 2005. Seeing no discussion by Council, Gerber asked for Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote for introduction of Ordinance 3-2005 as follows: Carew-yes; Kauffman-yes; Kern-yes; Martinez-yes; Mazzeo-yes; Turon-yes; and, Gerber-yes. Motion carried.

- 3-2005** Calendar Year 2005 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)/Introduction/No Public Input/Published in The Press 2/12/05

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**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Gerber asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one, Gerber closed the public session.

**MEETING NOTICES/KERN**

Work Session	February 22, 2005	7:00 p.m.
Regular Session	February 22, 2005	8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern, seconded by Turon, all in favor of adjourning this Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Forcella  
Deputy Municipal Clerk