

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2024**

At 6:58pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2024, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Council President Pro Tempore Dewees.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith; Council President Leeds.

Absent: Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief VonColln were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Smith with a second by Councilman Polistina, all members present, were in favor of approving the minutes of March 12, 2024, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau was absent.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro reviewed the engineer's report as previously distributed to Council. The LRIG grant was submitted; the USDA has requested a copy of our budget which we have told them we cannot give them until May; we have asked what they may accept in lieu of the budget. She was coordinating with Superintendent Vitale regarding the local projects fund and what areas need to be striped or restriped. There has been no further action for drainage on Cedar Bridge but would be an eligible project for next year. To Mr. Brophy, she advised that her firm was aware of his concerns and there is discussion of possible rules that differ for homeowners, until then we do have to follow the current ordinance. She knew Engineer DeBlasio had been in touch with Solicitor Facenda and Clerk Canesi and had provided sample ordinances. When they first came on board, there was a backlog from the previous engineer. They were working on a proposal for stormwater management; it had not been updated since 2020. The DEP came out with permits in 2021 and 2023, they'd like to update it to meet current requirements. Regarding Bonnie Lee Drive, she notified the water company that they need to apply for a road opening permit. It was a temporary repair. She was advised last week by Superintendent Vitale that the hole had collapsed from one inch to three inch; they will address with the road opening

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permit. It was an emergency repair and was not properly restored. She submitted a proposal for sanitary sewer slip lining at two locations, Superintendent Vitale received some quotes for the work and they were above the bid threshold.

Councilwoman Carfagno, regarding Cedar Bridge Road, asked if we were going to do the short-term recommendation?

Engineer Mauro replied, we could.

Councilman Notaro asked the cost and could we vac it?

Councilman Dewees, replied, yes, we can.

Council President Leeds asked Engineer Mauro if her office had been asked to evaluate West Revere and Erie.

Engineer Mauro replied, no, they have not.

Council President Leeds advised we have a severe flooding issue there.

Councilman Dewees responded that Public Works did some diversion efforts, he needed to speak with Superintendent Vitale.

Councilwoman Carfagno said she'd spoken with Councilman Dewees about this; on Roosevelt, the manhole cover toward Tilton needed to be looked at.

Councilman Notaro replied, when they cleaned the pipes there was sinkage from that.

Councilman Dewees noted it seems to be getting worse; he will be meeting with Engineer Mauro.

Councilwoman Carfagno added that there was a gully at Roosevelt and Tilton every time it rains.

Councilman Dewees stated that was under County jurisdiction; the County needed to put a rocker gutter in there.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Leeds opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, the public comment portion of this meeting was closed.

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Councilwoman Bucci asked if the other organizations have been contacted about the field uses?

Clerk Canesi replied, yes.

RESOLUTION/2024 BUDGET

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilwoman Bucci seconded, to adopt Resolution 74A-2024.

74A-2024 Introduction of the 2024 Budget
No public input on introduction
Budget Synopsis Published in the Press of AC 03/30/2024
Public Hearing and Final Adoption: 7:00 pm 4/23/2024

The Municipal Clerk read the Resolution by title, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The budget synopsis would be published in the Press of Atlantic City on March 30, 2024. The full budget has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. There would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption, at 7pm on April 23, 2024.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Carfagno all members present, were in favor of voting on Resolutions 75-2024 through 80-2024, with the exception of Resolutions 76 and 78, by Consent Agenda.

Council President Leeds read the following statement: “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.”

75-2024 Acceptance of Proposal for Professional Planning Services
77-2024 A Resolution Approving Specifications for a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Northfield and the City of Linwood
79-2024 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Northfield Community School
80-2024 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Northfield

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Community School

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

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

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt Resolution 78-2024.

78-2024 Acknowledging the Notice of Retirement from Steve Steinecke, Captain of Police

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

Council President Leeds asked Chief VonColln to extend his gratitude to Captain Steinecke.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$1,336,368.89

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, for payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Councilman Notaro read the meeting notices.

At 7:24pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk