

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

At 7:47pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2014, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chau, Devine, Dewees, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Mayor Jerry McGee, Solicitor Kris Facenda, and Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski were also in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri stated the Senior Citizen Committee is trying to get a seniors meeting together for October 2nd. He noted there is a situation with the Rosedale pump station, Councilman Perri deferred to the Engineer's Report.

Councilman O'Neill noted a new shed is up at the football field and it was entirely donated; he thanked the Family Association of Northfield and all volunteers. The donations and volunteers saved city about \$30,000.00.

Councilman Piergiovanni announced that there will be a brick ceremony Sunday, September 14, 2014 at noon at the Veterans Park. He will be meeting with the electrical contractor tomorrow about electric at the park. He is also close to securing a vendor for the grading, and hopes to get that accomplished over the next several weeks.

Councilman Dewees reminds residents that household renovation debris will be getting picked up this week, and street sweeping we will September 22 through October 3, 2014.

Councilman Devine had no Committee Report.

Councilman Chau read the August Fire Department report. At the September Planning Board meeting, two variances were approved. He received an email from resident concerned about his involvement in contacting the Police Department about a resident-reported concern about cars parking too close to the bike path. The resident expressed concern about selective enforcement. He suggested that a 10 foot

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no parking zone be painted at bike path stop signs. He will coordinate with the Road and Police departments.

Councilman Travagline stated there will be a Grant Ccommittee meeting to discuss safety and roads of the City. He is hoping to create a structured plan to address safety and sidewalks.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McGee said Governor Christie will be holding meetings to address the Atlantic City dilemma. The Mayors' Association has been shunned but they are trying to get representation.

Councilman O'Neill stated to Mayor McGee that he was the under impression that there would be something on the agenda about promotions and other issues related to the Police Department.

Mayor McGee said he does not make the agenda, he would have had more but Chief Hickey had a family issue and he would like to speak to Chief Hickey first. He will address that at the next meeting. Mayor McGee said he had asked Council President Travagline to get a breakdown of overtime in the Police Department. McGee said Acting Captain Newman prepared the report and he is waiting to get it from Chief Hickey.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Kwapinski went over his report. The drainage on Infield Avenue has been installed and awaiting final paving. He has also been in contact with the Sewer Department about the pump stations regarding repairs and maintenance. Engineer Kwapinski is also looking into grants that the City can get from the DOT.

Council President Travagline asked if new the new development comes through will it affect the Davis Avenue pump station.

Engineer Kwapinski stated several pump stations are at capacity now, required increases in capacity will need to be addressed.

Council President Travagline directed Engineer Kwapinski to work with the planner Tiffany Cuvillo to ensure that sewer infrastructure needs are addressed.

Councilman Perri said since it's a new zone, the site standards will be different than what exists now. On site drainage has to remain on site. He remained concerned

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about the Rosedale pumping station. He wanted Council to authorize the engineer to proceed with the Bay Avenue and Rosedale Avenue stations.

Council President Travagline asked Engineer Kwapinski get estimated costs.

Engineer Kwapinski explained the current set up of the pump stations and the challenges.

Councilman Chau updated Council on the fire truck and said everything is going well, with anticipated completion in November. He sent Assistant Chief Crooks to a meeting for county dispatch; as an example of the impact it would cause, new radios just for the Fire Department would cost \$100,000.00. It's anticipated that it is probably two years away, but that is the approximate cost.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Lisa Brown, 9 Haviv Drive, asked who would be paying for the new pumping station for the new development.

Council President Travagline said the City would do its best to ensure that the builder paid for what was necessary.

Lisa Brown then referred to the requirement that the City was advised to appoint a housing liaison in March 2009; asked who was appointed.

Guy Schlachter, 14 Mazza Drive, asked when the current Shared Chief Agreement expires.

Mayor McGee stated July 2015.

Guy Schlachter asked if there are any thoughts now as to whether we will continue to share, instead of last waiting until the minute?

Mayor McGee said it has been four years and more than likely will continue. This year was complicated due to the retirement of Chief James. Linwood is the head party this time.

Council President Travagline said there have been meetings and several interviews there was a process. The City will try to be more transparent.

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Council President Travagline, seeing no one else wishing to speak 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 expenditures are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Council president Travagline read the Executive Sessions 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. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public.

Councilman Chau motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded to adopt Resolution 158-2014.

158-2014 Emergency Appropriation

Councilman Perri asks if the emergency appropriation is going exceed the monies expended in 2014 and if these numbers can go up from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00. Council President Travagline stated yes, but any other money will be in the next year's budget.

Roll call: Mr. Chau – yes; Mr. Devine – yes; Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. O'Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilman Devine to vote by Consent Agenda on Resolutions 156-2014, 157-2014 and 159-2014 through 162-2014.

156-2014 Resolution to Amend the Agreement between Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC and the City of Northfield

157-2014 To Reject All Bids and Authorize Re-advertisement of Request for Bids for the 2014 Paving Project

159-2014 Cancellation of Grant Balances

160-2014 Refund of Sewer Overpayment

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161-2014 To Hire a Substitute School Crossing Guard

162-2014 A Resolution Providing For An Executive Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Meetings Public Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations For The Northfield Fire Department

Roll call: Mr. Chau – yes; Mr. Devine – yes; Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilman Devine to adopt by Consent Agenda on Resolution 156-2014, 157-2014 and 159-2014 through 162-2014.

Roll call: Mr. Chau – yes; Mr. Devine – yes; Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Councilman O’Neill read the meeting notices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL

Council President Travagline announced that Council will be adjourning to the Clerk’s office for an Executive Session and the resolution was adopted earlier in the evening.

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The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and said she would defer to the Solicitor for an explanation of the subject matter to be discussed and the amount of time which could be expected to elapse before the minutes of the non-public session could be released.

Solicitor Facenda stated Council will enter into an Executive Session not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, to discuss Contractual Negotiations between the City and the Fire Department. The Council will keep minutes of the Executive Session as required by law and they will be approved by Council and made available promptly for inspection as required by law. In as much as this is the initial discussions of this matter it is unknown when those minutes will become available and for that reason the time is indeterminable.

At 8:23 Council adjourned to the Clerk’s office.

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At 8:57pm the Executive Session ended and Council returned to chambers

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session concluded and Council is back in Public Session and Council and those negotiations will continue and minutes will become available when a contract is reached with the Fire Department.

At 8:58pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC Municipal Clerk