

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023**

At 6:30pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi, who welcomed the audience. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2023, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council President Pro Tempore Dewees, after which he asked all present to remain standing to take a moment to honor the memory of retired Deputy Chief Bob Leeds from the City of Northfield Volunteer Fire Company. Bob passed away on August 13th. He was a dedicated volunteer with deep ties to the community, and over 50 years of volunteer service.

Council Pro Tempore Dewees thanked everyone and announced that information regarding services for Bob had been shared by Chief Cummings and Clerk Canesi.

Present: Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Smith; Council President Polistina.

Absent: Councilman Notaro; Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, Chief VonColln and Acting Lieutenant Dever were also in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of July 18, 2023, without formal reading.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION, BOND ORDINANCE

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt Ordinance 11-2023.

11-2023 Bond Ordinance Appropriating Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$740,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of Seven Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$703,000) 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
Published in the Press of AC, with Estoppel Statement August 22, 2023

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this was the second reading and that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption. 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 to any member of the public who

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requested same. If approved, final publication, with the required estoppel statement, would be August 22, 2023.

Council President Polistina opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

**Mayor Chau, present via zoom, made his report during the public session.*

Council Pro Tempore Dewees announced the winner of the Mayor’s Recycling Contest as Richard Hurley.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the Engineers Report as previously distributed to Council. He reported that NJ American Water Company should be finished with connections this week, then we would need to wait 45 days for settlement before paving could occur. He was negotiating with them for payment in lieu of paving and would report further. There was a section of pipe on Oak Avenue that needed to be slip-lined, he would like to do this section instead of another section of town. He will prepare a change order for the next meeting. There would be no change in quantity, but the bid spec did have a map of streets that needed to be done.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that they state their name and address for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Mayor Chau announced his presence via Zoom and shared a memory of working with Deputy Chief Leeds and offered condolences. He congratulated Mr. Hurley, winner of the recycling contest, adding that the toter would be delivered. For the past several years, Mayor Chau said he has worked with McDonald's on a program to reward children for bicycle safety in conjunction with the Northfield Police Department. By the end of this month, officers on patrol will have coupons to give to children who are bicycling safely.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Council President Polistina closed the public comment portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Polistina read the following statement: “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

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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.”

On motion of Councilman Leeds, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on 147-2023 through 160-2023 by Consent Agenda.

- 147-2023** A Resolution to Affirm the City of Northfield’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- 148-2023** Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity “Enforcement Guidance On The Consideration Of Arrest And Conviction Records In Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
- 149-2023** A Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- 150-2023** Resolution to Amend the Agreement between Surenian, Edwards, and Nolan, LLC, Special Counsel on Affordable Housing Matters, and the City of Northfield
- 151-2023** A Resolution to Authorize the Promotion of Scott Pollak to the Position of Lieutenant within the Northfield Police Department
- 152-2023** A Resolution to Authorize the Promotion of Robert Dever to the Position of Lieutenant within the Northfield Police Department
- 153-2023** Authorization to Hire Part Time Firefighter/EMT
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- 155-2023** Resolution Authorizing Exemption of Property and Cancellation of Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 (a) and (b) on Property known as Block 179.02 Lot 47 Qualifier C2102 (2102 Dolphin Avenue)
- 156-2023** Authorizing the Award of Contract without Public Advertisement for Bids to Action Uniform Company Pursuant to the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5
- 157-2023** Resolution of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Authorizing Fireworks Display on Private Property Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-3
- 158-2023** Amending Resolution No. 48-2023, Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
- 159-2023** Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget
- 160-2023** A Resolution Supporting a Stigma Free Atlantic Initiative

Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilman Leeds seconded, to introduce Ordinance 12-2023.

12-2023 Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1-2023, Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC August 23, 2023
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration September 12, 2023*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, there would be no public input, and announced the publication and public hearing dates. 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 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same, up until the date of the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,502,506.15

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

MEETING NOTICES

Councilman Smith read the meeting notices.

At approximately 6:46pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk