

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 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. O'Grady, Mr. Perri, Mr. Carew
Absent: Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain (*Mr. Smith was not present for roll call, but entered the meeting at 7:12pm.*)

Rosann Allen was in attendance for City Solicitor Keith Bonchi. City Engineer Matt Doran was also in attendance.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew announced Councilman Vain's absence due to surgery and wished him well. Councilman Perri voiced concern about resolutions 70 and 71 and requested they be pulled from the consent agenda and be voted separately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Martinez encouraged the use of vending machines as a revenue source for Birch Grove Park; he spoke with the vendor and will provide details shortly.

Councilman Perri announced that it has been determined that Linwood has ten sewer pumping stations; we have nine. A recommendation will be made to go to a 50/50 split and we should have agreement soon.

Councilwoman Kern said the Municipal Alliance will hold a luncheon the first week of May with a guest speaker from Miracles fitness; remaining Alliance monies will go to the MRHS Afterprom program. Concerts in the park will be held again this summer sponsored by the Cultural Committee; attendance is encouraged as all proceeds benefit the museum. Shortly, the Committee will be announcing Northfield's 1st Baby, Citizen of the Year, and Miss 4th of July; Kern would like them to come to the June meeting for awards presentation.

Councilman Smith apologized for his tardiness. He congratulated the winners of the school election and citizens of Northfield for impressive turnout at the polls. The NCS budget was passed and approved. Smith mentioned an article he read on wireless towers as sources of municipal revenues, as has been mentioned previously

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by Councilman Perri. He encourages exploration of the subject. Council President Carew said he wants to set up a committee including Smith and Perri to work on the cell tower revenue issue. Mayor Mazzeo suggested including a planning board member; Councilman Martinez, planning board liaison, volunteered.

Councilman O'Grady announced that the Library Board met on April 8th and that Library Week was a huge success; he congratulated all who contributed. He mentioned several upcoming library events. We are in the process of migrating phone service to a new carrier, which will result in substantial savings. We are also exploring online payments with a few vendors, and he hopes to have presentation for council shortly. The Green Team is still evaluating proposals for the local government energy audit, and hopes to make recommendation shortly.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew congratulated the winners of the NCS school board election, as well as all those who ran. A Mainland budget meeting has been set with representatives from the school, and from the Councils of Linwood and Somers Point.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo said we received a \$14,000 Clean Communities Grant, which will be used for street sweeping, etc. He got a letter from the Comcast Foundation regarding a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to Northfield resident Robbie Rodriguez. Resolution 74-2010 will authorize the City to enter into a shared service agreement with the ACUA for reduced solid waste tipping fees; we will save \$5,000 this year. Mazzeo said he got a toolkit from Governor Christie for dealing with defeated budgets, pension and healthcare reform, dealing with unfunded mandates, etc. Christie is also proposing a hard cap of 2.5% as of next year. Mazzeo thanked CFO Dolcy for her hard work on the budget, the City Clerk for working on the Moriarty bill proposal, and council and all City departments for their efforts at finding concessions. He congratulated the police department on the results of a recent investigation, and read statistics from March police department report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office. There were no updates.

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READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Smith, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 23, 2010, March 30, 2010, April 6, 2010, and April 13, 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.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Kern motioned, Councilman O'Grady seconded for a consent agenda for resolutions 65-2010 through 69-2010 and 72-2010 through 74-2010.

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

- 65-2010** Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee and Remaining Cash Guarantee and Waiver of Maintenance Guarantee for Block 95, Lots 36 and 37, the Project Known as T-Mobile Northeast

- 66-2010** Authorizing Release Of Performance Guarantee, Remaining Cash Guarantee And Escrow Funds, And Posting Of Replacement Guarantees By New Owner Of Enclave At Shore Mill, Block 85, Lots 19.03-04, 19.07-08

- 67-2010** Request to the County to Use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions

- 68-2010** Resolution Adopting Revisions to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the City of Northfield

- 69-2010** New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project – Reconstruction of Mt Vernon Avenue, Phase II

- 72-2010** A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Sewer Payments on Block 33 Lot 34

- 73-2010** Self Examination of Budget Resolution

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74-2010 A Resolution Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal in the City of Northfield

Councilwoman Kern motioned, Councilman O’Grady seconded to adopt resolutions 65-2010 through 69-2010 and 72-2010 through 74-2010.

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

Councilman O’Grady motioned, Councilwoman Kern seconded to adopt resolution 70-2010.

70-2010 Authorization For The Mayor Of The City Of Northfield To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With United Workers Union Local No. 420 For The Purpose Of Achieving A Resolution To The Anticipated Economic Shortfall Besetting The City For 2010

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – no; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – absent; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilwoman Kern seconded to adopt resolution 71-2010.

71-2010 Authorization For The Mayor Of The City Of Northfield To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Northfield Professional Firefighter’s Association Local No. 2364 For The Purpose Of Achieving A Resolution To The Anticipated Economic Shortfall Besetting The City For 2010

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – no; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – absent; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

On a motion of Councilwoman Kern, second of Councilman Smith, all in favor of reading Ordinance 5-2010 by title only.

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5-2010 An Ordinance Revising Sewer Rents and Charges Under Article II of the Northfield City Code, Sections 93-52 and 93-53
Final Adoption/Open to the Public/No Public Comments Received

Councilwoman Kern motioned, O’Grady seconded to table Ordinance 5-2010 until the May 11th meeting.

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – no; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – absent; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries to table Ordinance 5-2010.

The City Clerk announced that ordinance 5-2010 will be taken up for additional public comment prior to being considered for final adoption at the May 11th meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION/2010 BUDGET

On a motion of Councilman Smith, second of Councilman O’Grady, all in favor of reading Resolution 75A-2010 by title only.

75A-2010 Introduction of the 2010 Budget
No public input on introduction
Budget Synopsis/the Press/May 1, 2010
Public Hearing and Final Adoption: May 25, 2010

Full copies of the 2010 Budget are available in the City Clerk’s Office

Roll call: Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Martinez – no; Mr. O’Grady – yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – absent; Mr. Carew – yes. . Motion carries for introduction of the 2010 Budget.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman O’Grady seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 3,215,041.62. Councilwoman Kern announced her abstention from certain line items on the bill list.

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

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PUBLIC SESSION

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

Gene O'Dowd, 516 Marita Ann Drive asked questions of the City engineer about the drainage work being done near his home; the engineer responded. He also inquired about the necessity of new poles for the lights at the Babe Ruth field; Council President Carew responded.

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, requested that a crossing guard be utilized to direct vehicular traffic at St. Bernadette's on Sundays, after masses. He also expressed concern that several intersections should utilize police officers instead of crossing guards.

Ida Margolis, 106 Cara Court, spoke in favor of a school secretary who is being let go, and urged Council to give additional information to the school board.

Tom Wolfe, 317 Davis Avenue, is in favor of the lights, and feels new lights should not be installed on old poles. He urged Council to consider using cell towers for revenues.

Greg Hull, 3 Madison Avenue, said work is starting on his street but he has not been formally notified; notice given now is too short. The City engineer advised that the contractor will notify anyone who needs to move cars, etc., by going door to door. Hull mentioned the City's ethics ordinance and feels Council President Carew should abstain from votes involving electrical work, and that council members working for the school should not vote on school related matters.

Peri Pantazes, 1 Madison Avenue, noted that the lights were on at the fields during daylight hours last week. Council President Carew said this was surprising because the matter has been addressed with the staff.

Chuck Poley, 10 Sturbridge Court, Egg Harbor Township, said Northfield crossing guards have not had a raise in 10 years. Mayor Mazzeo responded; raises are reviewed every year and he does not know that it's been that long. Mazzeo said Northfield's crossing guards' per diem rate compares very well to other towns.

Debi Doherty, 405 Chestnut Avenue, reported large potholes on 1st Street between Booye Terrace and Fairbanks Avenue. She said she heard a rumor that two police officers are doing crossing guard duties and questioned the cost savings. Mayor

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Mazzeo stated that the officers assisting with crossing children are on duty anyway; there is no additional cost.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, reported a damaged telephone pole at Mill and Route 9. He said he feels it is in the State Constitution that the public can address members of council.

Debbie Wescoat, 1708 Tilton Road; said she feels Linwood and Margate crossing guards make more money than them. Children's safety should not be compromised for money.

Councilwoman Cynthia Kern said she served 22 years as a crossing guard. In all these years the town has changed, there were 24 guards back then. There has been a significant drop in children walking to school. Many children don't walk because of the distance from many areas in town; privatization has been suggested but not undertaken because council does care about the guards.

Councilman Frank Perri said there were plans presented to Mayor and Council that were not addressed, such as wage freezes, restructuring management, etc. He voted against the budget because concessions were never delineated. On duty patrols should address traffic at the churches. He urged better communication amongst Council.

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

Councilman Martinez said his recollection of ethics ordinance was that it was going to be reopened; he urged that it be reopened. President Carew requested that Martinez provide him with recommendations.

Mayor Mazzeo stated that mercantile towing applications have not been sent out yet for 2010; this should be addressed.

Councilman Smith read the meeting notices.

At 8:33 pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk