

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MAY 18, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in the Press of Atlantic City on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 - 1.7, this meeting will be held in-person and as a remote public meeting (live-streamed) using Zoom conferencing service. Due to social distancing requirements related to Covid-19, there are limited seats for in-person attendance by members of the public. Visit the event calendar page for May 18, 2021 at www.cityofnorthfield.org to determine current seating availability. Face coverings and social distancing will be required for in-person attendance. To reserve an available seat, contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 609-641-2832, ext 125, no later than 4:00pm on May 18, 2021. Once all available seats have been reserved, virtual attendance will be required using a web-browser to Join the Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84050504498> or by telephone using one tap mobile +13126266799,,84050504498# or direct dial +1 312 626 6799 using Meeting ID: 840 5050 4498. For those wishing to comment during the dedicated public comment portion of the meeting, but who may be unable to attend (in person or via Zoom), public comments may also be submitted in advance via email to mcanesi@cityofnorthfield.org or by written letter to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield NJ 08225, or by hand delivery to the drop box in the parking lot at the south corner of the municipal building, addressed to the attention of the Municipal Clerk. Comments shall contain the name and address of the author, will be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting, and must be received by 2:00pm on May 18 2021.

FLAG SALUTE

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Dewees, Madden, Notaro, Perri, Smith, Utts, Polistina

MAYOR: Chau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2021

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

RESOLUTIONS

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| 99-2021 | A Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances |
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| 101-2021 | A Resolution Approving the Application for the Project known as “Recreation Improvements at Birch Grove Park” for the FY 2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) |

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PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 438,806.99

MEETING NOTICES

Primary Election	June 8 th	6am-8pm Northfield Community School
City Council	June 15 th	6pm Work Session Regular Session immediately following

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 99-2021**

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GRANT BALANCES

WHEREAS, certain Grant balances remain on the City's balance, and it has been determined that they are no longer required; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic that the following unexpended appropriation and receivable balances of the Grant Fund be cancelled:

Grant	Receivable	Appropriation	Match
2020 Distracted Driving	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00	0

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 18th day of May 2021.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 100-2021**

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that refunds for overpaid taxes pursuant to the following are hereby authorized:

REFUND TO	BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	REFUND AMOUNT
CoreLogic	92	5	303 Clark Place	\$1,726.20
Centralized Refunds	114	24	911 First Street	\$1,069.94
Attn: Refund Department	132	40	716 Second Street	\$1,667.24
P.O. Box 202	138	12	405 Fuae Avenue	\$1,447.89
Coppell, TX 75019-9760	158	17.06	12 E. Ridgewood Drive	\$3,121.20
	179.01	1.03	9 St. Andrews Drive	\$3,207.90
Total Amount of Refund:				\$12,240.37
REFUND TO	BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	REFUND AMOUNT
Keck-Ryon, Ruth Elizabeth 600 Lake Avenue Northfield, NJ 08225	53	9	600 Lake Avenue	\$ 281.15
Total Amount of Refund:				\$ 281.15
REFUND TO	BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	REFUND AMOUNT
Kelly, Michael P. & Jean M. 2307 Raymond Drive Northfield, NJ 08225	9.02	34	2307 Raymond Drive	\$ 444.94
Total Amount of Refund:				\$ 444.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate officials be and they are herewith authorized to sign the checks to accomplish the refunds authorized.

Michele L. Kirtsos, CTC

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 18th day of May, 2021.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 101-2021**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE
PROJECT KNOWN AS “RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT BIRCH
GROVE PARK” FOR THE FY 2021 LOCAL RECREATION
IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LRIG)**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs is accepting applications for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG); and

WHEREAS, the LRIG is a competitive grant that supports improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, access to outdoor recreation and community resources is critical for mental and physical health, particularly for those residents with limited or no other access to quality outdoor space or private recreational opportunities, and the LRIG will allocate funds to update facilities and recreational spaces to meet this need; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution of Council No. 97-2021, the Municipal Engineer has prepared an application to be submitted for the LRIG for the project known as Common Council of the city of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer’s recommendations for the project known as “Recreation Improvements At Birch Grove Park”, include basketball courts, upgrades to playground equipment, and outdoor exercise equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the *FY 2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant* within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.


I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield held this 18th day of May 2021.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ENGINEERING MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council, City of Northfield
1600 Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225

FROM: Rami Nassar, PE, PP, CME 
Schaeffer Nassar Scheidegg Consulting Engineers, LLC (SNS)

SUBJECT: Engineers Report for May 18, 2021

DATE: May 14, 2021

PROJECTS:

NF13-00 Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) Redevelopment Initiative Grant

The ACIA Grant will establish Redevelopment Initiative for the City of Northfield, previously an application was submitted to ACIA, the County Requested additional information, our office submitted the information back in 2019, (1-19-2020) Requested un update from Mr. Bob Mcguigan regarding this grant. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-03 South Jersey Gas (SJG) High Pressure Gas Main Infrastructure Program

For the past 6 years the South Jersey Gas Company worked on upgrading their infra structure throughout the Municipality, most of the work was finished last year. We are working with the Contractor to schedule the remaining paving repairs. There are no new projects scheduled within Municipal Roads. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-00 Catherine Place and Flow Issues with ACUA

I received the pipe inspection report form the ACUA for the gravity system in the Municipality, the existing sewer mains were lined approximately 15 years ago, only few areas were damaged, and the contractor repaired these areas, according to the report, ground water infiltration was minimal. (1-19-2020) we did not receive any additional information since February 18. 2020. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-40 Reconstruction of Shepherd Drive and North Shepherd Drive (Municipal Aid FY 2019)

The City was approved for \$ 285,000.00 from the NJDOT 2019 grants for the reconstruction of Shepherd Drive and North Shepherd Drive. We are working on the design plans. We received the NJDOT concurrence for the design and design specifications. We received only one bid for the base and alternate bids in the amount of \$358,375.00. Due to the weather the project is on hold until Mach 2020. The Contractor is scheduled to start the concrete work around the second week in April 2020, with anticipated project completion in mid-May. (4-24-2020) The Contractor is mobilizing today to start the concrete work on Monday the 27th. (5-8-2020) Contractor finished all the concrete work and paving is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 18th. (5-22-2020 The contractor is scheduled to complete the paving starting June 9th. (6-12-2020) The contractor started to mobilize paving equipment to start the paving portion of this project on Monday the 15th and with anticipated date for completion on the 20th. (7-10-2020) during the reconstruction of the road, a drainage pipe collapsed along North Shepherd

Drive the corrugated aluminum pipe was not installed properly and did not have the proper cover on top it, the Contractor replaced the 15" pipe with 8" ductile iron pipe. The final pavement has completed, the contractor is working on restoration and cleanup. We had an issue with the resident at 2009 Shepherd Drive the landscaping was almost 3' over the paving when the contractor was milling the road, he requested that we get the 3 rhododendrons bushes trimmed back away from the street, Public works did the work and the resident sent a complaint and is requesting to get reimbursed \$1,500 to replace the three bushes, the homeowner failed to comply the property maintenance ordinance (215-47). (8-7-2020) I met with the Contractor to delineate the problematic areas, the Contractor needs to reconstruct an approximately 20' of the concrete gutter and mill and pave approximately 400' to correct the drainage problems. (8-28-2020) the Contractor started the repair work along Shepherd Drive should be finished by next week. (9-11-2020) Contractor started the asphalt repair should be completed by the 15th. (10-2-2020) All repair work has been completed. (10-16-2020) we approved payment # 3 for the contractor, we ordered the core samples and working with contractor on the final change order. (11-20-2020) we are in the process of getting core sample, so we can start closing out this project. (1-14-2021) waiting on the results from the testing company. (2-12-2021) Scheduled the final inspection with the NJDOT Representative for February 20th. (2-24-2021) I met Mr. Yatin Amin from the NJDOT on site to perform the final inspection for the project, no issues were raised, I am working with the Contractor on the final change order so we can proceed with closing out the project. (3-12-2021) we received the core samples report from the testing company all samples were in accordance with the approved plans, we are reviewing the final change order, and will forward our recommendation to Council for the next meeting. (4-1-2021) The Contractor submitted final change order and the project final cost is \$16,056.00 below the contract price. (4-15-2021) Contractor submitted the final payment request. **(5-14-2021) Working on closing out the project with the NJDOT.**

NF13-37 Municipal Building Parking Lot Paving and ADA Upgrade

We are in the process of designing the necessary ADA upgrade to the municipal building rear entrance, paving and restriping the parking lot. The Municipality will utilize the Atlantic County Improvement Authority Grant to finance portion of the project. We added the Library parking lot to the project, and we are working on the field survey. The bid package was not acceptable due to the CCBG funding the bid documents must meet the federal bid guidelines. I met with Bob McGuigan, got all required information, which must be included within the bid package, we will revise the documents accordingly and forward it to him for final approval. Nothing new to report. (4-24-2020) I will get the bid package to the Clerk's office for council review and authorization to go out to bid by May 4th. (5-22-2020) Plans and bid package is at the Clerk's office for Council member review, waiting on the Council authorization to proceed with the bidding process. (6-12-2020) The bid was advertised on June 10th with opening scheduled for July 7th. (7-10-2020) we received two bids only and the I sent a letter recommending to the reject the bids and bid the parking lots and ADA improvements separately. (8-7-2020) Bid packages are completed and will advertise the projects within a week. (9-11-2020) Project has been advertised with bid opening on October 1st. (10-2-2020) We received bids for the project, based on preliminary review of the bid packages the paving portion of the project came in at \$121,700 and the ADA improvement portion came in at \$149,400 the total cost will be \$271,100 way less than the previous low bid amount of \$433,000. (10-16-2020) we prepared the award recommendations for the paving and the ADA upgrade portions of the project for Council's approval. (11-6-2020) We had a pre-construction meeting for the City Hall ADA ramp project, it is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of January 2021 subject to weather. (11-20-2020) working with the contractor on the ramp shop drawing and getting a price to remove the existing tower. (12-11-2020) All shop drawings and all submittals have been approved the contractor ordered the ramp, I got 2 quotes to remove the tower waiting on the third quote. (1-14-2021) contractor started the work on January 4th and cell tower is being removed on the 15th. (1-28-2021) The contractor will start the foundations next week. (2-12-2021) Concrete work is on hold due to the weather. (2-26-2021) The Contractor will start the foundation works this coming up Monday. (3-12-2021) The foundation and concrete slab are completed, the Paving Contractor will be on site on Wednesday the 17th to start milling the municipal parking lot and should have it paved by the next day, the contractor will move the library's parking lot next. The work on the handicap ramp and steps will start on the Monday the 22nd (4-1-2021) Both parking lots have been paved and striped, the contractor needs to install the asphalt curbing at City Hall and the concrete bumper stop at the Library, this work should be completed by April 6th, the ramp, steps, and new door has been completed, the final inspection is scheduled for the 6th. (4-15-2021) Project is completed, working on punch list items, and final change orders. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-43 Asset Management Plan

Work has been started on different components of the plan. North American Pipe, LLC has been contracted to video the sewer main along Tilton Road from the manhole by Little Italy Restaurant at Burton Avenue to the manhole at Maple Ave. and Roosevelt Ave. we found a major sewer main break at the intersection of Tilton and Burton causing major roadway settlement, also Infra Structurer Assessment, LLC started to inventory the sewer system. We are working on completing the sanitary sewer system inventory. I will be meeting with Public Works Director on March 9, 2020 to go over portion of the plan and to determine the section sewer main that needs to be inspected. We are finalizing the list for the portion of the sewer main to be videoed. Waiting to hear back from Contractor if able to work. (10-16-2020) working on the schedule to move forward with to video portion of the sanitary sewer pipes. (3-12-2021) Will be starting to video the sewer main on Monday the 22nd, I am meeting with Qwin to finalize the scope of this portion of the project. (4-1-2021) The contractor had to reschedule the work to mid-April. (4-15-2021) Did not get the new schedule from the Contractor yet. (4-30-2021) The contractor started to video the sewer main, we encountered few issues which needs to be addressed in the asset management plan. **(5-14-21) waiting on the contractor to send the pipe videos for me to review.**

NF13-27 Grant Applications:

(5-22-2020) working on the 2021 Municipal Aid Grants for the reconstruction and widening of Merritt Drive, portion of Ridgewood Drive and possible drainage system upgrade. Also, I received an email from the ACIA stating that the municipality does not qualify for CDBG for recreational use (we do not meet the LMI requirements as set by HUD) the only project we can apply for are ADA compliance or projects for Senior Citizen. (6-12-2020) Finalizing the Municipal Aid Grant application for Merritt Drive and working on the CDBG grant to upgrade ADA access to the picnic area at Birch Grove Park. (7-101-2020) The 2021 Municipal Aid Application has been submitted and there is a resolution on the agenda, which needs to be sent to the NJDOT no later than July 31, 2020. Nothing new to report. (10-16-2020) we had a zoom meeting with the NJDOT Local Aid to discuss the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside program grant for the bike path upgrade. (11-6-2020) working with Mary Canesi on the grant application and getting all the supporting documents and preparing a concept plan to be submitted with the application. (11-20-2020) The bike path grant application will be submitted by the 24th. Grant Application was submitted November 24, 2020. (4-15-2021) New grant opportunity for recreational facility from the NJDEP, to be discussed. (4-30-2021) We need to file the new CDBG Grant by May 14, 2021. **(5-14-2021) CDBG application was submitted to the ACIA, and currently working on the recreational grant offered by NJDCA.**

NF13-03 New Jersey American Water Company System Upgrade:

(1-19-2020) Multiple water main upgrade projects were completed last year, so far there are no new project scheduled within the Municipal Roadways. (2-24-2021) I had a meeting with Tim Green from the NJAWC to discuss the main relocation along Birch Grove Park Road. (3-12-2021) Received the street opening application for the main relocation along Birch Grove Park Road. (4-1-2021) South State subcontractor will remove the trees on the 5th, so the NJAWC will be able to relocate the water main. **(5-14-2021) waiting on the NJAWC schedule.**

NF13-03 Street Opening:

(5-14-2021) 4 street opening permit was processed.

NF13-44 2020 Local Road Paving Program

(10-2-2020) This project originally included portion of Second Street, Portion of Franklin Avenue, portion of Fairbanks Avenue, Portion of Bates Avenue, Portion of Maple Avenue including drainage, Half width Haddon Avenue, portion of Wabash Avenue, Half width of portion of Ridgewood Avenue, Half width of portion of Glencove Avenue. During the design process a portion of Cedar Bridge, Cedar Spring Court and the re-alignment of Birch Grove Park Road were added to the scope of this project, design plan and bid packages will be ready for Council's review and approval at the October 20th meeting. (10-16-2020) bid package and plans needed additional revisions and was not completed on time for the Council's approval at this meeting, package will be ready for the next Council meeting. (11-6-2020) Bid package was delivered to the Clerk's Office; we are

requesting an authorization to proceed with the bid. (11-20-2020) Bid opening is set for December 10th. (12-11-2020) We received 6 bids and the lowest bid was from South State, Inc. in the amount of \$527,756.00, the recommendation of award is on the Council's agenda for approval for this meeting. (1-14-2021) we had the pre-construction meeting on the 11th, the contractor tentatively will start the drainage component of the project in February. (2-26-2021) We sent the notice to proceed, the contractor is starting the drainage improvements on March 1, 2021. (3-12-2021) The drainage pipe along Maple has been completed, and the Contractor will start the concrete work next week. (4-1-2021) The concrete work will start on the 5th. (4-15-2021) Contractor is not finished with the concrete work. (4-30-2021) All concrete has been completed, working with the Contractor on the paving schedule. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-45 Reconstruction of Fuae Avenue (Municipal Aid FY 2020)

(5-22-2020) The City was approved for \$ 290,000.00 from the NJDOT 2020 grants for the reconstruction of Fuae Avenue between Zion Road and Dolphin Avenue. The design plan has been completed; we sent the design plans and the bid package to the NJDOT for their concurrence for the design and specifications. Also, we have dropped off a complete package at the Clerk's Office for Council Member review and approval. (6-12-2020) We received a letter from the NJDOT requiring minor revisions to the bid package, we are working to get the changes finished and sent back to the DOT by June 16th. (7-10-2020) Project has been advertised for August 4th bid opening. (8-7-2020) We received 4 bids the lowest bidder was Hackney Concrete, Inc (\$302,112.80) the estimated project budget was \$300,000.00 and a Recommendation of Award was sent to Council for approval. (8-28-2020) waiting on the NJDOT concurrence with the bid award, so we can move forward with the construction. (9-11-2020) We received the concurrence from the NJDOT, and the per-construction meeting will be held on the 14th. (10-2-2020) Nothing new to report. (10-16-2020) Contractor is starting the concert work on Monday the 19th. (11-6-2020) Contractor started the concrete portion of the project. (11-20-2020) The concrete portion of the project will be completed by November 24th and the paving portion is scheduled for the first week in December subject to the weather. (12-11-2020) All concrete and drainage work have been completed, the paving contractor is scheduled for the week of the 14th the Contractor submitted Payment Request # 2. (1-14-2021) the paving portion of the project is on hold until this spring to ensure proper paving. (3-12-2021) Paving Contractor will mobilize early next week after the library parking lot is completed, it will take approximately one week to complete the paving portion of this project, also the contractor will start the turf restoration behind the installed curb after the paving is completed. (4-1-2021) The contractor started the turf restoration, and they will be starting on the pavement punch list items next week. (4-15-2021) working on the punch list items and the final change order. **(5-14-2021) Nothing new to report.**

NF13-48 Reconstruction of Merritt Dr. and p/o of Ridgewood Dr. (Municipal Aid FY 2021)

On November 16, 2020, The City was selected to receive \$ 310,000.00 from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program the Reconstruction of Merritt Drive and portion of Ridgewood Drive between Route 9 and Wabash Avenue. Nothing New to report. (1-14-2021) we started the project design. (4-15-2021) Working on the design plan, should be completed by the end of April. **(5-14-2021) The plan and specification will be at the Clerk's Office by the end of May for review and approval by Council.**