

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022**

At 8:23pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi, who welcomed the audience. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231, on January 8, 2022.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Bucci; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

Absent: Councilman Dewees

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Leeds with a second of Councilman Utts, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of February 22, 2022 and February 24, 2022 without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau read the following Police Department report for February: Narcan 2; 6 motor vehicle stops; 38 property checks; 9 arrests; 103 citations and 1 DWI.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar prepared the Engineer's report as previously distributed to Council. Engineer Nassar reported NJ American Water (NJAMW) started replacement of water main along Shepherd Circle and Herbert Drive; they should be complete in about 5 weeks, then another 5 weeks for the meters. This should address the brown water issues. He was looking to do paving along Merritt during spring break.

Councilman Notaro thanked Engineer Nassar for his fine work, especially on the NJAMW project.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that they state their name and address for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

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Clerk Canesi asked those in Zoom to raise their hand if they wished to speak.

Seeing no one wishing to make a comment Council President Polistina closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Polistina 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.

Council President Polistina reminded all that Resolution 72-2022 would not be part of the consent agenda, he asked if there was any other discussion; there were none.

On motion of Councilman Notaro, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 70-2022, 71-2022, and 73-2022 through 83-2022, by Consent Agenda.

- 70-2022** Resolution Extending Term of Agreement for Information Technology Service and Support, without Public Solicitation for Proposals
- 71-2022** Appointment of Part-Time Tax Assessor
- 73-2022** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 74-2022** Authorizing Northfield Fire Department to Apply for a Grant from the New Jersey American Water Company
- 75-2022** Authorizing the Appointment of a COAH Attorney as Special Counsel in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) as a Professional Service
- 76-2022** Approval of Application for a Coin Drop American Legion Post 295
- 77-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – NCS Field Day
- 78-2022** Request to the County of Atlantic to Use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions
- 79-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Babe Ruth Baseball
- 80-2022** Conditional Extension of Outdoor Dining Timeframe Previously Approved by Resolution 121-2020 through December 31, 2022
- 81-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – NCS Softball
- 82-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – NCS Babe Ruth Baseball

Solicitor Facenda read Resolution 83-2022 for the record.

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**“CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 83-2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF ATLANTIC CONCERNING THE CENTRAL MUNICIPAL COURT OF ATLANTIC COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is party to an Agreement Establishing the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, a Governance Committee was established, which committee is charged with working with officials from County Administration to develop a budget for the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, during meetings of the Governance Committee a question arose as to the procedure that would be followed should the actual expenditures for the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County fall below the amounts budgeted for those expenditures; and

WHEREAS, as a result of subsequent discussions involving various municipal officials, the Atlantic County Deputy Administrator, and the County’s Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, it was determined that the reconciliation and offset process more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" would be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Northfield deems it prudent for there to be a written agreement which will supplement the original Agreement Establishing the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the procedure as set forth in Exhibit "A" was deemed acceptable by all Central Municipal Court participants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" on behalf of the City of Northfield.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 8th day of March, 2022.”

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Buccì seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Bucci seconded, to adopt Resolution 72-2022.

72-2022 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield Posthumously Honoring Tax Assessor, Mark Sykes

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Utts motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, to adopt Ordinance 4-2022.

4-2022 Amending Chapter 250 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code, Parks and Recreation Areas
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 03/08/2022

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this was the second reading and that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption. 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 to any member of the public who requested same. If approved, final publication will be March 12, 2022.

Council President Polistina opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Polistina closed the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Leeds seconded, to introduce Ordinance 5-2022.

5-2022 Ordinance for Adoption of the Floodplain Management Regulations of the City of Northfield - Amending the City of Northfield Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 188-Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt a New Chapter 189 Entitled Floodplain Management Regulations; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

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*Introduction / No Public Input
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Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Bucci motioned, Councilman Utts seconded, to introduce Ordinance 6-2022.

6-2022 Amending Chapter 215-36 of the City of Northfield Code of Ordinances Entitled Floodplain Management
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 3/12/2022
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 3/22/2022*

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Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,000,066.86

Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Notaro seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- absent; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Utts read the meeting notices.

Mayor Chau reminded all that the next League of Municipalities meeting would be at the Crab Trap.

At approximately 8:37pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was

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adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk