

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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At 6:56pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, 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.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Council President Dewees announced that we would be going out of order on the agenda this evening as requested by Councilman O'Neill.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Dewees closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Dewees 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.

Council President Dewees reminded everyone that resolution 186-2018 would not be needed tonight.

Solicitor Facenda read resolution 189-2018, added to the agenda during the Work Session, into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2018

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD
SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 3766 TO INCLUDE HARASSMENT, SEXUAL**

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**ASSAULT, SEXUAL CONTACT OR LEWDNESS CONVICTION AMONG
ENUMERATED OFFENSES REQUIRING A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE
TO FOREFEIT PENSION**

WHEREAS, Assemblypersons John Armato (Atlantic), Eric Houghtaling, Carol Murphy and Patricia Egan Jones introduced Assembly Bill 3766 (the “Bill”) which, if passed, would require a person who holds or has held any public office, position or employment to forfeit the person’s pension or retirement benefit if the person is convicted of harassment, sexual conduct, lewdness or sexual assault when the offense is related directly to the person’s performance in, or circumstances flowing from, the specific public office or employment held by the person; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would also require such forfeiture if the person is convicted of the crime of corruption of public resources in the first degree; and

WHEREAS, under current law, a person who holds or has held any public office, position or employment is required to forfeit all of the person’s pension or retirement benefit upon conviction of certain enumerated crimes involving or touching such office, position or employment; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would add the crimes of corruption of public resources, harassment, sexual contact, lewdness and sexual assault to that list of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Assembly passed the Bill on September 27, 2018 by unanimous vote.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Northfield does hereby support the Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all State legislative teams in Atlantic County and to the Office of the New Jersey Governor.

On a motion of Councilman Murray, second of Councilman Lischin, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 178-2018 through 185-2018 and 187-2018 through 189-2018.

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| 178-2018 | Information Technology Policy |
| 179-2018 | Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2018 Budget |
| 180-2018 | Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for the Provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative |
| 181-2018 | Amending Resolution 148-2018, Recognizing Family Association of Northfield Volunteers for 2018 Season |

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- 182-2018** To Reject all Bids for the Purchase of a Portable Generator for the City of Northfield Office of Emergency Management
- 183-2018** Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Shared Municipal Services
- 184-2018** A Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Project Known as MA-2019 Reconstruction of Shepherd Drive and North Shepherd Drive – 00678
- 185-2018** Authorizing Execution of CGI Agreement and Addendum
- 187-2018** A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Northfield and Government Workers Union Local No. 410, for Supervisory Employees, Effective January 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2020
- 188-2018** A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Northfield and Government Workers Union Local No. 430, for White Collar Workers, Effective January 1, 2018 Through December 31, 2020
- 189-2018** Resolution of the Council of the City of Northfield Supporting Assembly Bill 3766 to Include Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Contact or Lewdness Conviction Among Enumerated Offenses Requiring a Public Officer or Employee to Forfeit Pension

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded, to adopt Resolutions 178-2018 through 185-2018 and 187-2018 through 189-2018.

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

Councilman Korngut motioned, Councilwoman Perri seconded for the adoption 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”
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration

The 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.

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

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Councilman Lischin commended Clerk Canesi for her hard work and for the information in regard to the technology policy.

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Perri, second of Councilman O’Neill, all present were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of September 25, 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 the Planning Board had two applications last week, both were approved; one for Wawa for a trash compactor and one for St. Gianna's LED sign. The senior's hayrides will be October 18th at noon by RSVP to Councilman Perri. The sewer interlocal agreement was on the agenda tonight.

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 reported that he discussed with Council President Dewees some cleanup efforts at the Babe Ruth field. He spoke in regard to the new project; it seemed to be going up quickly, the first units should be rented in the next few months.

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

Councilwoman Korngut reported that Municipal Alliance was sponsoring Trunk or Treat at Wimberg Funeral Home, from 1-3pm Saturday October 27th, the rain date would be the next day. The event is in concert with Linwood and Somers Point. This Friday October 12th there will be a movie in the park at 7pm and hayrides also. The Library will be hosting speaker Faleeha Hassan on the 25th, she was the first woman in Iraq to publish a book of poetry. Because of her work she ended up on a death list and fled to Turkey, she came to New Jersey and taught herself to speak English. The next Library meeting will be held on October 11th.

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

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Councilman Travagline was absent.

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

Councilman Murray had no report.

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

Council President Dewees received a letter from a resident thanking the City for putting up the bollards along the bike path. The resident felt more were needed, specifically behind Sunshine Cleaners where cars were driving across the bike path. He would like to meet with Engineer Nassar to discuss options. Council President Dewees announced that the hayrides needed volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays in October. He addressed Engineer Nassar in regard to a resident at 2315 Shepherd complaining about drainage in front of her house.

Engineer Nassar responded that he was familiar with the area; it would be reconstructed as part of the grant application,

Councilman Perri recalled one of the Shepherd Drives didn't have water extension - some homes still have wells.

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

Councilman Lischin read the Fire Department report for September: 4 total fire incidents, 1 rescue incident, 14 false alarm calls, 2 good intent calls, 2 hazardous condition calls, and 1 mutual aid call; for a total of 24 dispatched incidents. TriCare had a total of 121 dispatches, 124 calls with patients, 73 transports, 17 mutual aid calls to EHT and did not administer any Narcan. Councilman Lischin thanked Riley from the Mainland Channel and announced rebroadcast dates on Tuesday and Thursday.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau referred to cars driving across bike path in the vicinity of Sunshine Cleaners, and said he'd reported this several years ago but it had been difficult to catch people in the act of doing so. He hoped Council will put in some sort of barrier. He thanked Council for Resolution 185-2018 and explained the history of CGI and what they do in creating promotional videos. He advised there would be no cost to the town, it was funded by sponsor businesses. He reported the banner project was

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going slowly; he had spoken to about a dozen businesses. We had donations for about 10 banners and we needed 20. He encouraged all to share the information and contact the Clerk's Office if they know of anyone who may be interested in participating. He then referred to the steel artifact obtained by former Assistant Fire Chief Lauren Crooks. It was never put on display here, and Mayor Chau would like to donate it to the school.

Council President Dewees conducted a straw poll; no one present was opposed.

Clerk Canesi suggested checking the contract that the City signed when the artifact was acquired to ensure we don't violate it. Clerk Canesi also recounted that the artifact had been previously proposed to be displayed on the lawn at City Hall. A former City employee had offered to fabricate a stand for this purpose, but no longer works here. When the artifact was acquired, it was displayed in the Clerk's office for quite some time, and then moved to the Fire Department by the former Assistant Fire Chief.

Councilman Perri felt it should be displayed.

Mayor Chau advised that he would be meeting with members of the County this Friday at 4pm. At a recent Planning Board meeting the issue of the dumpster also raised the concern about rats. The proposal from Wawa was a big improvement, and Mayor Chau was glad the Planning Board approved it. Mayor Chau referred to a volunteer emergency workers survivor pension, paid by the state, for a surviving family of a volunteer worker who is killed while on duty. It did not appear to be any financial obligation on the part of the town, we would just have to adopt a resolution. It appeared that if we adopted it, the benefit goes into effect for our volunteers and their dependents.

Councilwoman Korngut questioned how are we not paying for it?

Mayor Chau replied that it was paid for by the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Solicitor Facenda noted that he would look at the legislation and report to Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Perri heard that the community school was looking at adding 2 ½ to 4-year-old preschool.

Mayor Chau had not heard anything recently; it came up several years ago but was not acted on.

Councilman Perri did not see how it would be possible in these hard economic times.

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CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as previously provided to Council. He had a preconstruction meeting for the Davis Avenue Pump Station. The project should be done hopefully by January; if all of the pumps come in on time. The Cresson Avenue Paving preconstruction meeting was scheduled for October 16th, he needed to get the DOT to concur with our construction approvals. The Cresson Avenue drainage was 60-days complete; the milling was scheduled to start tomorrow and paving on Friday.

Council President Dewees asked if there was a schedule for the curbing for the Gurwicz property.

Engineer Nassar explained there was a design error, Engineer Nassar met with them a month ago. They have had ample notices. If we pave and they don't do it, they are not allowed to open the road. The NJDOT grant approval of just over \$400,000.00 was on the agenda tonight. The generator bid came back with only 1 bid returned; 10 packages were picked up. He had heard the due to a generator shortage, the prices have increased significantly. Engineer Nassar recommended going with the noisier model; it is a back-up generator.

Mayor Chau heard public comment that police are not on Tilton Road giving tickets on during the day – he apologized to Chief Newman if he was putting them on the spot, but, he noticed on the Court's citations that April had significantly higher traffic stop and ticket volume.

Chief Newman explained that they may have had grant money, funding overtime for writing tickets. He noted a little drop off in September because he had officers in training classes.

Mayor Chau commended the Chief for providing police presence at our football games; we had a Class II and a Patrol Officer this past weekend.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,049,147.62

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilwoman Korngut seconded, for payment of bills.

Councilwoman Korngut thanked the Solicitor for always being responsive when she has a question. She asked for the time span for the fees for the Solicitor on the bill's list.

Solicitor Facenda responded that it was 3 months' worth of bills, including his retainer and outside retainer matters.

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Clerk Canesi offered to show the Solicitor's bills to Councilwoman Korngut.

Councilwoman Korngut declined; this would not be necessary.

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

Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

At 7:39pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk