

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

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: Mrs. Kern, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Perri, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew
Absent: Mr. O'Grady,

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilwoman Kern to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 26, 2010. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries for approval of minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Martinez congratulated the pee wee, junior varsity, and varsity football teams for their accomplishments. He thanked the volunteers, coaches, parents, and President of Allsports, Mr. Palmieri.

Councilman Perri asked the Mayor to reach out to Linwood to set up a meeting for the sewer interlocal. He congratulated Councilmen-elect Polistina and Dewees, and thanked Councilmen O'Grady and Martinez for their hard work.

Councilman Vain said the plans for the flashing light at Zion and Oak are at the County. Thursday is Veteran's Day; he encouraged all to do their part to honor those who served. He congratulated all candidates in the recent election, those who served and those who are about to serve. It is not always an easy job, and he is looking forward to working with newly elected officials.

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Councilwoman Kern said the Municipal Alliance held a program for seniors entitled Healthy Living Healthy Lifestyles last Friday at the Country Club; it was very successful and enjoyed by all. On November 30th there will be a coaches program, there are 10 spots remaining. Kern said she contacted Jim Clark to arrange for pick up and installation of the 18 new trash cans and 18 recycling cans being donated by the County. She wants to look at our sign ordinance next year to improve the look of the town, and is interested in purchasing new flags for Shore Road. Kern thanked City Clerk Mary Canesi for her hard work on the election process, noting that it runs very smoothly.

Councilman Smith read statistics from the Fire Department report and EMS report for the month of October. Smith mentioned the outstanding Veteran's Day program at NCS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew thanked Vicky Rutter and all volunteers for their hard work at Birch Grove Park and with the hay rides. He thanked Millennium Radio Group for the Safe Trick or Treat event. Carew congratulated Councilmen-elect Dewees and Polistina and wished them luck; and thanked Councilmen O'Grady and Martinez for their service.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo wished newly elected candidates well and thanked Councilmen Martinez and O'Grady for their years of service. He mentioned the Library Maintenance Agreement, saying he'd like to get this completed. The Clean Communities Clean Up week for construction debris was very successful; Mazzeo would like to do this twice a year in spring and fall. The tipping fees and advertising were around \$1,300.00; this does not include labor. The project worked out well, and provided an added service to the community. We have been approached by a company called Printmaps that develops informational brochures about municipalities at no cost; they make their money from advertisers. He would like to pursue such a publication for Northfield. The Library law that was signed by Governor Christie regarding the return of surplus funds in excess of 20% may mean that monies would have to be returned to Northfield by our Library. The Police Department is awaiting delivery of final components for in-car video. The Crossing Guard coats are all in and have been issued. Mazzeo said our Police Department was recognized by the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance for enforcement activities in 2010. He read statistics from the Police Department report for the month of October.

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ENGINEER’S REPORT

The City Engineer’s report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office. Updates were as follows: the Hollywood drainage project is 80% complete; restoration and final paving should start next week. All easements for Marita Ann and Leeds are out; we are waiting for response.

Solicitor Bonchi noted that owners and any mortgage lenders have to sign the easements; Bonchi is handling the easement process.

Mayor Mazzeo inquired if work started on the Putting Green Avenue guard rail yet; Doran replied that he’d sent them a final letter today. If they don’t start by November 12th, we will cancel the contract.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for a consent agenda for resolutions 187-2010 through 193-2010. All present in favor.

- 187-2010** To Authorize Release of Cash Guarantee and Remaining Inspection Fees, and Posting of Maintenance Guarantee for Block 42 Lot 18.01
- 188-2010** Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Block 122 Lot 21.01
- 189-2010** To Accept Amended Rules and Regulations for the Northfield Police Department
- 190-2010** DELETED
- 191-2010** Refund of Overpayment of Taxes, Block 3 Lot 4
- 192-2010** A Resolution Authorizing the Northfield Police Department to Apply for and Obtain a ‘Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement Project’ Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- 193-2010** A Resolution Authorizing the Northfield Police Department to Apply for and Obtain a ‘United States Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2011 Commercial Driver’s License Program Improvement’ Grant

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Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to adopt by consent agenda resolutions 187-2010 through 193-2010.

Councilman Perri asked for an explanation of the Police Department's grant resolutions. Chief James replied that 192-2010 is a pedestrian safety enforcement grant; we got it last year and it provides overtime funding for enforcement patrols. 193-2010 is being submitted to the United States Department of Transportation. US Route 9 is designated as a commercial traffic corridor; for a two year period this grant would fund equipment and training for commercial traffic enforcement. There is no required City match on either grant.

Councilman Perri asked for clarification of the changes being adopted by 189-2010, Police Rules and Regulations. Chief James responded; the new document closes gaps in existing rules and regulations and was created on agency best practices.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Smith, all present in favor of reading Ordinance 18-2010 by title only.

18-2010 Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$137,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of One Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$130,150) in Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield for Roadway Improvements to Jack Sloan Court and Joseph Court in the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey
Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press 11/13/2010
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 11/30/2010 at 6pm

Full copies of the ordinance are available upon request at no cost in the City Clerk's Office Monday-Friday, between 9:00am and 4:00pm; it has been posted in City Hall, and is available on the City's website.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O'Grady – absent; Mr. Perri – abstain; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries introduction of Ordinance 18-2010.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Kern seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 5,307,450.15. Perri announced that he would be abstaining from the vote on payment of bills; due to computer problems he was not able to review the bill list. Councilwoman Kern provided the City Clerk with abstentions from certain line items on the bill list.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – yes; Mr. O’Grady – absent; Mr. Perri – abstain; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for payment of bills.

Councilman Perri read the meeting notices.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Robert Pantazes, 1 Madison Avenue, thanked Councilman Martinez for his hard work during his time on City Council. He asked why the roads in Burton Estates have to be repaved if they are less than 10 years old. Carew explained that there are extenuating circumstances; the original work was never signed-off on by the City. There is litigation pending.

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

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk