

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2016**

At 7:21pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline

Absent: Piergiovanni

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Kwapinski and Acting Chief Newman were also present.

Council President Travagline introduced Mayor Chau to present a Proclamation in memory of Marge Milone.

PRESENTATION: PROCLAMATION FOR SOPHIA "MARGE" MILONE

Mayor Chau noted that residents, employees, businesses, and most of all volunteers are what make our community great. It was his honor to honor an individual who passed away a few weeks ago, her dedication was unyielding.

Mayor Chau read the following statement:

"Marge was an educator in terms of employment which was what brought her to New Jersey. She served in Downe Township as a 5th grade teacher. She also assumed the additional positions of Curriculum Coordinator and that of Assistant Superintendent of Hamilton Township Schools under Dr. Carl Scheets. Most importantly, Marge participated in many Northfield programs. She wrote grants for much needed projects, served on the Cultural Committee, chaired monthly events and fundraising starting in 1997. She also chaired Family Fest Activities at Birch Grove Park. Mayor Chau called forward Lou Milone and read the following Proclamation then presented the plaque to Mr. Milone.

WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City Northfield to give recognition to individuals for their hard work, dedication, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Marge Milone was a member of the Northfield Bicentennial Committee, volunteer at the Northfield Museum, including parades, the Bandstand and grant writing; and

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WHEREAS, Marge Milone had given generously of her time and effort for many years and had been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interest of our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Erland VL Chau, Mayor of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, do hereby recognize for her many years of service and having served on the Bicentennial Committee and Northfield Cultural Committee, do hereby find it fitting and proper to posthumously recognize Sophia “Marge” Milone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and cause the Seal of the City of Northfield to Affixed this twenty-fourth day of May in the year of two thousand and sixteen.”

Councilman Perri noted that Marge was a great help to him when he was Mayor. He added that she could really organize people to work for you, and put on all of these events; some of which went by the wayside after she wasn't involved. You can never thank someone enough, but she made these events great. Councilman Perri also acknowledged former Municipal Clerk Carol Raph who was in the audience.

Mr. Milone replied that Marge did not know how to say she couldn't do something.

Perri stated that it was an honor and a pleasure to work with her.

Mayor Chau thanked Mr. Milone who had also volunteered for many many years, and his heart was as dedicated to the City as Marge's was.

Council President Travagline announced a commendation for Lieutenant Dettinger.

PRESENTATION: COMMENDATION FOR LIEUTENANT ERIC DETTINGER

Mayor Chau stated that the presence and dedication of our Police force kept our City safe. Tonight it was the Mayor’s honor to recognize Lieutenant Eric Dettinger for his work for the Ocean City Prosecutor. He read a letter which was sent to Acting Chief Paul Newman thanking Lieutenant Dettinger for his professionalism.

Mayor Chau called Lieutenant Dettinger forward stating it was his great privilege and honor to present a certificate to Lieutenant Dettinger for his accomplishments and for outstanding representation of the City of Northfield. He thanked Lieutenant Dettinger on behalf of Council and residents.

Acting Chief Newman informed Council that Lieutenant Eric Dettinger made this place run; he could not do his job without Eric, 24/7 he made it happen. He was an asset to the City, we should all be glad he was on our staff.

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At 7:32 Council President Travagline announced a five minute recess.

At 7:41 Council President Travagline resumed the meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Perri, seconded by Councilman O'Neill to dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 10th, 2016. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and were on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline –yes; Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - *Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens*

Councilman Perri noted that there were two applications on the agenda for the June Planning Board meeting; the Sewer Committee was looking at the Rosedale pump station specs for the next meeting and that there will be a senior meeting at the Library with a speaker from the Department of Health.

Councilman O'Neill - *Court/Violations, FAN, Library, Shared Services*

Councilman O'Neill sent condolences to the Brenner Family on loss of their mother, Elaine Brenner, stating that she was a great woman and they were a great family.

Councilman Dewees - *Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Little League/Babe Ruth, Sign Sub Committee*

Councilman Dewees thanked Public Works for the installation of signs at the Lake, Walnut, and Harvey location. The final work should be done by next week.

Councilman Piergiovanni – *Insurance and Safety, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School*

Councilman Piergiovanni was absent.

Councilman Murray - *Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Economic Development, Traffic Safety*

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Councilman Murray provided an update on tax appeals, they were right in line with where they were in past years, and they were sifting through to see if there were any large dollar amounts and would report at the next Council meeting

Councilman Lischin – *Fire Department/EMS, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team, Sign Sub Committee*

Councilman Lischin informed Council that the 2nd Annual Bandstand's Got Talent would be July 21st; information would be available on the City website and on the Bandstand's Got Talent Facebook page. He thanked MRHS video staff and reminded everyone that the video aired the Thursday following the meeting, at noon and 7pm.

Council President Travagline reiterated the level of appreciation he had for Lieutenant Dettinger; he was always extremely helpful and knowledgeable. He was a tremendous asset to the community. He also reiterated that the Council was not sidestepping the Planning Board with regard to the Sign Ordinance changes; they are an independent body as we are, and we could make positive changes to the community just like they did.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reviewed the details for the Memorial Day event. Victoria Mozitis would be singing the National Anthem, and the Northfield Community School Band would be playing. He encouraged all to come. He announced that the American Legion Hall would be open at the conclusion of the event, and all were welcome there too. On June 3rd the Northfield Community School 3rd graders would be at City Hall from 10am-11am and June 17th was Mainland's graduation. He met with the Fire Department this week and had a hearing at step 2; he thanked Labor Counsel, Municipal Clerk Canesi and Councilman Lischin for their assistance. He noted that Acting Chief Newman had been issued a Rice notice and announced that at the June meeting he would be making the recommendation for Acting Chief Newman to be permanently promoted to the position of Chief. He would provide Acting Chief Newman's resume for Council to review. He would also be making recommendations for the updating of our Police Promotional Policy; he thanked Labor Counsel and the PBA Shop Steward for their assistance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the Engineer's report and provided an update on the Mill Road Sidewalk project and recited the answers the County provided to the questions posed in late April.

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Councilman Dewees asked Engineer Kwapinski to explain the elevation issues, as related to construction easements.

Engineer Kwapinski explained that sidewalks are required to slope towards the curb, the County may need an additional area to match the grade back down, or up, to the existing edge.

Councilman Dewees noted when speaking to residents there's no value to it, correct? That goes away once construction is complete.

Engineer Kwapinski confirmed this to be correct.

Councilman Perri questioned as to whether any problem with flooding on the resident's property would be addressed.

Engineer Kwapinski replied they would be addressed on a case by case basis.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Travagline 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 are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Solicitor Facenda announced Resolution 121-2016 and read the following into the record:

WORK CHANGE ORDER FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF BAY DRIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield did award a contract for the "Reconstruction of Bay Drive Project" and, simultaneous with this Change Order, will enter into a contract with A.E. Stone for the amount of \$256,000.00 and;

WHEREAS, the certain contract quantities have been adjusted in accordance with Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers, LLC, Plans dated August 27,

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2015, revised through April 25, 2016, and Change Order No. 1 attached as Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contract for "Reconstruction of Bay Drive Project" be amended to reflect: (i) a decrease in project cost from \$256,000.00 to \$248,564.00 for a net decrease of \$7,436.00; and (ii) that the said project shall be built in accordance with Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers, LLC, Plans dated August 27, 2015, revised through April 25, 2016, and Change Order No. 1 attached as Exhibit "A".

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted as a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of May, 2016.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded for Resolutions 114-2016 to 121-2016 to be voted on by Consent Agenda.

- 114-2016** Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2016 Budget
- 115-2016** Deferred Compensation Plan
- 116-2016** Authorizing Refunds of Overpayment of Taxes
- 117-2016** Approval of Facilities Use Application – Field Day
- 118-2016** Authorize the Hiring of Tina Oriente as a Seasonal Concession Stand Attendant for Birch Grove Park
- 119-2016** In Support of Submission of an Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program – Sidewalks on Cedar Bridge Road
- 120-2016** Approval of Specifications and Authorization to Proceed with Public Bidding for 2015 Road Paving Project in the City of Northfield
- 121-2016** Work Change Order for Reconstruction of Bay Drive Project

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to vote by consent agenda.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded for Resolutions 114-2016 to 121-2016 to be adopted by consent agenda.

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Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt by consent agenda.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded to adopt Ordinance 7-2016.

7-2016 An Ordinance Establishing Fees for the Calculation of Liens Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:5-54 For The City Of Northfield, County Of Atlantic, State Of New Jersey
2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 5/28/2016

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that this is the public hearing. Since Introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies were available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 7-2016.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded to introduce Ordinance 8-2016.

8-2016 Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Six Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,610,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of One Million Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$1,529,000) in Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield for Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey
Introduction / No Public Input
Published in the Press of AC 5/28/2016
2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Final Consideration 6/28/2016

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The public hearing date, and requisite publication dates were announced. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on

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the City website, and copies will be available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Councilman Perri had previously expressed opposition; could not vote for this amount. Councilman Perri abstained.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – abstain; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to introduce Ordinance 9-2016.

9-2016 An Ordinance Amending Section 215-17 of the City of Northfield Code, Regarding Fees for Land Use and Development Applications
Introduction / No Public Input
Published in the Press of AC 5/28/2016
2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Final Consideration 6/28/2016

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The public hearing date, and requisite publication dates were announced. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies will be available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Councilman Lischin noted this amendment arose out of the need of a resident who had a special needs child and had a difficult financial situation; he commended Council for getting on this quickly. Councilman Lischin hoped this would help this resident and others who were in need.

Solicitor Facenda reminded Council that we had a very similar Ordinance for construction fees; this related to development applications for the Planning Board. There were 2 components, one was that there had to be a disability, so there would be some component of proof, and there were definitions in the Ordinance. The 2nd component was that the development would improve access, so if these two prongs could be satisfied, the fees could be waived.

Councilman Perri noted that it said any fees; was that engineering, legal, etc..?

Solicitor Facenda advised it was derived from state statute, if Council wished to change it they may.

Councilman Perri questioned if there were engineering or legal fees, are the professionals doing it pro bono? Who paid? Each application required an

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engineering report. He suggested that it only waive the City fees, not the professional fees.

Solicitor Facenda took a few minutes to review the existing Ordinance.

Solicitor Facenda noted that there were a whole host of fees associated with this section; Clerk Canesi had previously provided this list to the Council. If there were fees that Council wished to carve out, they should take a look and make that recommendation.

Councilman O'Neill suggested just the application fee.

Councilman Perri felt it should not include the professional fees.

Solicitor Facenda asked that all take a look and we would revisit at the next meeting.

Councilman O'Neill withdrew the motion to introduce Ordinance 9-2016.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,395,450.40

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices.

At 8:22pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk