

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

At 6:26pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2024, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Bucci; Council President Leeds.

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were also present.

Municipal Clerk Canesi announced that Mayor Chau had been on a medical leave of absence since October 7, 2024.

Solicitor Facenda read the following statement: “It is my advice and recommendation to the Members of the Common Council for the City of Northfield not provide any comment or engage in any colloquy on Mayor Chau’s current Leave of Absence or any of the allegations made against him. I believe this recommendation and Council position best protects all interests involved.”

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilman Polistina, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of October 1, 2024, without formal reading.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees announced there was no report.

**CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Mauro had no further report.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

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

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**RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees 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 Notaro, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 208-2024 through 214-2024 by Consent Agenda.

- 208-2024** Award of Contract for the Project Known as Reconstruction of Ridgewood Drive (FY2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program)
- 209-2024** Award of Contract for the Project Known as Reconstruction of Wabash Avenue (FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program)
- 210-2024** Acknowledging the Retirement of Heather Mellon Adult School Crossing Guard
- 211-2024** Authorization To Hire Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard
- 212-2024** Amending Resolution No. 192-2024 Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company
- 213-2024** Declaring October 6, 2024, Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
- 214-2024** A Resolution Approving a Sidebar Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Northfield And The Government Workers Union Local 420 Regarding the Requirement Of A Commercial Drivers’ License (CDL) for the Position Of Laborer With the City of Northfield

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

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

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, to adopt Resolution 215-2024.

- 215-2024** To Hire a Laborer in the Public Works Department

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS**      \$ 454,496.49

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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

**MEETING NOTICES**

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees read the meeting notices.

At 6:32pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk