

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 8, 2012**

At 7:00 pm, 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. Brown, Mr. Dewees, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

Mayor Vincent Mazzeo, Engineer Matt Doran, Police Chief Robert James, and City Solicitor Keith Bonchi were also in attendance.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilman Perri, second by Councilwoman Brown to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 13, 2012. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain –yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Perri said the Senior Advisory Committee will meet on May 17th at 7pm At the May 30th EMS meeting 12 members from the public wanted to bring EMS back into the community, have Northfield do their own RFP and be Lead Agent. Perri said he got calls about the City website still listing yard waste as being collected by the City. He reported that bike path maintenance is lacking, suggesting possible privatization, and noted that two commercial vehicles are parked at the ball fields that should not be there. He has concerns about what is being discussed at the Planning Board and about why the switch for EMS dispatch was authorized. Perri requested a copy of the Fire Manual and comp time and OT for the Fire Department from Councilman Polistina.

Councilman O'Neill had no committee report for Mainland. He said the City's contract with United Computer is \$18,000 a year; he reviewed the contract and found

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that we were paying for service we no longer needed. He negotiated a \$3,000 credit and our new monthly bill will be \$1,000 a month.

Councilman Vain met with Robbie Dollard regarding parameters for the RFP for Veteran's Park; donations for bricks and benches are separate but other donated funds can be used. Vain attended the grand opening of Dino's subs and said that parts for the flashers at Mill and Burton are on back order.

Councilman Polistina held a public forum on EMS last week; the majority of people said they wanted an RFP for Northfield by itself or as Lead Agent. Another forum has been scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Councilman Dewees said City-wide street sweeping was interrupted due to equipment problems; he will address Mr. Perri's concerns about the bike path with Mr. Clark.

Councilwoman Brown was unable to attend the last school board meeting, but said the teacher's contract has been renewed. The Economic Development Committee will meet May 23rd. Court window construction will start on Saturday.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Council President Carew announced that the City would be using CDBG funds for handicapped-accessible boardwalks at the park; this will bring the project full circle and all lakefronts will be accessible. The engineer is working on a proposal. He also said the City Code is now online and thanked the Municipal Clerk for her efforts.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Regarding the Sewer Interlocal, Mazzeo said he thought an agreement had been reached but Linwood's council came back with additional questions; hopefully they will have decision within a week. For Shared Court, he received a draft of contract today for a 3 year contract, with Linwood paying approximately 43% of the costs at \$113,000 a year and a 2.5% increase for the next two years. He explained the breakdown of costs. One additional Special will be hired because of the metal detector; the costs are in the proposal. Mazzeo said the NEF 5k Run was well attended as was the Dino's grand opening. The Library's new addition should be open next year. The Clean Communities construction debris pick up will be the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>; it has been published in the Current and on website exactly what you can put out. Mazzeo said the new CFO is a Qualified Purchasing Agent; our bid threshold is presently \$17,500. If she were formally appointed as a QPA, contracts between that and \$36,000 would not have to go out for formal bid but would still be

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awarded by resolution of the governing body. This would provide opportunities for smaller vendors and would provide flexibility for the City.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

The City Engineer’s report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office. Updates were as follows: Doran has the design for drainage at Revere and Leeds and hopes to bid it out and award in June. Roosevelt is hoped to be bid out by June as well; they are running into problems with utility conflicts. The field work has started on repaving of Broad; this should be bid in July or August. They are starting on the design for the Walkway at Birch Grove Park.

**RESOLUTION/2012 BUDGET**

Councilman Polistina motioned, Vain seconded to adopt Resolution 56D-2012.

**56D-2012** Final Adoption of the 2012 Budget, as Amended

The Municipal Clerk read the Resolution by title.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Dewees motioned, O’Neill seconded to vote by consent agenda on Resolutions 72-2012 through 74-2012.

**72-2012** Revised Annual Schedule of City Council Meetings

**73-2012** A Resolution Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employees for 2012

**74-2012** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Plumbing Services for Birch Grove Park

At Councilman Perri’s request, Council President Carew explained that Resolution 74-2012 is due to an emergent situation with the Park well and the need for water; Flanagan was the low quote and work was done. They are one of the small contractors that does other work for us; the aggregate will go over the bid threshold.

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Perri asked for the percentages of increase under Resolution 73-2012; the Municipal Clerk read the five positions that are getting increases under the Resolution. Four are at 3%; the Assistant Fire Chief is at 2%; all others listed on the Resolution are zero increase. Mayor Mazzeo advised that the increases are determined by the Mayor, and that the non-union positions are given increases based on the union they are most closely associated with. The total for all five employees is less than \$6,000.00. Perri commented that volunteers should not be getting stipends so he will be voting no.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries to vote by consent agenda.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded, to adopt the consent agenda on resolutions 72-2012 through 74-2012.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilwoman Brown seconded, to introduce Ordinance 4-2012, to be read by title only.

**4-2012** 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  
*Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press May 12, 2012  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption May 22, 2012*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that full copies of the ordinance have been posted on the City Website, on the bulletin board at City Hall, and are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

Councilman Vain motioned, Perri seconded, to introduce Ordinance 5-2012, to be read by title only.

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- 5-2012** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111-35 of the Code of the City of Northfield to Remove Certain Streets or Parts Thereof From Being Designated as Through Streets and Amending Chapter 111-36 to Add Stop Intersections  
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Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

Councilman Vain motioned, O’Neill seconded, to introduce Ordinance 6-2012, to be read by title only.

- 6-2012** An Ordinance Regulating Automobile Repairs in a Residential Zone  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption May 22, 2012*

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Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, says the public is in favor of bringing back the Northfield Rescue Squad. He commented that the City Hall doors should be unlocked at night with a police officer in the building.

Tom Wolfe, Davis Avenue, asked for the cost to the City of adopting an ordinance. Solicitor Bonchi replied; if it is within the general retainer there are no additional

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costs. If it is out of the ordinary or requires a lot of time, it's a \$100 an hour. Wolfe commented that there are illegal businesses running, grass is high on Jackson Avenue, and Carluccio's has outside tables. Council President Carew advised Wolfe to report such violations to the Zoning Officer.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court; stated that the pending zoning changes will permit a methadone clinic and urged Council to reverse their recent opposition to the pending OPRA legislation.

Lynn Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, attended the EMS forum. She expressed disappointment with the lack of presence at the meeting by City personnel and with the fact that Atlanticare was still the City's EMS provider.

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

Councilwoman Brown read the meeting notices.

At 8:46pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk