

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2015**

At 7:37pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on February 14, 2015 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, Perri, Piergiovanni, O'Neill, Travagline

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda and Engineer Dan Kwapinski were also in attendance.

Mayor Chau stated that at a previous meeting he made an error when presenting commendations to members of the Police Department. Mayor Chau called forward Acting Chief Paul Newman and Patrolman Michael Bach.

Mayor Chau read the following statement:

On April 7, 2015, at approximately 2:20 pm, while Patrolman Michael Bach of the Northfield Police Department was on patrol he observed smoke coming from a residence located at the southwest corner of Wabash and Locust Drive. Upon approaching the residence Patrolman Bach observed fire spewing through the rear corner window of the house. Patrolman Bach radioed to dispatch that there was an active structure fire and the location of the fire. Patrolman Bach then immediately ran into the residence where he located a family, one adult male, three teenaged children and two dogs. The residents were unaware that the corner of the house was already engulfed. Patrolman Bach was able to evacuate the occupants and animals without injury.

Mayor Chau presented Patrolman Bach with a certificate and congratulated him; he then called forward the Juckett Family.

Mayor Chau also recognized the Northfield, Linwood and Pleasantville Fire Departments for their assistance.

Rick Juckett stated the family hopes to get back into their home by mid-July. He thanked Patrolman Bach and told him that he is in his prayers every night.

Mayor Chau repeated that the Juckett's were in the home and were unaware that their home was on fire... if it were not for Patrolman Bach.

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**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Piergiovanni, seconded by Councilman Dewees to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 12, 2015. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and are 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 –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes Motion carries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilman Perri stated that the seniors will meet Thursday at noon at the Northfield Library with presentation on Medicaid and Medicare for seniors. The Planning Board meets on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He met with members of the union about the operations of the Sewer Department. Councilman Perri also noted that he has a plan in place for the Safety and Health Coordinator.

**Councilman O'Neill** - Fire Department/EMS, Court/Violations, FAN, Library, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilman O'Neill stated that everything is good with the new EMS vendor and mentioned that the service panel for the lights at the football field needed to be looked at.

Councilman Dewees agreed, and stated he would have an electrician look at the panel.

**Councilman Piergiovanni** - Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance

Councilman Piergiovanni had no report this evening. He thanked Mayor Chau and the rest of the volunteers for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

**Councilman Dewees** - Buildings/Grounds, Birch Grove, Public Works, Little League/Babe Ruth, Northfield School

Councilman Dewees stated that there are a couple of properties due to be cut; he is meeting with Jim Clark from Public Works tomorrow. There are 3 bike path lights out; the electrician is coming back to look at them and reported that there is a Google search of Birch Grove that has inaccurate information.

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Councilman Lischin stated that he thinks he knows how to address it and he will create a Google Plus account.

**Councilman Murray** - Finance/Collections, Inspections/Engineering, Veterans Park, County/State

Council Murray advised that interviews for the new Tax Collector will conclude this coming Thursday. He agreed with Councilman Piergiovanni that the ceremony at Veterans Park was beautiful.

Councilman Dewees asked if the Mayor would send a letter to County Executive Levinson regarding clean fill and a letter requesting a shared service agreement for vehicle washing. We are required by the DEP to wash Public Works vehicles, but we may want to consider it for other City vehicles as well.

**Councilman Lischin** - Technology, Cultural Committee, Mainland Regional, Green Team

Councilman Lischin informed everyone that the online tax and sewer payments system, WIPP, will be up and running soon. He received the proposal for the time clock system; he will evaluate the proposal to see what we really need. P25 radio system is moving along. The Cultural Committee is moving forward with Northfield's Got Talent, and is looking for talent of all ages. He thanked Devon from MRHS for video services tonight. He asked Council for their opinion on the solar initiative so the project can move forward.

Council President Travagline noted that the MRHS field was sodded within the hatch marks and asked Councilman Lischin to look into it as the field was just sodded last year.

Acting Chief Newman stated that there were 12 qualified applicants for the Police Officer's position. The next step will be the physical agility test which will be at the Canale Training Center. He is trying to coordinate a date for that. Interviews will be scheduled after that – he is only looking at trained applicants who have already been through the academy.

Solicitor Facenda explained the reimbursement requirement that the City may incur if we hire an officer who has only been with their current town less than two years.

Acting Chief Newman stated he hasn't looked at their experience yet.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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Mayor Chau stated that he issued an award on behalf of Council to Frank and Victoria Rich at the MRHS Community Counts event recently, they spent thousands of their own money to feed needy families and to purchase holiday gifts. The Memorial Day Ceremony went well, great turnout, thanked all involved.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the engineers report. He met with the water and gas companies this week along with Council President Travagline about future and current projects. He also met with CFO Stollenwerk to coordinate engineering costs with the capital plan, all seemed to be matching up.

Councilman Dewees asked if he could meet with Engineer Kwapinski tomorrow.

Engineer Kwapinski agreed to meet with him.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any subject.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline 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.

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for Resolutions 101-2015 to 106-2015 to be voted on by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to vote by consent agenda.

101-2015      Refund St. Vincent DePaul School

102-2015      Authorizing the Hiring of Wendy Schulman as a Regular Adult School Crossing Guard

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- 103-2015      Separation of Employment Susan Aspenberg, School Crossing Guard
- 104-2015      Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for the Provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 105-2015      Award of Contract for 2015 Birch Grove Park Athletic Field ADA Improvements
- 106-2015      Request to the County of Atlantic to Use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for adoption of Resolutions 101-2015 to 106-2015 by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries for adoption of Resolutions 101-2015 to 106-2015.

**ORIDINANCES**

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to adopt Ordinance 14-2015.

- 14-2015      Amending Fees Under Chapter 128 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Entitled Construction Codes, Uniform  
*2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 5/26/2015*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and announced the final publication date. This is the second reading and the matter will be considered for final adoption after the public hearing. Since introduction the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are 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.

Council President Travagline opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to speak the public hearing was closed.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill – absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 14-2015.

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Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded, to introduce Ordinance 15-2015.

15-2015      Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,665,000) And Authorizing The Issuance Of One Million Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,581,750) 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 5/30/2015  
2nd Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption 6/23/2015  
Published in the Press of AC 6/27/2015*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, 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.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to introduce Ordinance 15-2015.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS \$175,768.31**

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, for payment of bills.

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

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices.

At 8:17pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC Municipal Clerk