

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2025**

At 6:35pm this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in the Press of Atlantic City on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chau led the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Council President Bucci.

Absent: Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith. Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda and Engineer Mauro were also present.

DISCUSSION – IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECTS:

- 2025 NJ Department of Transportation ‘Municipal Aid’ Grant
- 2025 NJ Department of Transportation ‘Local Transportation Projects Fund’ Grant

Council President Bucci opened discussion on the NJDOT grants.

Engineer Mauro explained that she needed a decision regarding Burton Avenue – Burton Avenue was the original plan, but others were asked to be considered. She gave recommendations from Public Works. They recommended Cedar Bridge from Oak Avenue to New Road. She went over prices for Oak, and, Burton, and, changed Burton to milling and paving only or sidewalk only. She went over the roads again today, as an engineer, she suggested Burton Avenue, she felt infiltration could cause future damage. Burton also needed crosswalks at Joseph Court, Banning, and others. The bend off Tilton could use traffic calming measures, there are a varied that could be considered.

Mayor Chau asked what a speed table looked like?

Engineer Mauro explained, striping and signs, may be an option for Burton, she recommended Burton over Cedar Bridge.

Mayor Chau asked how the speed table was installed and was it noticeable?

Engineer Mauro continued to explain it, she used 96th Street in Stone Harbor as an example.

Councilman Dewees added, it like a rumble strip.

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Councilman Notaro asked was there a speeding issue? Police are enforcing in the area. He asked if we did a traffic study.

Engineer Mauro recommended Joseph Court to Tilton, the price was \$317,356.00 for milling and paving, it would save around \$80,000.00 if we don't go to Mill Road, the price may change depending on traffic calming measures.

Councilman Dewees confirmed the area, he felt Mill to Joseph was worse, the asphalt was better from Herzel to Tilton.

Engineer Mauro replied, Joseph to Tilton is what she was considering.

Solicitor Facenda asked, do you need that today, or just need to identify the road?

Engineer Mauro replied, just the road, we could can apply for resurfacing and could fine tune the details later.

Councilman Dewees stated his choice was Burton, he spoke with Councilman Smith, he agreed to Burton as well.

Engineer Mauro noted there were some safety issues with Burton, such as ADA ramp and crosswalks, she felt Council would get a better bang for your buck on Burton.

Engineer Mauro explained the differences between Cedar Bridge and Burton, she felt the bend off of Tilton was an issue.

Councilman Notaro asked do was have a plan for striping?

Councilman Dewees replied, we would discuss it during capital.

Engineer Mauro referred to a question by Clerk Canesi, was there any funding for striping only? The maximum amount of street locations you can have is three for DOT funding. For restriping only, the amount of money is not going to be up to a grant awardable amount, it will be too low. She recommended getting a list of locations that need to be striping and budget yearly.

Councilman Notaro asked do we have equipment for it?

Councilman Dewees replied no, they are done by hand.

Council President Bucci took straw poll for Burton Avenue. All members present were in favor of Burton.

Engineer Mauro explained there were two different grants that cover the same thing, she would put in for Municipal Aid for Burton, she felt we had a better chance of

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getting the funding, we could apply for the Local Transportation Funds which is more competitive, a viable option would be to put in Cedar Bridge or Forrest.

Councilman Notaro asked what the cost of Forrest was and why we were previously denied?

Engineer Mauro explained the fees, funding in the pool was limited.

Council President Bucci confirmed the fees for the Municipal Aide grant was \$2500 and \$1000 for subsequent application fees.

All members present were in favor of apply for Cedar Bridge for the 2nd grant. Engineer Mauro confirmed projects selected as Burton Avenue for Municipal Aid and Cedar Bridge for the Local Transportation Projects Fund.

Councilman Notaro asked how much to finish after the fact?

Engineer Mauro stated Burton, to mill and pave would be \$397,040, we would request the maximum of \$300,000.00. She felt it was more favorable since it's by the park, and safe routes to school. She explained the grant we received last year, we could change the limits if there was a financial issue after, numbers could be adjusted, this was preliminary.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Bucci opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At approximately 3:54pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk