

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

At 7:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Dewees Mrs. Kern, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

Mayor Vincent Mazzeo, City Engineer Matt Doran, and City Solicitor Keith Bonchi were also in attendance.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda. He announced that the presentation of certificates to the three athletic teams would be moved to later on the agenda, after the adoption of resolutions.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - DANIELLE SCHUSTER

Councilman Smith read a letter from Assistant Fire Chief Lauren Crooks that explained and commended the efforts of NCS 3rd grader Danielle Schuster. Danielle solicited donations for the purchase of pet oxygen masks; the masks were purchased and donated to the Northfield Fire Department. Smith formally recognized Danielle and her parents, and presented Danielle with a certificate recognizing her for demonstrating youth leadership.

Mayor Mazzeo said each June, the 3rd graders tour City Hall. Danielle visited and as a result of something she saw on Animal Planet, spearheaded this effort.

Assistant Fire Chief Crooks displayed the device and offered an explanation of how it works. Danielle said it took one night and the following day to raise the money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri said the Senior Citizens Committee has been advertised and he has five names for consideration by Council. The Committee needs volunteers age 55 and over if anyone in the audience is interested.

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Councilman Polistina said there was no Library Board meeting this month; he had no report from Finance.

Councilman Vain said the most recent meeting concerning Veteran's Park was very eventful. The Mayor's cousin is presenting a preliminary design, and Matt Doran will do the scope work. Donations to fund the park will be solicited soon. Vain said he got an estimate from Shore Monuments for \$950 to refurbish the Veteran's monument in front of City Hall. He should have another estimate at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Kern said Resolution 134 will authorize the 2012 Municipal Alliance grant; we receive approximately \$13,000 a year to fund various activities such as Forest Friends in the grade school, and DARE in the middle school. The Alliance also funds programs for mainland students, senior citizens and provides financial support for National Night Out.

Councilman Smith read the Fire Department report for August. He thanked the Fire Department for their support during hurricane Irene.

Councilman Dewees announced that a map of trash collection routes is now available on the City website, as is a map of the street sweeping schedule. Street sweeping began this week. Dewees thanked Robbie Dollard from Doran Engineering for creating the maps.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew thanked the Mayor for setting up the Employee Wellness Day. Halloween hayrides are coming up; he urged all to come out and enjoy the park, adding that volunteers are also needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo said Saturday, October 1st will be this year's Family Fun Fest, where he will be in the dunk tank. Last Saturday was the Run for the Fallen; mile marker 42 of the Run was out in front of City Hall, where they stopped and saluted our flag. The Run started in Cape May and finished in Holmdel. Dwayne Kelley from Willingboro was honored at our stop. On September 20th, there was a teen driving seminar attended by 300 participants. The event was very well received, and another one will be held on October 6th. At the recent Atlantic County Mayors' Association meeting Jerry DelRosso, the County Administrator, discussed County dispatch. Only 13 of the 23 municipalities in the County responded, which may mean that costs to participating municipalities could be higher than anticipated. Two locations have been identified for dispatch facilities: one in Hamilton Township and the other at

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Stockton College. NJ State League of Municipalities Executive Director Bill Dressel spoke about energy receipts; the League is lobbying to have this funding restored and returned to the municipalities. There has been a lot of recent interest in bike path memorial benches; we thought there were no more spots, but there may be room for more. Mazzeo suggested converting single bench spots into two bench spots by increasing the pad size. This may enable the addition of 8-10 more benches. He said he did a preliminary inventory and would like to do a more formal evaluation because of the level of interest. Councilman Carew responded, saying he'd like to do the review this week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office. There were no updates.

Mayor Mazzeo said that over the weekend, a resident told him that the pump station at Philmar and Pasadena was running for two days straight. It is not running now.

The City Engineer responded, suggesting that Public Works take a look at it; it could be a hung-up float. Council President Carew directed Councilman Dewees to have Jim Clark investigate.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Vain seconded for a consent agenda for resolutions 132-2011 through 139-2011.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

- 132-2011** Refund of Construction Permit Fee

- 133-2011** Issuance of Bingo License to the Sodality of St Gianna

- 134-2011** Authorization to Apply for Municipal Alliance Grant for Calendar Year 2012

- 135-2011** Issuance of Raffle License to St Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

- 136-2011** To Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Car

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- 137-2011** Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 138-2011** To Authorize Hiring Three Substitute School Crossing Guards
- 139-2011** Authorizing Award of Contract for the Purchase of Digital, In-Car Video Cameras for Police Vehicles

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Vain seconded to adopt the consent agenda for resolutions 132-2011 through 139-2011.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES
LITTLE LEAGUE 9-10 SOFTBALL ALL STARS**

Council President Carew said the 2011 Northfield Little League 9/10 All-Star Softball team won the District 16 Softball Championship and advanced to the Section 4 South Jersey Championship final game.

They went undefeated in District play, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 28 -8. They were the first team in over 5 years to beat Hammonton within the District, and beat Somers Point by a score of 8-4 in Somers Point to win the District championship. They continued to display strong pitching, excellent team defense and a solid offense while advancing to the Section 4 championship game. Overall they finished 4 and 2 in Section play while beating teams from Franklin Township, Somerdale, and West Cumberland. This was the first Northfield Little League team to win the 9/10 Softball District championship and by getting to the Section 4 championship game, they advanced further in the state tournament than any softball team in the history of Northfield little league.

Carew congratulated the team and called upon the team manager, Mike Toner, and coaches Joe Brennan, Pat McCarthy, Annette Bonczek, and Barry Goff, to come forward. Toner announced the names of the players and presented each with a certificate of achievement. Players were: Alyssa Aldridge, Bailey Arena, Brianna Barretta, Megan Bozzi, MacKenzie Brennan, Madison Disidori, Olivia Goff, Amanda Kinkler, Gillian McCarthy, Lauren Toner, and Lauren Vandenberg.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES
JR LEAGUE 13-14 SOFTBALL ALL STARS**

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Council President Carew said the 2011 Northfield Little League Junior League All Star Softball team won the District 16 Softball Championship and advanced to the quarter finals of the Section 4 tournament. The team advanced out of the loser's bracket to advance to the District 16 final and beat Somers Point twice to win the Championship. This was the first Northfield Little League team to win the Junior League District 16 Championship.

Carew congratulated the girls, who are from Northfield and Linwood. He called upon team manager Frank McGlynn, and Coaches Jim Leeds and Allan Mack to come forward. McGlynn announced each player's name and presented each with a certificate of achievement. Players were: Lindsey Boken, Gab Guarracino, Zoe Graziotto, Shannon Hartman, Brittany Ireland, Olivia Josephsen, Amanda Mack, Maddie McGlynn, Ashlee Moran, Emme Rovins, and Shea Scannell.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES – 9-10 BASEBALL ALL STARS

Council President Carew Northfield has been spoiled over the past few years as we have been fortunate to celebrate and recognize District and Sectional Champions in both baseball and softball. These accomplishments were quite rare for many years; they now seem almost commonplace.

The boys' 9/10 year old team breezed through District 16 play and captured the title with an 11-2 victory over Absecon (the closest game throughout the district tournament). There was a buzz that this team may be special. The next rung on the ladder to climb was the Section 4 Tournament. Northfield reached the finals but needed a second game against E. Greenwich to claim the Section 4 Title; the first title for a District 16 team at the 9/10 age group since Somers Point in 2000. This team now would represent all of South Jersey in the NJ State Finals. The tournament which began with over 300 teams was now down to 4! These 13 boys withstood intense summer heat, excellent play from worthy opponents and after a loss to Manasquan/Brielle, were forced to drive up the Parkway to Freehold on 3 consecutive evenings. The gritty bunch with the rabid cheering section did not disappoint; Northfield avenged the earlier loss to Manasquan/Brielle with back to back wins to claim the first ever title; NJ State Champions! The families traveled to Cranston, RI to participate in the Mid Atlantic Regional Tournament with other State Champions. Northfield went 2-2 in pool play with victories over Delaware and eventual champion New York. Unfortunately they were eliminated due to a tie breaker. A 3-2 defeat to Pennsylvania proved to be the difference. The level of play, sportsmanship, and organization that the team demonstrated throughout their memorable run was publicly recognized by many of the tournament directors along the way. Carew called forward team manager Dennis Foreman, and coaches Jim Hoopes and John Palmieri. He said it is with great pride and admiration for an

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unbelievably exciting and successful summer that he introduces the 2011 NJ State Champions; the 9/10 year old boys all star team.

Foreman read each player's name and presented them with a certificate of achievement. Players were: Nicholas Atohi, Joseph Bonczek, Kyle Campbell, Anthony Cappuccio, Zachary Carew, Kevin Foreman, Kyle Goodman, Jayson Hoopes, Joseph Massari, Joseph Palmieri, Dylan Porr, Devin Sharkey, and Thomas Zanaras.

Foreman displayed the trophy for all to see, adding that it is an incredible accomplishment for a small town. He thanked Mayor Mazzeo, Council President Carew, and the members of Council for the evening's recognition. It speaks to the power of community and he thanked everyone, including the Police Department, Fire Department, and Northfield Little League. He thanked the City for their support and said he hopes they will continue to do great things.

Council President Carew had the three children of the coaches present them with gifts; Carew thanked the coaches and parents. He presented Foreman with an autographed team ball.

Carew introduced President of Northfield Little League, Nick Droboniku, and Northfield resident Jim Leeds, who spends a lot of his own time and money on the Little League program. Each was presented with a gift.

Droboniku noted that the softball teams were made up of Northfield and Linwood girls, and that there are Linwood families in attendance. He thanked them.

Council President Carew announced a 5 minute recess.

ORDINANCES

On a motion of Councilman Dewees, second of Councilman Smith, all in favor of reading Ordinance 6-2011 by title only.

6-2011 An Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Sanitary Sewer/Storm Water Easements by the City of Northfield
2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption
Published in the Press 10/01/2011

The Municipal Clerk read the ordinance by title.

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Councilman Carew opened the public hearing; seeing no members of the public wishing to speak, he closed the public session.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 6-2011.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Vain seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 5,642,253.05.

Councilman Vain and Councilwoman Kern noted abstentions on file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for payment of bills.

Councilman Perri inquired about the Fire department and All Sports audits; he checked in the Finance office today but the audits were not available. Councilman Polistina replied that he will get copies for Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Carew opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Dennis Mahon, 7 Twelve Oaks Court, said four meetings ago, he submitted a resolution to Council in support of fair school funding. He asked for a status update. Councilman Polistina responded; it will be presented for consideration on the next agenda. Mahon noted that there is a lecture at the Clarion at 7:30pm, open to the public. He also said he has left messages for the ax assessor but has not gotten a call back.

Helen Havlick, 203 West Revere Avenue, asked if the City was caught up on yard waste; her day is Friday but her yard waste is still not being picked up until Monday. Council President Carew replied that there are staffing shortages due to injury, and we are behind. We are working to catch up. Havlick said she is concerned about pending leaf fall; she said she understands funding problems, but the County was more reliable. Carew replied that the issue will be examined.

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Mayor Mazzeo stated that we were caught up at one point, because the ACUA came in and picked up the whole town. Lately there have been ongoing problems with breakdowns.

Havlick said she'd previously mentioned the parking restriction ordinance as it relates to when it snows. She urged Council to do something now, before it gets cold, to ensure that it gets enforced.

Councilman Perri suggested that the ordinance be modified to include street sweeping as well.

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

Councilman Polistina read the meeting notices.

Councilman Carew thanked our videographer, John from Mainland.

At 8:04pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk