

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

At 6:09pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2014 in accordance with Public Law 75, 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, Perri, Travagline
Absent: O'Neill, Piergiovanni

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

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting and deferred to Councilman Chau.

Councilman Chau stated he and Council President Travagline met with John Waite from Shore EMS in anticipation of the EMS contract expiring at the end of the year. Shore EMS is interested in renewing a contract with Northfield and Linwood, but they indicated that their costs are not being covered. Councilman Chau requested documentation from Mr. Waite to show the losses; more information to follow.

Councilman Travagline said he was also in attendance at meeting and is interested in seeing what other vendors may have to offer, he intends to put this out for proposal. He feels if Shore is losing money they need to look internally, instead of to the taxpayer.

Mayor McGee asked if the insurance requirement will remain the same.

Councilman Perri wants to see the proposal from Shore EMS. He finds it hard to believe they are not making money when the patients are coming into their facility. He commented that there are big regulatory changes coming, and they are not for the better.

Council President Travagline called for a straw poll to prepare an RFQ.

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Councilman Perri noted that Linwood is the lead agent on the EMS contract and they have all of the documents already prepared.

Councilman Chau will place a courtesy call to Linwood.

Councilman Perri met with Pleasantville and their BA about shared services; may want to reach out to them.

Councilman Perri offered to answer questions on the Rosedale pump station project; the authorization for the engineer to proceed is on the agenda. The City has been holding off as long as we can, but having a hard time keeping it together now, the equipment is 35-40 years old.

Councilman Chau asked if this will bring the station up to current standards.

Councilman Perri stated, yes, it is a more modern system.

Engineer Kwapinski explained the difference between the new and the old equipment.

Council President Travagline noted that it was proposed last year to possibly increase sewer fees, the City may want to look at that this year to fund these huge capital projects. The cost could be \$600,000.00-700,000.00 over the next few years.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilman Perri, Engineer Kwapinski, Council President Travagline and Mayor McGee regarding other areas in need of upgrades, as well as sewer requirements of a proposed new development.

Councilman Chau thanked Councilman Dewees for his department, Buildings and Grounds, for the repairs the fire house doors and the Birch Grove Cultural center. He has not made progress with regard to the location of painting "No Parking" areas near stop signs on the bike path. Councilman Chau will continue to try to reach Chief Hickey.

Council President Travagline asked if there were any questions regarding the regular meeting and made assignments.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject.

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Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, stated The American Legion needs new members and said Mark Doherty was the new Commander. This past weekend they had “Post Crashers”, in the form of youth from the Northfield Community School. The event was coordinated by teacher Mrs. Devine and Dr. Ferguson; the children and volunteers painted walls, pulled weeds and brush. There were fine leaders and great children. The Veterans Park is making progress, former Council members Steve Vain, Tom Polistina and Dave Notaro have been a great help. Webb noted that laws have changed and created a more lax society. He stated that Mayor McGee has done a fine job as Mayor.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Council President Travagline closed the public session.

At 6:47pm on motions properly made and seconded this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC
Municipal Clerk