

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2011**

At 7:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Dewees Mrs. Kern, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

Mayor Vincent Mazzeo, City Engineer Matt Doran, and City Solicitor Keith Bonchi were also in attendance.

Mayor Mazzeo read a proclamation declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month in the City of Northfield, and announced that teal ribbons would be placed by a volunteer group on the trees along the bike path.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Carew reviewed the agenda. In consideration of the tragedy in our community which claimed the lives of four Mainland Regional High School students, the evening's Veteran honorees will be remembered at the first meeting in September, instead of this evening.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Perri, second by Councilman Vain, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 26th meeting. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor. Motion carried for approval of minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri said there are no words to describe the tragedy or what the families are going through. He extended condolences from his family to all affected families and to Mainland and the community. He is praying for the families of those involved.

Councilman Polistina offered condolences to the families of Dean Khoury, Edgar Bozzi, Nick Conner, and Casey Brenner. He commended the communities and the high school, and hopes that the families find comfort.

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Councilman Vain echoed sentiments of his fellow councilmen. Northfield is a tightly-knit community, and he has taught most of the kids involved. They are all good kids and his thoughts and prayers go out to all families and to the community.

Councilwoman Kern said as the mother of a Mainland coach she saw these boys on and off the field. Casey Brenner was always a gentleman, Dean Khoury was always smiling, and she always saw Ed Bozzi on the field. She did not personally know Nick Conner. Kern works with Lynn Brenner, as does Mr. Vain. She offered prayers for the families.

Councilman Smith said as a teacher and coach, he echoes sentiments of fellow members of council. He offered thoughts and prayers and commended the three communities for the outpouring of love. He knows the communities will continue to give it. The week ahead will be tough, but the strength of the community shows. He referred to the Mainland Regional Community Partnership, and said they are collecting donations for the families. He hopes that we can, in time, put together an appropriate memorial to these fine young men.

Councilman Dewees offered his condolences to all of the families. He had the pleasure of sharing the field with some of the boys and their parents. He will keep them all in his prayers.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Carew said he'd like to reiterate what everyone has said. He read the names of each of the boys, Dean Khoury, Edgar Bozzi, Nick Conner, and Casey Brenner. The pain is unbearable for the families. He is thinking of those that survived and knows it will be tough for them; he urged the community to continue to support them. Carew said Dr. Baruffi, Coach Coffey and the entire Mainland staff all did a fine job of providing guidance and support. He also commended Chief James and both the Linwood and Northfield police departments for their efforts. He offered thoughts and prayers to all.

Councilman Smith said at this evening's Phillies game, there will be a moment of silence before the first pitch in honor of these young men.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo said he was in Florida, dropping child off at college and got the call. He came back the next day and visited the Khoury's, the Conner's and the Brenner's to offer condolences. He has recently looked back at photographs of some of the boys in their earlier grades; his children grew up with them. Mazzeo said he did not know

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Ed Bozzi, but his smile would have won anybody's heart. Mazzeo is proud to see the strength and support of the community and said it has brought out the best in our community. We will be there to support the boys who survived. He offered thoughts and prayers to the families.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The City Engineer's report was provided to Mayor and Council and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Smith seconded for a consent agenda for resolutions 117-2011 through 126-2011.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

- 117-2011** Authorization to Extend 3rd Quarter Tax Payments
- 118-2011** To Authorize the Release of Performance Guarantee and Posting of Maintenance Guarantee for Block 42 Lot 19
- 119-2011** To Authorize a Raffle License for Congregation Beth Israel
- 120-2011** To Amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the City of Northfield
- 121-2011** To Authorize a Raffle License for St Gianna Beretta Molla Parish
- 122-2011** Refund of Escrow Monies by the Planning Board
- 123-2011** To Authorize Formal Bidding for In-Car Video Units for the Police Department
- 124-2011** Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2012 Municipal Aid for the Reconstruction of Broad Street Project
- 125-2011** Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2012 Bikeway Program – Traffic Markings, Signs, and Stripes at Bike Path Project
- 126-2011** Award of Contract 2011 Paving Project

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Smith seconded to adopt the consent agenda for resolutions 117-2011 through 126-2011.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilwoman Kern motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$ 1,868,492.58.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries for payment of bills.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Carew opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, he closed the public session.

Councilman Vain read the meeting notices.

Councilman Carew thanked our videographer, John from Mainland, and wished all Mainland students the best.

At 7:20pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk