

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2016**

At 7:22pm, 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, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda and Engineer Kwapinski also present.

RESOLUTION

143-2016 Appointment of Paul Newman as Chief of Police for the City of Northfield

Councilman Perri motioned, O'Neill seconded to adopt Resolution 143-2016.

Councilman Perri said that he was here when Paul was hired; he's a home town man and Councilman Perri was happy to see it.

Council President Travagline said he's lived here for sixteen years and has known Paul for the past few years. Paul has done a fabulous job and had brought the Department back in the right direction. Leadership counts; the Newmans are a great family.

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 carried.

Mayor Chau thanked Council, and said it has been a long journey. He also thanked Council and the residents for their support in appointing Paul Newman as Chief of Police. Mayor Chau said he has known Chief Newman and his family for a long time; he and his wife Kimberly have two boys, ages 16 and 14. Mayor Chau read Chief Newman's biography, as follows: he attended Mainland Regional High School in 1981 and graduated with High Honors from Atlantic Cape Community College in 1994 with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He later attended Rowan University and earned his BA in Criminal Justice from Richard Stockton College in 2010. Chief Newman has also had a military career, and enlisted in the United States Army in 1986; serving in the Military Police, he earned the rank of Specialist. He later attained the rank Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserves in 1989. He is a current

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member of our Northfield Planning Board, a member of the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police, and, on the side is a bag piper.

In 1993 he was a Class I Special Officer for the Delaware River and Bay Authority and in 1994, we were very fortunate to have him join us a Patrol Officer in the Northfield Police Department. In 2003, he attained the rank of Sergeant and in 2012 he was promoted to the Acting Lieutenant for our Police Department. In 2014, he was appointed Acting Captain, and from 2015 to present he has been serving as our Acting Chief.

Mayor Chau called Paul forward with his family and administered the Oath of Office. He presented Kim Newman with the Chief's badge, which she pinned on her husband's uniform.

Chief Newman introduced the following people in the audience: Art Faden; retired Chief Kroger; Newman's brother, Ed Newman, and Hamilton Township Chief of Police Stacy Tappeiner. Chief Newman thanked everyone for being in attendance, especially his wife. He introduced his children, Patrick and Jack, and thanked Council, and the Mayor. He then thanked Mayor Perri, former Mayor Munafo and thanked the Mainland Local PBA for helping to bring the Chief's position back to Northfield. To the Police Department: he is honored to be your chief, you've put up with a lot, you've done an outstanding job and it doesn't go unnoticed. To the residents: thank you, he hopes to continue to work hard to earn your respect, one person at a time, one day at a time. It is his pleasure to serve the city.

Council President Travagline introduced Carol Patrick, Chairperson of the Northfield Cultural Committee.

Mrs. Patrick took a moment to comment on the recent passing of friend Marge Milone, and read a list of Milone's accomplishments, which included serving as Chairperson of the City's Year 2000 Committee. Patrick noted that Marge's husband, Lou Milone was in attendance and praised him for his devotion to his wife; she asked that all give him a round of applause.

Mrs. Patrick introduced 88 year old resident Joseph Adams, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for creating a scale model of the Somers Brick Yard for the Cultural Committee. She said Adams grew up on a farm on 707 Mill Road, and he'd fish at the Somers Brick Yard, which was now Birch Gove Park. He made the model from memory, in H. O. scale. He also wrote captions for the diorama that is on display at the museum, and she thanked him for his generous monetary donations. She called Mr. Adams forward.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, and the residents of Northfield, Mayor Chau thanked Mr. Adams for his generous support of time and talent. He encouraged all to

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visit the museum. Mayor Chau said it is people like Mr. Adams that have built the City into the great place it is today.

Mr. Adams stated that his father was a Police Officer in Northfield and was the Fire Chief for many years. The project started years ago when he'd go to the park and read, and tell visitors to the park about the brick yard. He started with a sketch, and made it into what it was. He enjoyed helping people learn about the history of Northfield.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Northfield's First Baby – Dahlia Jade Richey
Born January 5, 2016 to parents Grant and Corey Richey

Mrs. Patrick called forward Grant and Corey Richey, parents of first baby Dahlia Jade Richey, born January 5th. She presented them with a statuette and invited all to see Northfield's 1st Baby ride in the parade on July 4th.

Mayor Chau congratulated the Richey family and presented them with a certificate from Mayor and Council

- Miss 4th of July – Monica Mahon

Mrs. Patrick introduced Monica Mahon, Miss 4th of July and announced that her parents were Dennis and Marisa Mahon. Monica was chosen for her young leadership skills, participation in the marching band and color guard, and for serving as director of design for school newspaper. She intended to attend Rowan University and major in computers. She wants to be a role model for other girls "who are trying to find a place in the tech world". Mrs. Patrick invited everyone to come see Miss 4th of July in the parade on Monday, and added that she knew Ms. Mahon would be a powerhouse in the world.

Mrs. Rosemary O'Dowd pinned on the sash and placed a crown on Monica's head.

Mayor Chau presented Monica with certificate from Mayor and Council. He noted that Ms. Mahon wrote a wonderful resume that anyone would be proud of.

- Citizens of the Year – Mark and Debbi Doherty

Mrs. Patrick introduced Mark and Debbi Doherty, 2016 Citizens of the Year. They were recognized for their efforts at the American Legion Hall. The Legion Post began after WWII and had not been fixed up since the 1950's. With only two members left in the Legion, Bob Webb and Bob Burness reached out to Mark Doherty. The Doherty's rallied the community to resurrect the American Legion;

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they held spaghetti dinners and various fundraisers to pay for it. There were dinners at the legion now, weddings, and parties. It's a rebirth thanks to the Doherty's. Mark was the Commander and Debbi was the President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Mayor Chau presented Mark and Debbi a certificate from Mayor and Council, for outstanding service to the community. He offered congratulations.

Mrs. Patrick presented them with a plaque that read "2016 Citizens of the Year, Mark and Debbi Doherty for spearheading the rebirth of the Harvey Johnson America Legion Post in 2016".

Mark Doherty thanked all the hardworking members of the Auxiliary and the Legion, and said these things don't happen without the hard work of a lot of people. He also thanked Bob Burness and Bob Webb for their prior leadership.

Bob Webb read the history of Mr. Harvey Johnson, the namesake of the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. Patrick thanked the Council for their support

At 8:10pm Council President Travagline announced recess.

Mrs. Patrick informed everyone that there were refreshments in the Clerk's office.

8:28pm Council President Travagline resumed the meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dewees, seconded by Council President Travagline to dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 24th, 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 –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman O'Neill had no report this evening.

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

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Councilman Piergiovanni reported that the Joint Insurance Fund membership is up this year; and our renewal documents have to be submitted by August 15th. He said it has been recommended that we renew with the JIF. JIF's have a pooled risk, and with our recent loss history we should renew. He would do research to see if there are any savings. Northfield Community School scholarship winners are going to DC this fall. Seventh graders from NCS presented projects to Jefferson Hospital, and they may qualify for a patent. The new Superintendent starts July 1st, Pete Bretonis.

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

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board had one application for July 7, a C variance for a hardship. He had received more odor complaints on St. Andrews and was working aggressively to resolve it. The Sewer Department would be trying something new. The residents had been very patient. The system flows fine, in order to put a trap in every house in the area it was not cost effective. What we were trying next is an experiment, and hopefully it will be a great step in trying to resolve the problem.

Council President Travagline asked if we could get a 3rd party to look at this.

Councilman Perri noted that would cost money. We were asking the County at the next phase to put a lateral camera in their main. We could also apply for a grant from the infrastructure trust fund.

Councilman Lischin recalled that when we put the traps in we knew that it would just push the smell down the street.

Councilman Perri congratulated the Northfield and Mainland graduates.

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 had been working with the Department of Public Works Manager and is leaning towards discontinuing the practice of collecting electronic waste; it is costing us too much money. He would also like to reduce ferrous metal collection to one day a month. The Veterans Park was progressing, with minor grading coming next week.

Councilman O'Neill asked about weeds on running track on bike path.

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Councilman Dewees stated he was looking at the issue; we couldn't use weed barrier because it was a trip hazard.

Council President Travagline noted weed issues at the Babe Ruth field coming through the crushed stone.

Councilman Dewees replied he was not a fan of the crushed shells; he said we can spray it, but it was not a long term solution.

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

Councilman Murray reported that on June 16th we had a successful tax lien sale, with \$110,641 in proceeds and all liens were sold.

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

Councilman Lischin read the Fire Department report and the Inspections Department reports for the month of May. He reported the he was looking at shared services for the Construction, Housing and Zoning Departments, he hopes to report more at the next meeting.

Council President Travagline asked Councilman Lischin for a breakdown of Fire Department activity for the 1st six months of the year.

Councilman Lischin thanked Mainland video staff, and noted that this would be the 41st year for the 4th of July Parade, which is presented annually by the Cultural Committee. He read a list of upcoming events for the Cultural Committee, including the talent show. He thanked all of the volunteers for their time and congratulated tonight's award recipients again.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau congratulated the Northfield Community School for winning the Student Voices Award; this was the 1st time a school in NJ has won this award. He thanked Councilmen Dewees, Lischin and Perri for attending the Northfield Community School Graduation. He thanked Councilmen Dewees and O'Neill for attending the Mainland Regional High School Graduation. He reported that he had been busy going to various grand openings in Northfield. It was nice that so many businesses are showing faith in Northfield. He also thanked Councilmen Perri and Travagline for attending the Atlantic City Country Club Grand Opening, and offered congratulations to the Ottinger family who are doing a fine job at this fabulous

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facility. Chief Newman had advised that the motorcycle is being inspected to be put back on the road; there was one officer who is very interested in this opportunity.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the Engineer's report and provided an update on the DOT Grant application for Cresson Avenue, which we did not get, about why we did not get it. The DOT advised that funding is limited; also lower income communities tend to get more grants. He suggested the City look at an infrastructure grant.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public to speak on any subject. 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. The Executive Session of Council will be held at the end of the meeting, and we will come back in public session to make a comment for the record after the executive session has concluded. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded for Resolutions 122-2016 to 142-2016, to be voted on by Consent Agenda.

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| 122-2016 | Award of Contract for 2015 Road Paving Project and Certain Capital Improvements |
| 123-2016 | Acknowledging Employment Resignation of School Crossing Guard |
| 124-2016 | Employment Status Change for Substitute School Crossing Guard |
| 125-2016 | Authorizing the Hiring of a Substitute School Crossing Guard |
| 126-2016 | Approval of Specifications and Authorization to Proceed with Public Bidding for the Project Known as Rosedale 1 Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrade |

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- 127-2016** Amending Resolution 52-2016, Recognizing Northfield Volunteer Fire Company Members

- 128-2016** Authorizing Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2016-2017 - Ventura's

- 129-2016** Authorizing Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2016-2017 - Bootlegger's

- 130-2016** Authorizing Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2016-2017 – Atlantic City Country Club

- 131-2016** Amending Resolution No. 135-2014, Municipal Emergency Management Team and Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer Appointments

- 132-2016** Authorizing the Hiring of Lauren Stollenwerk as Part Time Clerical Staff for the Tax Assessor's Office

- 133-2016** 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

- 134-2016** Authorization to Create Municipal Liens for Property Maintenance Costs

- 135-2016** Authorization for Eligibility for Post Retirement Health Benefits for Lauren William Crooks Upon Attainment of 25 Or More Years of Service to the City of Northfield

- 136-2016** To Approve An Application For Use Of Facilities – NLL 8U Tournament

- 137-2016** To Approve An Application For Use Of Facilities - Softball Sectional Tournament

- 138-2016** In Support of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Statewide Crackdown

- 139-2016** Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2016 Budget – Drive Sober

- 140-2016** Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2016 Budget – Alcohol Education

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- 141-2016** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Quitclaim Deed
- 142-2016** 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. 10:4-12 Regarding Possible Anticipated Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality – Mt Laurel Litigation

All were in favor of voting by consent agenda.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded for Resolutions 122-2016 to 142-2016, to be adopted by consent agenda.

Councilman Perri asked about the clerical position and if the position could work in other offices.

Municipal Clerk Canesi replied that it was only one day a week for five weeks to help get the Tax Assessor caught up.

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 carried to adopt the consent agenda.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded to adopt 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
2nd Reading, Public Hearing, Final Consideration

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that this is the public hearing. Since Introduction on May 24th, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies were made 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. The ordinance will be published with the required estoppel statement on July 2, 2016

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Council President Travagline opened the public hearing for Ordinance 8-2015. 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 – no; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 8-2016.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,164,622.08

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 –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices.

Council President Travagline announced an Executive Session for Resolution 142-2016.

Municipal Clerk Canesi added that Council would move to the Mayor’s Office.

142-2016 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. 10:4-12 Regarding Possible Anticipated Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality – Mt Laurel Litigation

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session is in regards active litigation concerning Mt. Laurel litigation in which the City is involved. The minutes will be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. The session is being convened so he could provide an update to Council concerning a case management conference that would occur before Judge Johnson tomorrow.

At 9:06pm Council moved to the Mayor’s Office for the Executive Session.

At 9:34 the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting of resumed in Council Chambers.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. Council was updated with respect to the current status and a case management conference to be

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held tomorrow. The minutes were kept but will not be released until the matter had concluded and they could be released by law.

At 9:34pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk