

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
AUGUST 13, 2012**

At 5:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. In accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, this meeting was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on August 11, 2012.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Dewees, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Vain,
Mr. Carew

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Mazzeo.

Mayor Mazzeo, Solicitor Bonchi and Police Lieutenant Daniel Mitchell were also in attendance.

RESOLUTION

125-2012 A Resolution Awarding the Contract to Shore Medical Center for Shared Emergency Medical Services in the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilwoman Brown seconded, to adopt Resolution 125-2012.

Councilman Perri noted his prior concerns about insurance; he felt \$25m was exclusionary. Councilman Polistina replied that more research was done and the coverage provided by chosen vendor is adequate. Councilman O'Neill asked if a rig would be at City Hall 24/7. Polistina responded that there will be dedicated rig. It may not be here, it will be where the provider deems best in order to meet response times. Mayor Mazzeo asked about dispatch procedures. Police Lieutenant Mitchell responded that plans are to have EHT dispatch directly to the vehicle. O'Neill inquired about response time reports and the number of rigs. Polistina stated that this would go through EHT, as it does now. Councilwoman Brown asked for clarification on rates; Polistina reviewed and confirmed them.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

Council President Carew opened the meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak.

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, expressed dissatisfaction with the vote this evening and asked about rates for seniors on Medicare.

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Debi Doherty, 405 Chestnut Avenue, asked what insurance providers Shore Memorial would take; will they take Veteran's insurance?

Mark Doherty, 405 Chestnut Avenue, asked if the contract is for BLS only, and who is the ALS provider? Polistina replied the contract is BLS, and that as the provider for the County, that Atlanticare is ALS provider. Doherty asked about penalty provisions for contract violations; Polistina read from the appropriate section of the EMS RFP in response.

Ray Adams, 238 Mt Vernon Avenue, questioned the sufficiency of five ambulances.

Lynn Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, said she hopes it all works out, and thanked residents for supporting the Northfield Rescue Squad. She is dissatisfied with the process.

Seeing no others wishing to speak, Council President Carew closed the public session.

Councilman Vain read the meeting notices.

At 5:30pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk