

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

At 6:52pm, this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence for former Mayor of Hammonton, Russell Clark.

ROLL CALL

Present: Korngut, Lischin, Murray, Perri, Travagline
Absent: O’Neill, Dewees

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Travagline, second of Councilwoman Korngut, all present were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of September 11, 2018, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman Perri reported that he was hoping to schedule the seniors’ hayride for October 18th with Qwin Vitale. The last meeting was a great time with Jim Curcio from the Surrogate’s Office, it was very informative, he thanked Mr. Curcio and his office. The next Planning Board meeting has two 2 applications on the agenda: St. Gianna’s for an LED sign and Wawa for a trash enclosure. He did not have any report for the sewer interlocal. Councilman Perri recognized Ruth Washburn, a longtime employee of the city and advocate for many causes, he sent condolences to her family; she accomplished a lot in her years in Northfield.

Councilman O’Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, Chamber of Commerce, Little League/Babe Ruth, Traffic Safety, Green Team Advisory Board

Councilman O’Neill was absent.

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Economic Development, Shared Services

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Councilwoman Korngut reported that the library held their monthly meeting September 13th, they are still in the process of looking for board members; the Mayor was accepting resumes. Upcoming events include a free skin cancer screening by Dr. Lisa Ledden. The library also held an event for Constitution Week where kids signed a document and watched a video about the Constitution. On October 25th at 6pm they would host poet Feleeha Hassan who was born in Iraq, moved to the United States and taught herself English; she had several books published. The Municipal Alliance was sponsoring movie night on the 12th at Birch Grove; hayrides would be offered that night as well. The Alliance was looking into trunk or treat with Linwood and Somers Point, the event would be held at Adams Perfect.

Councilman Travagline – Insurance and Safety, Northfield School, FAN; Shared Services

Councilman Travagline had no report.

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

Councilman Murray had no report.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Lischin thanked Mary Canesi, Shannon Campbell, Robin Atlas, Michele Kirtsos and Kathi Smith for helping tonight with the event for Joyce Pullan. The energy of the Cultural Committee was amazing; he thanked Mayor Chau as well.

Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans’ Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering

Council President Dewees was absent.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Chau echoed the sentiments of Councilman Perri in regard to Ruth Washburn. This Friday, Sept 28th, The Run for The Fallen would stop in front of City Hall at 8:04am, he invited all to attend. He had spoken with several parents at the Northfield Community School regarding the presence of a Class II Officer at the school, the public was aware and he appreciated Council’s support. The Police Department would be getting two new police cars, and two will be taken out of circulation – he would like to give one of the cars to the Zoning Official if the car is in good shape.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

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Engineer Nassar was absent.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Pro Temp Murray opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any subject.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Pro Temp Murray closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Pro Temp Murray 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.

On a motion of Councilman Lischin, second of Councilman Perri, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 172-2018 through 177-2018.

- 172-2018** Resolution Updating the Personnel Policies and Procedures for the City of Northfield
- 173-2018** A Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- 174-2018** Authorizing Refunds of Overpayment of Property Taxes
- 175-2018** A Resolution Authorizing the Northfield Fire Department to Apply for and Obtain a Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- 176-2018** Amending Resolution 30-2018, Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
- 177-2018** Amending Resolution No. 170-2018, Extending the Hours of Use, and Permitting Use of Field Lights

Councilwoman Korngut, in regard to Resolution 177-2018, would like to talk about coming up with something more uniform.

Councilman Lischin responded that Babe Ruth teams typically use the lights, we try to restrict lights on the Major League Field, this was discussed previously; he felt Council needed to discuss the issue again prior to approving any requests next year.

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to adopt Resolutions 172-2018 through 177-2018.

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Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 7-2018, to be read by title only.

7-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 215 of the Code of the City of Northfield Governing Land Use and Development, as amended by Resolution 171-2018
3rd Reading / Public Hearing on Ordinance as Amended / Final Consideration

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the public hearing. This is the 3rd Reading, there will be a Public Hearing on the ordinance as amended. Since introduction and amendment the Ordinance has been has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance was provided with one free of charge in the office of the municipal clerk.

Council President Pro Temp Murray opened the public hearing; seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carried.

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 9-2018, to be read by title only.

9-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 250 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Governing Parks and Recreation Areas and Chapter 111 of the Code of the City Of Northfield, Governing Vehicles And Traffic
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title. This is the 2nd Reading, there will be a Public Hearing after which it will be considered for Final adoption. Since introduction the Ordinance has been has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance was provided with one free of charge in the office of the municipal clerk. The ordinance will be published a final time, if adopted, on September 25th.

Council President Pro Temp Murray opened the public hearing; seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

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Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilwoman Korngut seconded for the introduction of Ordinance 10-2018, to be read by title only.

10-2018 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Northfield, Chapter 215, Entitled “Guarantees and Improvement Procedures”
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC September 29, 2018
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration October 9, 2018*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, 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 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,371,667.87

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –abstain; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – absent; Motion carried.

Council President Pro Temp Murray read the meeting notices.

At 7:13pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk