

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

At 7:45pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on October 27, 2015 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: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline
Absent: Piergiovanni

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda and Engineer Dan Kwapinski were also in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman O'Neill, seconded by Councilman Perri to dispense with the reading of the minutes October 13, 2015. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline –yes Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri – Fire Department/EMS, Insurance and Safety, Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri announced that there will be a senior's luncheon at the Library on November 19th. The County will be providing a seminar on Medicare; RSVP's are required. He met with EHT and Linwood representatives regarding shared EMS. He also met with Linwood regarding possible future shared service opportunities. The sewer issue on Wilson Drive is ongoing. The Planning Board meeting will be next Thursday.

Councilman O'Neill - Court/Violations, FAN, Library, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilman O'Neill reported that the court has been busy.

Councilman Piergiovanni - Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance

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Councilman Piergiovanni was absent.

Councilman Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Birch Grove, Public Works, Little League/Babe Ruth, Northfield School

Councilman Dewees stated he was asked to survey the Bike Path for possible locations for new donor sponsored memorial benches. He had identified a possibility for approximately 35 additional spaces for benches. He had also looked at trees that are available for sponsorship. Since pads will need to be poured for new benches, he suggested that the pads be included in the 2015 paving job.

Council President Travagline agreed.

Councilman Perri asked if sponsors pay for the pad.

Municipal Clerk Canesi stated that in the past they have not, but in the past the pads were pre-poured. This would be the first time that we will be putting in benches where the pads didn't already exist. She suggested accounting for the cost of the pad in the price of sponsorship.

Councilman Dewees announced that this Friday is final night for hayrides; the park has been very active and Vicky and her staff have done a great job.

Councilman Perri noted that Vicky and her staff did great job last week for the senior's hayride.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Inspections/Engineering, Veterans Park, County/State

Councilman Murray read the following statement:

On October 15, 2015, the City held a Bond Anticipation Note Sale for \$1,752,750. The successful bidder was PNC BANK, N.A. at a net interest rate of 0.79%.

Other bids received were: Jefferies LLC with a net rate of 0.936%, Oppenheimer & Co. with a net rate of 0.9852%, Roosevelt & Cross with a net rate of 1.1341% and Cape Bank with a net rate of 1.30%.

The note closing will be held on October 28, 2015

Councilman Lischin - Technology, Cultural Committee, Mainland Regional, Green Team

Councilman Lischin advised that he had a request from a volunteer from Station 2 for internet service at that station; he has broached the subject with the Finance Office as

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he feels it is necessary. He also talked with Municipal Clerk Canesi and CFO Stollenwerk about time clocks, they are continuing to work on this and hope to have plan by next month. This has taken longer than he hoped.

There was a Cultural Committee meeting last month and members mentioned the need for expansion. It was also noted that the existing ramp is not ADA compliant.

Councilman Dewees clarified that the ramp is compliant unless any changes to the building are made.

Council President Travagline asked what the Committee is looking for in terms of expansion.

Councilman Lischin stated that they need to be able to adequately inventory items and need more working space for cataloguing items, etc.

Councilman O'Neill suggested moving some of the memorabilia here to City Hall.

Mayor Chau advised that that option had already been discussed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the Engineer's report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reported that Court revenue is in-line with what was anticipated and read year to date totals. He announced that there is an Executive Session tonight to discuss the EMS matter then read the following Proclamation regarding National Prostate Awareness Month:

Whereas, among American men, prostate cancer is both the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer deaths. Although prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates have declined over the past two decades, in 2015 alone, an estimated 239,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with the illness and almost 30,000 men will die from this disease.

Whereas, during National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, we remember those lost to prostate cancer, offer our support to patients and their families, and highlight our commitment to better prevention, detection, and treatment methods.

Whereas, the Northfield Police Department has indicated a desire to help support the treatment and awareness of Prostate and Testicular Cancer by promoting a program entitled No-Shave November.

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I, Erland Chau, therefore proclaim the month of November as No-Shave November in Northfield, New Jersey.

By this action, let it be known that we, the employees of the Northfield Police Department and citizens of the City of Northfield, support research, awareness, and treatment of prostate and testicular cancer.

Mayor Chau provided explanation of the program, and also announced the Shop with a Cop program which pairs an officer with a child in need at Christmas. The goal of the Police Department is to raise \$550.00.

Acting Chief of Police Newman stated that they had already collected \$300.00.

Mayor Chau stated that he received a letter from the Superior Court of NJ thanking Northfield for another successful year of sharing court services. There were recommendations for improved signage, security and other measures.

He congratulated the Northfield Mothers' League on their First Annual Halloween Parade. The event was very successful; he thanked all area businesses and individuals who donated prizes. They had wonderful weather and hoped to see this event again next year. There will be a meeting to discuss central dispatch at ACIT on November 11th - this will be an update and Mayor Chau plans to attend. He asked that all of Council view the CGI videos; he had sent a link to all. There have been a few minor suggestions for changes, please email any suggestions for the videos to Mayor Chau. He thanked McDonald's for their recent efforts to refresh the 'Welcome to Northfield' sign at Tilton and Route 9. They are also going to assist us with irrigating this area and plantings.

Mayor Chau was approached by OEM Coordinator Tim Joo about purchasing a used vehicle that can be used for storage and transport. There used to be a storage shed that was destroyed due to weather but it was never replaced. The generators and other equipment are now stored outside or in the basement. Mr. Joo has gotten a price to purchase a used vehicle that is valued at \$7,000.00 for a price of \$3,500.00. He reached out to the CFO to determine if funds were available but has not heard back from her. He put it out for Council to consider. He then asked Solicitor Facenda if he had gotten an update from Linwood regarding their bamboo Ordinance.

Solicitor Facenda stated he had not heard anything as of yet.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to speak on any subject.

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

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Travagline 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.

- 180-2015** A Resolution of the City Council Supporting Bus Stop Locations along US Route 9 in the City of Northfield as Recommended by the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- 181-2015** A Resolution Authorizing Contract With Tactical Public Safety, An Approved State Contract Vendor For Contracting Units Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- 182-2015** A Resolution Developing Complete Streets Guidelines In The City Of Northfield
- 183-2015** Authorizing the Hiring of a Substitute School Crossing Guard
- 184-2015** A Resolution Providing For An Executive Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations For Ems Shared Services With The Township Of Egg Harbor
- 185-2015** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Northfield, County Of Atlantic, New Jersey Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Supplier Agreement

Solicitor Facenda commented that he will have to read 185 into the record, verbatim.

Councilman Perri stated he would like to vote no on 182, but will vote on the consent agenda.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Murray seconded to for Resolutions 180-2015 through 185-2015 to be voted by consent agenda.

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Motion carries to vote by consent agenda.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Murray seconded for the adoption Resolutions 180-2015 to 185-2015 by consent agenda.

Solicitor Facenda read the following Resolution:

**“CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 185-2015**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUPPLIER AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Northfield has duly appointed Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (“CUC”) to serve as Energy Agent to assist the City of Northfield with the administration of an energy aggregation program at no cost to the City of Northfield and in accordance with a written agreement executed between the City of Northfield and CUC by way of the following Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s):

1. Ordinance 13-2013
2. Resolution 187-2013

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Northfield has duly approved the form of the Government Aggregation Agreement executed between the City of Northfield and CUC by way of Resolution 46-2014.

WHEREAS, CUC has gone to bid and obtained the bid responses attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, CUC recommends acceptance of the bid submitted by IDT Energy Inc. as same represents an approximate 7% savings on the supply portion of a typical electric bill.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Northfield approves of the Mayor’s execution of a Supplier Agreement provided that the “refresh rates” to be obtained by CUC are the same as Exhibit A or represent no less than a 6% savings on the supply portion of a typical electric bill.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Northfield in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Supplier Agreement provided that the “refresh rates” to be obtained by CUC are the same as Exhibit A or represent no less than a 6% savings on the supply portion of any typical electric bill.”

Councilman Perri stated that on Resolution 181, he recalled that the radios in Pleasantville had a five year warranty. He asked if the proposal from Tactical has such a warranty.

Municipal Clerk Canesi provided the quotes to Councilman Perri.

Councilman Perri reviewed them; he noted that it is not included in the quote from Tactical.

Councilman Lischin suggested tabling the Resolution until the next meeting.

Municipal Clerk Canesi stated that she does not know the effect of deferring the authorization until the next meeting; she suggested a five (5) minute recess while she called the CFO.

Councilman O’Neill also suggested tabling the Resolution.

Council President Travagline felt the work of the professionals on the project indicated it’s the best deal we could get.

Councilman Perri noted that if it was not part of the quote it was probably not included in the price.

At 8:20pm Council President Travagline called for five (5) minute recess.

Clerk Canesi called CFO, Dawn Stollenwerk.

At 8:26pm Council President Travagline resumed the meeting.

Clerk Canesi stated that CFO Stollenwerk advised her that the State contracts are typically the same; if Motorola offered 2 years then Tactical would as well. She did not know if Acting Lieutenant of Police Dettinger requested a 5 year warranty.

Mayor Chau advocated again for the trailer purchase for OEM; the price could go away tomorrow.

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Council President Travagline would have Councilman Murray consult with CFO Stollenwerk tomorrow regarding the availability of funds.

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Motion carries to adopt Resolutions 180-2015 to 185-2015.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded introduce Ordinance 17-2015.

17-2015 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111-35 Of The Code Of The City Of Northfield To Remove Certain Streets Or Parts Thereof From Being Designated As Through Streets And Amending Chapter 111-36 To Add Stop Intersections
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 10/31/2015
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 11/24/2015*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The public hearing date, and requisite publication dates were announced. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies will be 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.

Councilman Dewees asked if there were any other streets like this that need a stop sign.

Clerk Canesi explained that Officer Czaplinski suggested this stop sign and Acting Lieutenant of Police Dettinger confirmed that it was a request from a few years back that was never acted on.

Council President Travagline noted that he was aware of a few; he would request a review, through the Mayor, by the Police Department.

Councilman Lischin noted that he too had a few that should be reviewed as well.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes
Motion carries to introduce Ordinance 17-2015.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded introduce Ordinance 18-2015.

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18-2015 Amending Article IX, City Administrator, of Chapter 43 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code in its Entirety
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Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries to introduce Ordinance 18-2015.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$1,624,486.32

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

Clerk Canesi reiterated Councilman Dewees’ specific abstention.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices and announced an Executive Session.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

184-2015 A Resolution Providing For An Executive Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations For Ems Shared Services With The Township Of Egg Harbor

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and said she would defer to the Solicitor for an explanation of the subject matter to be discussed and the amount of time which could be expected to elapse before the minutes of the non-public session could be released.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices and announced an Executive Session.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session is in regards to contractual negotiations regarding EMS services with Egg Harbor Township. The minutes will be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. Timeframe is not known as negotiations will continue. This session is for discussion purposes only; no action is anticipated by council.

At 8:36pm members of Council moved to the Mayor's Office.

At 9:07pm Council returned from the Mayor's Office.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session had concluded. Council discussed contractual negotiations regarding EMS Services. Negotiations will continue. It is unknown when the matter will be resolved and accordingly it was unknown when the minutes will become available.

At 9:08pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk