

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2013**

At 7:08pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2013, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Mazzeo. Following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dewees, Carew, Perri, Polistina, Travagline, O'Neill  
Absent: Brown

Mayor Vince Mazzeo, City Solicitor Kris Facenda, Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski, Chief Robert James, CFO Dawn Stollenwerk and Deputy Municipal Clerk Mimi Marlor were also in attendance.

Councilman O'Neill announced that he will be serving in the role as President Pro Tem for the evening due to President Brown's scheduled absence.

**VETERAN HONOREE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill introduced the Veteran Honoree for May, Ruth Keck-Ryon, and asked Councilman Polistina and Mayor Mazzeo to present the honors.

Councilman Polistina read the bio for Ruth Keck-Ryon. He announced that Ruth has been a resident of Northfield since 1979. She attended Boot Camp for U.S. Coast Guard at the Training Center in Cape May New Jersey in 1988

Active Duty U.S. Coast Guard- 1988-1989

Served as a dental assistant at the following locations:

- Provincetown, Mass
- Woods Hole, Mass
- Otis Air Force Base

Honorably discharged for medical reasons from the Coast Guard in 1989

Active Duty in the Naval Reserves – 1995-1998

Served as a dental assistant at the following locations:

- Fort Dix 1995
- Willow Grove Naval Station 1996-1998

Following her discharge from active duty she was employed, in 2004, by the Dover Air Force Base where she processed over 1000 service casualties as a forensic dental

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assistant. Since then she has been an active member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 8-1 in Ocean City, New Jersey from 2005 to present. In addition she is currently a member of Am Vets Post 911 in Somers Point. Ruth participated in our Phase 1 Veteran's Park dedication ceremony.

Mayor Mazzeo presented Ruth with the certificate and asked her to say a few words.

Ruth Keck-Ryon shared that she was a typical Gemini, who wanted to do many things during her life and career and has had an exciting career. She stated that she is still a dental assistant at the Cape May Training Center. She loves Northfield and has called this home for many years. She thanked everyone for the honor.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill congratulated Ruth on her recent nuptials.

**PRESENTATION**

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Mayor Mazzeo to present the Police Officer of the Quarter award to Officer Justin Heller.

On behalf of the City, Mayor Mazzeo congratulated Officer Justin Heller. He explained to the residents in attendance that this is a new program initiated by Sergeant Pollak and Acting Captain Mitchell. He said he thought the program would be good for morale and he noted that while he was a Councilman he had participated in Heller's hiring interview along with then Mayor Perri. Mayor Mazzeo read the officer's accomplishments as inscribed on the plaque. Patrolman Justin Heller distinguished himself with outstanding performance while assigned to the Patrol Division by adopting a proactive approach to detect and deter criminal activity and provide a safe community for 9,000-plus City residents, 3,000-plus households, and more than 2,300 families. During this time Patrolman Heller conducted 204 motor vehicle stops, issued 71 motor vehicle summonses, initiated 13 criminal investigations, performed 8 accident investigations, and performed 178 property checks. Patrolman Heller arrested 10 suspects during this time, 5 wanted persons, and 1 for drug distribution as a result of "Looking Beyond the Ticket" patrol tactics. Patrolman Heller seized 139 pills of prescription medication intended for illegal distribution and \$1,885.00 in US currency from illegal drug sales. Patrolman Heller's professionalism and attention to detail contributed immeasurably to the Safety and Security of the City of Northfield residents. The distinctive accomplishments of Patrolman Heller reflect great credit upon himself, the City of Northfield, and the Northfield Police Department.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill announced a deviation from the agenda but that he would come back to the approval of the minutes.

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**RESOLUTION/2013 BUDGET**

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt Resolution 87-2013.

**87-2013**      Self-Exam Budget Resolution

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

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt on Resolution 88-2013.

**88-2013**      A Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Reading of the Budget by Title Only

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*Introduced as Resolution 80A on April 9, 2013*  
Open to the Public

At 7:20 pm Council President Pro Tem O’Neill announced and opened the public hearing for the 2013 budget. Seeing no one wishing to speak, he closed the public session. Council President Pro Tem O’Neill thanked President Brown for her hard work on the budget.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt Resolution 80B-2013.

**80B-2013**      Final Adoption of the 2013 Budget

Councilman Perri thanked Council members and employees involved in the budget process. Councilman Polistina echoed Councilman Perri’s sentiment and Councilman Carew also thanked the CFO, Mayor, Council members and the City’s prudent prior planning that resulted in this budget. In addition Council President Pro Tem O’Neill thanked the taxpayers, CFO and employees.

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

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**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Polistina, second by Councilman Carew to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 23, 2013. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Perri stated he is still investigating and working on the insurance review and awaiting the claims history from the state health benefits office. He also reported that the Planning Board had a full agenda and the miniature golf course at the Siganos property was approved. Next month Planning Board is also expected to be busy. The Senior Committee met and they continue to work on their agenda.

Councilman Travagline reported that he met with Kathi Smith to conduct an inspection of the ball field buildings and City Hall. He and Kathi plan to tour the remaining City owned facilities in the upcoming days and will give recommendations to Council at a future meeting. He thanked Kathi Smith for her help and praised her on a job well done with Buildings and Grounds. Councilman Travagline said the bathroom project is well under way and expects it to be completed in a few months. He continues to look for volunteers to do plumbing, construction and electrical work. He thanked Dawn Stollenwerk, Ken Moore and Councilman Polistina for all their help bringing him up to speed with the budget process. He noted that the insurance inspector is coming out next week to review the football building. Councilman Travagline said that the FAN organization raised over \$5,000.00 at a Coach purse fund raising event and the FAN coach selections will be finalized soon.

Councilman Polistina had no committee report this evening.

Councilman Dewees reported that the household renovation debris pick up is taking place during this week and it was funded by the Clean Communities Grant.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill commended the Public Works Department staff.

Councilman Carew noted that he would like to add the Resolution to tonight's agenda regarding the traffic study discussed earlier in the evening at the work session.

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Chief Robert James clarified the request is to the County for a traffic study at Ridgewood Court and Shore Road.

Municipal Clerk Canesi assigned number 102-2013 and noted it would be part of the consent agenda.

Councilman Perri asked Councilman Carew to read the letter he referenced earlier regarding the inter-local request for flashing lights. Councilman Carew stated this was approved at the last Council meeting and he read the draft the letter.

All were in favor of a motion by Councilman Perri, second by Carew, to add Resolution 102-2013 to the agenda.

Councilman Carew continued his committee report. He explained that the generator damaged in the storm has not yet been addressed and he'd like it to go out for bid. He stated he would meet with Buildings and Grounds to help coordinate that effort.

Councilman Travagline noted that as the Buildings and Grounds Chair, he is available to meet.

Chief James explained that the new generator is a larger capacity and it will cover all of City Hall, including the HVAC systems. He also noted that the City is pursuing grant funding for this project.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked for a list of all open capital projects from CFO Dawn Stollenwerk.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mazzeo announced the Memorial Day Parade details, noting a ceremony to follow at City Hall. He announced that the City was awarded \$184,844 by the Department of Transportation for the next phase of Broad Street paving. The City hopes to finish the project next year. He also reported that the Assignment Judge Menendez visited our Shared Court and the Judge praised all employees for a job well done. The Mayor thanked everyone for all their hard work on the budget; he further encouraged the future use of surplus to be done wisely. He noted that the past infusions of revenue, such as the liquor license, have allowed this one-cent tax increase. In response to the Tilton Sewer Project discussion, Mayor Mazzeo reflected that during the work session it seemed that the contractor was randomly chosen but he clarified that there exists a sanitary sewer contract with WECO that runs from June 2011-June 2013. He further stated that it was suggested that WECO do that project at the first meeting with the County, which he attended. This project had been

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going on for a long time, and many want to see the project completed. The County wanted us to move on this project and our professionals wanted to do the same. We thought that was the right approach at the time. He noted that Council unanimously adopted resolution 177-2012 which authorized the engineer to proceed. The costs have escalated due to the work being done at night to alleviate the congestion. He reviewed that the City has paid approximately \$164,000 and has a balance of \$20,000, which by law we have to pay. Mayor Mazzeo also stated he was invited to these meetings and felt at the time that using this contract was the best choice and in the best interest of the City. Looking back on it now, it probably wasn't an emergency and we should have gone out to bid.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Mayor Mazzeo for a copy of Resolution 177-2012. He noted that was familiar with this Resolution but noted that it was approved two months after the work was done.

Mayor Mazzeo stated that this is one more document that proves Council was not in the dark. Councilman Perri asked who declared it an emergency. Mayor Mazzeo reiterated that Council was not in the dark. Councilman Perri asked why it was not declared an emergency. Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Mayor Mazzeo who authorized the work. Mayor Mazzeo stated he was only at one meeting and confirmed that he did not authorize the work.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The City Engineer's written report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office. Dan Kwapinski of Schaffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers, LLC, was in attendance and available for questions. Kwapinski noted that the Broad Street paving project is substantially complete and in the punch list phase and the overall workmanship for the project appears to be acceptable. Kwapinski reiterated that the Municipal Aid application was accepted and approved they \$184,844 for Broad Street Phase II. Engineer Kwapinski asked Council if they wanted his to proceed with design work.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Engineer Kwapinski if he is working on Tilton Road.

Engineer Kwapinski stated he is not, but said he had called the County for an update on the project. Kwapinski explained that there are a lot of drainage inlets that are temporary until the road is re-graded and paved. When the areas in question are at their final elevations those inlets will be permanently set. The County is rebidding the project now and it may be complete by Thanksgiving.

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Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Kwapinski to get a written update from the County; Kwapinski agreed to do so.

Councilman Perri asked about the general construction and repairs contract for the sanitary sewer. He further inquired from the Engineer if Linwood had gone out to bid or are we doing it in house. Councilman Perri reiterated that he would still like to see the City get three different prices.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill asked Engineer Kwapinski to copy Councilman Perri and Council President Brown on any correspondence.

Councilman Carew added that he thought the Mayor should also be included on correspondence.

**RESOLUTIONS/ CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to vote by consent agenda on Resolutions 89-2013 through 95-2013, 97-2013, 98-2013 and 102-2013.

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

- 89-2013** Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Execute an Agreement with An Approved State Contract Vendor Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A and in Accordance with the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, also known as NJ Pay to Play Law
- 90-2013** A Municipal Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 91-2013** Release of Cash Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Johnson Baran Corporation for the 2009-2010 Paving Project
- 92-2013** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities
- 93-2013** Authorize the Hiring of Seasonal Concession Stand Attendant for Birch Grove Park
- 94-2013** Authorize the Hiring of Seasonal Concession Stand Attendant for Birch Grove Park
- 95-2013** Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the Administration of the Program Income from Small Cities Grants for Housing Rehabilitation
- 97-2013** 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. 10:4-12b(7) Regarding Contract Negotiations in the Matter of the Maple Run Sewer Force Main

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- 98-2013** 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. 10:4-12B(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations with the Government Workers' Union
- 102-2013** Requesting that the County of Atlantic Conduct a Traffic Study on Shore Road (CR 585) at Ridgewood Court in the City of Northfield

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 89-2013 through 95-2013, 97-2013, and 98-2013 and 102-2013.

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

Municipal Clerk Canesi stated that Resolution 76-2013 is going to remain on the table so no action is necessary.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt Resolution 96-2013.

- 96-2013** A Municipal Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Legislative Inquiry and Investigation by an Ad Hoc Committee of City Council of the City of Northfield Into the Award of A Certain Sewer Utility Relocation Contract

Councilman Perri reiterated his question to the Mayor about who authorized and declared it an emergency. He stated he knows that Council was notified and kept abreast but his concern is still to have a clear understanding of who authorized it and when.

Councilman Travagline stated that he thinks the ad hoc committee is a good thing. If mistakes were made Council can learn from them and move on.

Councilman Polistina reported that he had reviewed the documents and that the project was discussed during the Mayor's report and Engineer's report in August of 2012. Councilman Polistina noted that in October 2012 there appear to be emails including Council, Perri, Carew, Mazzeo, Dewees, Canesi and Stollenwerk regarding preconstruction. He also said there are several references in the committee reports of October 9, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Nov 20, 2012. Councilman Polistina thinks these documents will be very helpful to the ad hoc committee and he stated that he would like to be involved in the committee.



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Councilman Dewees stated he attended one meeting with Mayor Mazzeo and Councilman Carew, very early on in the process. He agreed that the ad hoc committee should do a review.

Councilman Carew stated he was in attendance at the meeting of August 23, 2012 with the County and noted emphatically that he told Robbie Dollard, of Doran Engineering that Councilman Perri should have been at this meeting and requested Robbie to stop by and give Perri an update. Councilman Carew stated that Mr. Dollard reported to him that he had gone to see Councilman Perri.

Councilman Perri stated that Mr. Dollard had dropped by and told him that Mr. Carew had decided to move forward as an emergency.

Councilman Carew stated he did not recall any discussion of an emergency.

Councilman Dewees also stated he did not recall any discussion of an emergency.

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

**ORDINANCE**

**4-2013**           An Ordinance Amending Sections 128-2, 128-3 And 275-4 of the City of Northfield Code  
*Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4-2013, as Introduced*  
*Final Adoption 5/28/2013*

The Municipal Clerk stated that an error was found on one section of Ordinance 4-2013 in the introduced form; she stated that a Resolution to amend and make the correction would be adopted after the previously scheduled public hearing on the original version of the Ordinance.

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that 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.

Council President Pro Tem O’Neill opened the public hearing. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak on Ordinance 4-2013, he closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4-2013**

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt Resolution 101-2013.

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**101-2013** To Amend Ordinance No. 4-2013, Prior to Final Adoption  
*Amendment Published in the Press of AC 5/18/2013*  
*Public Hearing on Amendment 5/28/2013*

The Municipal Clerk the read the Resolution to Amend 101-2013 by title, and announced that after the May 28<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the amendment, Ordinance 4-2013 would be considered for final adoption.

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

**ORDINANCES**

Councilman Carew motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to introduce Ordinance 5-2013, to be read by title only.

**5-2013** An Ordinance Amending Section 111 of the City of Northfield Code  
(*Parking Restrictions*)  
*Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press of AC 5/18/2013*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 5/28/2013*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, announcing that there would be no public input on introduction. She provided the hearing and publication dates and noted that full copies of the Ordinance are presently 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: Mr. Carew – yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Mr. O’Neill – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Travagline –absent; Mrs. Brown – yes. Motion carries.

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to introduce Ordinance 6-2013, to be read by title only.

**6-2013** 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 of AC 5/18/2013*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 5/28/2013*

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 2,421,892.90.

Councilman Perri thanked Councilman Polistina for providing the overtime and payroll report. In addition he asked for the overtime for the Fire Department.

Councilman Polistina stated he would check and advise at the next meeting.

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

Council President Pro Tem O’Neill opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any subject.

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere, expressed concerns about Veterans’ Park and Memorial Day. He would like to see something done at the park. He also expressed his concern about accountability for taxpayer money with regard to Atlanticare and other projects. He urged Council to get along.

Jerry McGee, 1620 Zion Road, stated that there seem to be a lot of emergencies that no one knows about. He also said he was in support of Mr. Webb’s wishes to get the Veterans’ Park open and urged Council to help facilitate that.

Council President Pro Tem O’Neill asked Mr. McGee to look at the park grounds and give a price for sod. Mr. McGee asked if the water and electric are there yet. Councilman Polistina stated they are not yet installed. Mr. McGee stated he thought that the sprinklers could go in and be turned on manually as a solution to get the park open for Memorial Day.

Tom Boyd, 117 Northfield Avenue, referred to the earlier discussion about Ridgewood Court and Shore Road and asked if anyone could identify other

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intersections that have been approved for traffic control devices. Councilman Carew confirmed that others do exist and he listed the locations. He drew specific attention to one that is close to Mr. Boyd's house.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, stated he did not think the blinking light at Burton Avenue and Mill road is safe because he has observed that people do not see the light and do not stop for the light. He also stated that since it is solar powered it's not doing the job. He asked Chief James to visit the intersection to assess it. Mr Tanzola also expressed dissatisfaction that the Sewer Council Chair was not invited to the Tilton Road sewer meetings.

Councilman Dewees suggested that a letter be sent to the County asking them to put black shields on the devices to make them more visible to eastbound traffic.

Craig Tanzola thanked Councilman Dewees. He also brought to Council's attention a bush that is obstructing view near Richard's Sharping Service. He believes it may be on County property but it's posing considerable danger. He stated that people are cutting through at the indented area and posing an additional hazard.

Mark Howe, 1119 Nugent Terrace, asked when will the Tilton Road project be completed and also complimented Council on the budget.

Council President Pro Tem O'Neill stated that the Engineer noted that completion of Tilton Road would be in October or November. Engineer Kwapinski reiterated his earlier comments.

Lynn Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, asked Council why the Sewer Chair was not at the County meeting and why was the Engineer asked to convey the information to him rather than the Councilmen who did attend. Councilman Carew reiterated that he recognized the fact and agreed that Councilman Perri should have been there. She asked if Councilman Dewees was 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair on the Sewer Committee; Dewees replied that he was.

At 8:35 pm seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Council President Pro Tem O'Neill closed the public session.

Councilman Perri asked if the Small Cities Grants are still available.

Dawn Stollenwerk stated that the City has trust funds available.

Councilman Perri urged promotion at the next Senior's meeting.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

The resolution was adopted earlier in the evening.

**97-2013** 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. 10:4-12b(7) Regarding Contract Negotiations in the Matter of the Maple Run Sewer Force Main

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and said she would defer to the Solicitor for an explanation of the subject matter to be discussed and the amount of time which could be expected to elapse before the minutes of the non-public session could be released.

Solicitor Facenda stated that during the Executive Session Council will discuss the continuing contractual negotiations with Egg Harbor Township and its Municipal Utility Authority regarding the Maple Run force main. In general, they will discuss the relocation of certain utilities that emanate into the City of Northfield. If the negotiations conclude in the next few months the minutes of the Executive Session may be released.

At 8:40pm, Council left the dais and entered the Mayor's Office; Solicitor Facenda, Mayor Mazzeo and Deputy Municipal Clerk Mimi Marlor were also in attendance.

At 8:59pm, the Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting of Council resumed. Solicitor Facenda announced a summary for the record as follows: during the executive session Council discussed the ongoing negotiations for the Maple Run sewer force main contract, specifically the City's options for an inter-local verses an Memorandum of Understanding. He stated Council authorized him to contact the solicitor for EHT Municipal Utility Authority and to continue negotiations.

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time which could be expected to elapse before the minutes of the non-public session could be released.

Solicitor Facenda stated that Council will discuss ongoing negotiations with the Government Worker's Union. He noted that negotiations may conclude this evening. If they do, the minutes will be available in due course for public inspection.

At 9:02pm, Council left the dais and entered the Mayor's Office; Solicitor Facenda, Mayor Mazzeo and Deputy Municipal Clerk Mimi Marlor were also in attendance.

At 9:54pm, the Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting of Council resumed. Facenda announced a summary for the record as follows: during the Executive Session Council discussed Government Work's Union Local 420 and reviewed the terms of contract, sick leave, terms and conditions, longevity provisions, and steps. Council has reviewed the prior agreements with the union and subject to a revision with respect to Exhibit A Article 22- Health Benefits.

The revision to paragraph two, with the approval from labor counsel, Lawrence Pepper, shall read: "The City shall continue to provide a co-pay prescription plan, for the individual and his family: the copayment to be as provided for under the NJ State Health Benefits Plan". That was the extent of the discussion in Executive Session.

Councilman Carew motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded to adopt Resolution 100-2013 as amended by Solicitor Facenda and upon the conditional approval of labor counsel.

**100-2013** A Resolution Approving an Agreement between the City of Northfield and Government Workers' Union Local No. 420 for Blue Collar Employees Effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015

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

Solicitor Facenda states that with respect to the contract between the City and Government Workers Union Local 410 the same changes were proposed subject to the approval of Labor Counsel, Larry Pepper.

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Councilman Carew motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded to adopt Resolution 99-2013 as amended by Solicitor Facenda and upon the conditional approval of Labor Counsel.

**99-2013**      A Resolution Approving an Agreement between the City of Northfield and Government Workers' Union Local No. 410 for Supervisory Employees Effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015

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

At 10:01pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC Municipal Clerk