

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2019**

At 6:31pm, this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 5, 2019, 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, Korngut, Madden, O'Neill, Perri, Smith, Lischin

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of February 19, 2019 and February 21, 2019, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Solicitor Facenda verified the dates for the record prior to the vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilman Perri** - Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Sewer Operations, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board had two applications on its next agenda; the first was a C-Variance and the second was a use variance. He would be meeting with the ACUA on March 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the flow situation, Engineer Nassar would be attending as well. He thanked Mayor Chau for attending the meeting with the seniors. The sewer connection ordinance revision should be done next month.

Council President Lischin asked Councilman Perri to have Public Works check the stop sign by Shore Road and Ridgewood; it was reported to be faded.

Councilman Perri advised he would look into it.

**Councilman O'Neill** - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, FAN

Councilman O'Neill thanked Public Works for replacing various street signs, residents were thankful. He would like Matt Doran to come to a meeting to discuss the Gurwicz project, he also reported that FAN would come to an upcoming meeting.

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**Councilwoman Korngut** – Library, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Technology/MRHS Channel 2

Councilwoman Korngut reported that the February 25<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting with NJ American Water Company went well. She appreciated the gentlemen who showed up and answered questions, she hoped they would continue to work on the issues. Girl Scout Troop 10131 is placing bins to collect food inside the school and will donate items collected to the local food bank; she asked all to please consider donating. The next School Board meeting would be March 18<sup>th</sup>.

*At 6:38pm Mayor Chua left the room, he returned at 6:39pm.*

Councilwoman Korngut advised that she spoke with Sgt. DiMarco regarding National Night Out, she would like to get a game truck.

Councilwoman Madden added that she would like them to do away with live animals.

Chief Newman replied that the live animals were a big hit and he was not in favor of removing the animals.

Councilwoman Korngut suggested putting the issue on the next work session agenda.

Council President Lischin asked Councilwoman Korngut what the resolution was from the water company at the school board meeting.

Councilwoman Korngut replied that there was no resolution, the same concerns were brought up as the residents that came here, NJAMW took their information and would address their concerns.

**Councilman Dewees** - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Parks, Playgrounds

Councilman Dewees reported on buildings and grounds; they were looking into replacing some of the older lights at the baseball fields, the lighting bills were little high. They were also in the process of scheduling an energy audit for the museum and replacing the thermostats. There was an issue with one of the sump pumps; that has since been repaired.

**Councilman Smith**– Finance/Collections, Little League/Babe Ruth, Shared Services

Councilman Smith reported that the introduction of the budget was on the agenda. He was not able to meet with Sean Sutley, VP of Little League, he did however meet with Councilman Dewees to talk about what was needed for the fields. The City will supply the infield mix for the fields and volunteers will be placing it. He congratulated Northfield Community School for winning the Think Day Competition

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last week and the Mainland Regional High School Girls' Basketball team. He would like to honor them, it was the first time in many years since the girls' team made it that far.

Council President Lischin added that there were several Mainland teams to honor, he would like to recognize them all.

Mayor Chau would like to invite the groups to a Council meeting.

Council President Lischin suggested after spring break, it would be nice to have them.

Councilman Smith reminded all to support the Northfield Mothers League at their Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Councilman O'Neill thanked Councilman Smith for his work on the budget, he thanked CFO Stollenwerk and everyone else as well.

Council President Lischin felt groups prior did a great job tightening things up.

Councilman Smith thanked CFO Stollenwerk as well; adding that she was tremendous to work with.

**Councilwoman Madden** – Insurance and Safety, Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Madden attended the first safety meeting last week at City Hall, she met all of the members of the committee. The first MRHS Board meeting that she is able to attend will be Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. She was able to meet with Mrs. Ojserkis, the Board President. She would bring Councilwoman Korngut's flyer to the meeting.

Councilwoman Korngut advised that her flyer was a draft and she would have a final flyer prior to the meeting.

**Council President Lischin** - Fire Department/EMS, Cultural Committee

Council President Lischin read the following: Fire Department calls for February included: 2 total fire incidents, 4 false alarm calls, 2 good intent calls, 2 hazardous condition calls, 1 service call incidents, 10 EMS 1st responder incidents and 1 mutual aid calls; for a total of 21 dispatched incidents. TriCare had a total of 125 dispatches, 130 calls with patients, 81 transports, 4 mutual aid calls to EHT and did not administer any Narcan.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau gave his monthly report for the Police Department; they did not administer any Narcan, they had 507 incidents, 354 citations and 24 arrests, they were

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doing a great job. He thanked Councilman Perri for working with the seniors group over the past several years; they were a great crowd.

Councilman Perri advised Mayor Chau that the Red Cross got back to him and thanked him for recognizing them, they were a great bunch of people.

Councilwoman Korngut agreed with Mayor Chau, they were a great group of people.

Council President Lischin echoed the Mayors sentiment to the Police Department.

**CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar reviewed the Engineer’s report as previously distributed to Council. South Jersey Gas was working on connecting homes to the new lines, there were a few issues with the Police Department regarding escorts, arrangements were made with the Police Department and the contractor has been very responsive. As Councilman Perri stated, they will be meeting with the ACUA to discuss flows – they were higher than normal – Engineer Nassar would report back. The Davis Avenue pump contractor was finishing up the wet well rehab and the pumps came in, they were making good progress. In regard to the Walnut Avenue bid, 5 packets had been picked up. Paving was anticipated for early summer. In regard to the City Hall parking lot paving, plans have been provided and are in the Clerk’s Office for review. The meeting with the ACIA will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> in regard to grants.

Councilman Lischin asked who was going to the meeting with the ACIA.

Deputy Clerk Campbell advised that Clerk Canesi and Engineer Nassar would be attending.

**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Lischin opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any subject.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Lischin 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 of funds are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

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The Executive Session of Council will be held at the end of the meeting, and we will come back in public session to make a comment for the record after the executive session has concluded. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public.

On a motion of Councilwoman Korngut, second of Councilman O’Neill, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 68-2019 through 74-2019.

- 68-2019** Memorialize Separation of Employment for Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard
- 69-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Mainland Coaches vs. Cancer Game
- 70-2019** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 71-2019** A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employees of the City of Northfield for 2019
- 72-2019** Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
- 73-2019** Northfield Senior Committee Appointments
- 74-2019** A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), Regarding Personnel Matters

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded, to adopt Resolutions 68-2019 through 74-2019.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Madden seconded, to adopt Ordinance 3-2019, to be read by title only.

- 3-2019** Calendar Year 2019 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration*  
*Published in the Press of AC 03/09/2019*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. 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,

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Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Lischin opened the public hearing for any member of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 3-2019. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to adopt Ordinance 4-2019, to be read by title only.

**4-2019**            Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey for Certain Clean Water Projects to be Undertaken by and within the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration*  
*Published in the Press of AC 03/09/2019*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published with the required estoppel statement. 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 Lischin opened the public hearing for any member of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 4-2019. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt Ordinance 5-2019, to be read by title only.

**5-2019**            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  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration*  
*Published in the Press of AC 03/09/2019*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and thereafter published. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in

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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 Lischin opened the public hearing for any member of the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 5-2019. Seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION/2019 BUDGET**

**75A-2019** Introduction of the 2019 Budget  
No public input on introduction  
*Budget Synopsis Published in the Press of AC 3/09/2019*  
*Public Hearing and Final Adoption: 7:00 pm 4/02/2019*

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to introduce Resolution 75A-2019.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Resolution by title, 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 Municipal User-Friendly Introduced Budget 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.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – no, Mrs. Madden – no, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,107,275.42**

Councilwoman Madden motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Lischin read the meeting notices.

Council President Lischin announced the Executive Session for Resolution 74-2019.

**74-2019** A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), Regarding Personnel Matters

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The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the matter to be discussed was permanency in the Fire Department to actual captain. The individuals have been noticed, it was not known if any official action would be taken tonight. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law.

*At 7:07pm Council moved to the Mayor's Office for the Executive Session.*

*At 7:21pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.*

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. The topic discussed was permanency of the acting captain positions. No official action was taken tonight, there were additional questions that need to be answered before any action can be taken, there was no conclusion tonight. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law.

At 7:22pm, on a motion of Councilman Perri, seconded by Councilwoman Korngut, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk