

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

At 6:29pm 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 Mayor Chau. Mayor Chau called for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Jake Eggie, a longtime member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He and his family were very dedicated to Northfield; he offered condolences to the family.

**Present:** Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Notaro; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

**Absent:** Councilman Smith

Solicitor Facenda and Engineer Nassar were also in attendance.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Bucci with a second by Councilman Leeds, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of September 12, 2023, without formal reading.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau read a letter from County Executive Levinson to indicate the County has agreed to our traffic study request at Zion and Oak Avenues. He announced the opening of two new businesses and invited all to attend the grand openings. He announced Trunk or Treat and thanked Northfield Police Department for their efforts in the distribution of McDonald's sundae coupons in recognition of safe bike habits in wearing helmets. He thanked McDonald's as well. He reported he received a letter from the County Court, they were asking for municipalities to meet October 2nd at 4pm at the Canale Center to discuss ways to reduce the budget, such as use of an outside vendor for security. He realized we were all set to go with Hammonton, but he was passing it along; he commended them for starting to address the issue.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar did not have a report this evening.

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**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 for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Seeing no one 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 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 Dewees, seconded by Councilman Notaro, all members present were in favor of voting on 179-2023 through 184-2023 by Consent Agenda.

- 179-2023**      A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 119-2017 Regarding the Permanent Appointment of Patrolman Michael Bach to Detective of the Detective Bureau Within The Northfield Police Department
- 180-2023**      Declaring October 6, 2023, Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
- 181-2023**      Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget
- 182-2023**      A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Execute a Contract with an Approved State Contract Vendor Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- 183-2023**      A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Execute a Contract with an Approved State Contract Vendor Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- 184-2023**      Work Change Order No. 1 – Contract for the Purchase of a “Ladder Truck” from First Choice Fire Apparatus

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

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**      \$ 538,106.30

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

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

**MEETING NOTICES**

Councilman Notaro read the meeting notices.

At approximately 6:39pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk