

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2013**

At 7:32pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2013, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Mazzeo. Following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carew, O'Neill, Perri, Polistina, Brown
Absent: Dewees, Travagline

Mayor Vince Mazzeo, City Solicitor Kris Facenda, Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski and Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi were also in attendance.

Council President Brown announced that Councilman Travagline was called away for a family emergency and would not be in attendance for the rest of the evening.

VETERAN HONOREE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Councilman Polistina announced that the upcoming honoree for the month of May 2013 will be Ruth Keck-Ryon and she will be in attendance at the May 14th Council meeting. The flag in front of City Hall will be flown in her honor for the upcoming month of May.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION - RELAY FOR LIFE

Mayor Mazzeo introduced Christine Sands-Bennett, the local coordinator for the upcoming "Relay for life" event. The Mayor asked everyone to help out, celebrate and honor the lives of cancer victims and support this worthwhile cause. The Mayor presented the Proclamation and invited the recipient to speak. Christine Sands-Bennett thanked Mayor and Council and shared that the 16 hour event is a special tribute and celebration of the lives of those who are here and those who are not. The "Relay for Life" is expecting over 300 participants, double the number from last year.

FRIENDS OF BIRCH GROVE PARK – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Councilman Carew thanked Council President Brown for making this possible. Councilman Carew shared a short history of the BGP Friends organization and identified this group of people as tireless, impassioned and dedicated to a cause. He stated they have amassed over 120 years of volunteer service among their

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membership and since 1988, have raised over \$227,000 for Birch Grove Park. He invited the following members, if in attendance, to join him up front for the presentation. The members honored were: President, Eileen Pantalena, Treasurer, Sue Dickinson, Secretary, Heather Mellon, Andrea Dickinson, Jeanne Lawless, Ellen Barkalow, and Wayne Thomas. Additionally, the following members/volunteers were recognized: Shannon Campbell, Lydia Bickel, Beverly Albertson, Jim Dickinson, Ed Mellon, Charles Lawless, Jim Barkalow, Flossie Graham, Marge Banning, Kathy Nugent, Madylyn Cook, Carol Ferriozzi, Mike Turon, and Mark and Debbie Doherty.

Mayor Mazzeo presented the plaque to the Friends of Birch Grove Park and thanked them all for everything they have done over the years. He extended his appreciation on behalf of Council and the residents of Northfield. Mayor Mazzeo also stated that the park is a special part of the community and will remain so, as long as he is Mayor.

Sue Dickinson thanked all the previous councils and mayors, and the residents and businesses for their support and donations over the years. She stated that she hopes to see everyone out at the park, enjoying it.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Polistina, second by Councilman O'Neill to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 28, 2013 and April 9, 2013. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri stated he is still investigating and working on the insurance review with the CFO, Dawn Stollenwerk. He also reported that the Planning Board has a full agenda next month. In addition, he invited the public to join the seniors meeting on April 25, 2013 at 10:00am at the Birch Grove Center. Councilman Perri extended congratulations to the Friends of Birch Grove Park on their recognition.

Councilman O'Neill updated Council about the purchase of the new phone system from Tricomm. He reported that he met with Dawn Stollenwerk and agreed with her recommendation to purchase the phone system outright rather than leasing it. He shared that the Court revenue is on an upward trend and is currently at a 5% increase over last year.

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Councilman Polistina congratulated the Friends of Birch Grove Park on their many accomplishments over the years. He reported that the Cultural Committee will be meeting this week. He shared that the Veteran's Park Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th at 5:00pm and construction at the park is progressing and the paving will start soon.

Councilman Carew had no committee report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo shared that the preparations for Memorial Day are underway and the flags should go up on Shore Road in early May. The annual parade will be Monday, May 27, 2013, with a ceremony to follow. He also reported that he was invited to the Yale School to confer with the administrators and tour the school. He reported that he had a good visit and the children were respectful and well-behaved. The administrators shared their long range plans for improvement and shared that the students are working on an E-waste project for the fall of 2013. Mayor Mazzeo noted that he would like to see Northfield support this project if at all possible. Mayor Mazzeo reported that Reverend Stark from the Good Shepard Church reached out to him requesting help to connect to families in need of assistance. The Mayor indicated he, in turn, would reach out to the Mother's League for help. He stated that Reverend Stark was scheduled to provide the Benediction for the Memorial Day celebration. Mayor Mazzeo reported that the Northfield Police Department has started a new initiative. They are holding regular sergeant meetings, with the goal of improving operations within the department. They are also naming a deserving officer the title "Officer of the Quarter". He reported that the officer for the first quarter of 2013 to be recognized for outstanding productivity is Officer Justin Heller. He stated that Officer Heller is a great reflection on the department and offered his congratulations. Mayor Mazzeo also read the March Police Department report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's written report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office. Dan Kwapinski of Schaffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers, LLC, was in attendance and available for questions. Kwapinski noted that the Broad Street paving project has experienced some minor delays due to scheduling conflicts. The Engineer also shared that the City Garage

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sustained damage in a recent accident and he has completed his inspection. He asked Municipal Clerk Canesi if they were pursuing contractors to make the necessary repairs. Municipal Clerk Canesi confirmed that they were working on it. Engineer Kwapinski recommended to Council that they proceed with the repairs as soon as possible and concluded his report for the evening.

RESOLUTIONS/ CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Carew motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to vote by consent agenda on Resolutions 82-2013 through 86-2013.

Councilman O'Neil asked if the City has talked to the other entity regarding the interlocal agreement.

Council President Brown clarified that this Resolution 85-2013 is conditional and that it will be taken up in Executive Session at the next Council meeting.

Roll call: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries.

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| 82-2013 | To Authorize a Refund of 2012 Property Taxes for Block 157, Lot 62 |
| 83-2013 | Authorizing Cancellation of a Tax Sale Certificate |
| 84-2013 | Authorizing the Rails to Trails Conservancy to Conduct a User Count Using an Infrared Counter on the Northfield Bike Path |
| 85-2013 | Conditionally Authorizing an Expenditure Not to Exceed \$15,000 to be Used for the Relocation of Certain Sewer Utility Improvements Currently Located within the County of Atlantic's Mill Road Right of Way |
| 86-2013 | Authorize the Hiring of Seasonal Concession Stand Attendant for Birch Grove Park |

Councilman Carew motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 82-2013 through 86-2013.

Roll call: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries.

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Council President Brown announced that Resolution 76-2013 will remain on the table and be placed on the agenda for the May 14th Council meeting for further discussion.

ORDINANCES

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Carew seconded, to introduce Ordinance 4-2013, to be read by title only.

4-2013 Amending Sections 128-2, 128-3 And 275-4 of the City of Northfield Code
*Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press of AC 4/27/2013
2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 5/14/2013*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, announcing that there would be no public input on introduction. She provided the hearing and publication dates and noted that full copies of the Ordinance are presently posted on the City website, on the bulletin board at City Hall, and are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Roll call: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Carew seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 2,733,054.89.

Councilman O'Neill asked for clarification regarding the distribution of the WECO checks. Municipal Clerk Canesi confirmed that the checks had not been signed and will not be distributed until the discussion and vote is completed.

Councilman Perri asked why payroll does not appear on the payment of bills list with its own schedule. He stated that it used to be there and would like to see it on the list going forward.

Mayor Mazzeo agreed and stated he would look into it. Council President Brown also indicated she would like to see payroll on the list.

Roll call: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries.

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Council President Brown thanked Cory from MRHS for providing video for this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Brown opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any subject. Seeing no one wishing to speak, she closed the public session.

Councilman Perri read the meeting notices.

At 8:08pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mimi M. Marlor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mimi M. Marlor, Deputy Municipal Clerk