

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

At 7:29pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Absent: O'Neill

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda, Engineer Dan Kwapinski and Acting Chief Newman were also in attendance.

Mayor Chau stated that the greatest part of being the Mayor is giving recognition to those who deserve it. Tonight's honor is presented to 19 year employee Frank Weisgerber. Mayor Chau called Frank forward with his family.

Frank introduced his family; wife Sue, daughter Jennifer, his son in law Kevin and granddaughter Chloe.

Mayor Chau said that he and Frank go way back. He read the Resolution from the last meeting that memorialized Frank's retirement:

WHEREAS, City Council approved the hiring of Frank Weisgerber commencing May 6, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Frank Weisgerber submitted a letter of retirement with an effective date of December 31, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Northfield does hereby memorialize the acknowledgement of the retirement of Frank Weisgerber from the position of Senior Mechanic effective December 31, 2015.

Mayor Chau told Frank it was our honor to recognize him; we appreciated his service, and wished him a happy retirement with his family.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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A motion was made by Councilman Perri, seconded by Councilman Dewees to dispense with the reading of the minutes from January 19, 2016. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri announced that the Atlantic City Country Club application for a new sign was defeated; the Gurwicz application was postponed, we do have a meeting with them coming up on the sewer issue. The City will address the sewer issue again with the County.

Councilman O'Neill - Court/Violations, FAN, Library, Shared Services

Councilman O'Neill was absent.

Councilman Piergiovanni – Insurance and Safety, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School

Councilman Piergiovanni stated that the Northfield Community School Board President was in the audience; Principal Robbins will be recognized Wednesday afternoon for digital principal of the year. The Superintendent search continues and a consultant has been hired to guide them through the process; they did also start their budget process.

Councilman Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Little League/Babe Ruth, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Dewees stated that he and Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi met with Karen Schwanzer, art teacher for Northfield Community School, to get started on the art contest for the new logo for retail items at Birch Grove Park. Councilman Dewees will update Council as progress is made.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Economic Development, Traffic Safety

Councilman Murray stated the budget process for the City has begun. Mainland Regional High School has their meeting on February 16th. The new Superintendent,

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Northfield resident Mark Marrone, has been named. Chuck Smith has been named new mustang football coach, also a Northfield resident.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Lischin noted that there was a new Volunteer Fire Fighter, Colin Dabundo, on the agenda today. The Fire Department had 24 hours of overtime for the storm, volunteers manned station 2 during the storm and their help was appreciated. There is heavy discussion on recruiting new members.

Council President Travagline asked how many members are enough. There is a cost associated with this.

Mayor Chau noted there is a set number in their charter; he believed it to be 45.

Councilman Lischin stated the group is aging, and new, younger membership is needed to develop bench strength. He read the fire report for January. He would give the inspections report at the next meeting. He noted the Community Champions Ordinance on the agenda this evening. He would also contact Mainland to find out why the video crew was not here today. The Cultural Committee garage sale is March 12th. The Green Team has new initiatives, had a good meeting with Northfield Superintendent Garguilo, the City Engineer and the school's Green Team Coordinator. He is trying to set up a City wide Green Team. There will be another meeting next month, maybe incorporate the Birch Grove Park Chair, some of the children from the school. If we get a Sustainable Jersey Certification, grant monies are more readily available. Councilman Lischin would pursue the Eco-Gen project after the budget process has been completed. He stated that volunteers make this City what it is, without them we'd be lost. He thanked them all.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau stated that he attended the Good Shepherd Church service this past Sunday that was held to thank City Employees, Officials and Volunteers. He thanked the Good Shepherd Church for doing that. He asked the Planning Board Sign Sub Committee to communicate with Council any changes they suggest. Mayor Chau congratulated Councilman Dewees, Public Works, the Fire Department career and volunteer members, and members of the Police Department for their hard work and efforts during Storm Jonas. He received a letter from Mary Stecher that complimented the EMS staff and Officer Cornell for their response during a recent incident involving her husband, she was very grateful. He would be attending a function at the Northfield Community School tomorrow and would be presenting Principal Robbins with a Mayor's Proclamation.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any subject.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the Engineer's report.

Council President Travagline asked for the Engineer's professional opinion on the Wilson Drive sewer matter, and asked that he and the solicitor send a letter to the County.

Engineer Kwapinski suggested getting all parties together for a discussion.

Councilman Perri noted that Broad Street is cracking, he asked Engineer Kwapinski to take a look. He believed it to be a part of the Broad Street Phase I project.

Engineer Kwapinski suggested a crack sealing program; it would extend the life of the roads. Cracks appear in weather like this when it gets very cold.

Councilman Dewees stated he was in favor of a crack sealing program; he looked at Mazza Drive. This would address the horizontal cracks.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Travagline stated that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature, and having been reviewed by Council, will be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Council Member and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded for Resolutions 51-2016 through 63-2016 to be voted on by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to vote by consent agenda.

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- 51-2016** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers for Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
- 52-2016** Amending Resolution 34-2016, Recognizing Northfield Fire Company Members
- 53-2016** To Amend Resolution No. 36-2016 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- 54-2016** Amending Resolution No. 45-2016. Final Work Change Order No. 1, for the 2014 Road Paving Project
- 55-2016** Request to the County of Atlantic to Use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions
- 56-2016** Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement through Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. to Collectively Retain Dr. Robert Burcell, Ph.D., Director Urban Planning and Policy Development, Rutgers University to Conduct an Analysis of Affordable Housing Obligations for the City of Northfield
- 57-2016** A Resolution Amending the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement
- 58-2016** Establishing the Easter Egg Hunt at Birch Grove Park as a City Event Sponsored by the Northfield Mothers' League
- 59-2016** Reappointing Dawn Marie Stollenwerk as Chief Financial Officer
- 60-2016** A Resolution Authorizing Accumulated Absence
- 61-2016** Acknowledging Employment Resignation of School Crossing Guard
- 62-2016** Employment Status Change for School Crossing Guard
- 63-2016** Authorizing the Hiring Of a Substitute School Crossing Guard

Councilman Piergiovanni motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded for the adoption of Resolutions 51-2016 to 63-2016 by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt by consent agenda.

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Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to vote on Resolution 64-2016.

64-2016 Rejecting Proposals for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Northfield

Councilman Dewees stated he had wished the Council Chair had reached out to give an explanation before this was put on the agenda.

Council President Travagline noted that members of Council could have called the Chair with questions.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –no; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Resolution 64-2016.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded to adopt Ordinance 1-2016.

1-2016 An Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield and Repealing all Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith
*2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption
Published in the Press of AC 2/13/2016*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance 1-2016. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 1-2016

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded to adopt Ordinance 2-2016.

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2-2016 An Ordinance Requiring the Registration and Maintenance of Certain Real Property by Mortgagees; Providing for Penalties and Enforcement, as well as the Regulation, Limitation and Reduction of Abandoned Real Property within the Municipality; Providing for Severability, Repealer, Codification, and an Effective Date
*2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption
Published in the Press of AC 2/13/2016*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance 2-2016. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2-2016

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to adopt Ordinance 3-2016.

3-2016 Amending Chapter 268 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code, Entitled Property Maintenance
*2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption
Published in the Press of AC 2/13/2016*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance 3-2016. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 3-2016

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to adopt Ordinance 4-2016.

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4-2016 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220 of the City of Northfield
Municipal Code Governing Licensed Occupations
2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption
Published in the Press of AC 2/13/2016

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance 4-2016. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 4-2016

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded to introduce Ordinance 5-2016.

5-2016 An Ordinance Amending Section 288 of the City of Northfield
Municipal Governing Sewers
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/13/2016
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 2/23/2016

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The public hearing date, and requisite publication dates were announced. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies will be available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Councilman Perri provided an explanation that language needed to be clarified regarding overages, and some fees were amended, that had not been amended since 1975, to stay current.

Council President Travagline thanked everyone who worked on changing the Ordinance.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to introduce Ordinance 5-2016

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PAYMENT OF BILLS \$2,826,117.09

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

At 8:13pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk