

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2014**

At 6:04pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on April 29, 2014, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor McGee. Following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Devine, Dewees, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline
Absent: Chau

Mayor Jerry McGee and CFO Dawn Stollenwerk were also in attendance.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Joan Brennan, 116 Dolphin Avenue, commented about an article in the Current newspaper that indicated that taxes will rise substantially in Northfield but not in Somers Point and Linwood.

Council President Travagline noted that the article she referred to is the Mainland Regional High School Budget.

Joan Brennan, 116 Dolphin Avenue, further stated that she was shocked that no one from Northfield City Council attended the Mainland Regional High School budget meeting; Linwood and Somers Point taxes are going down and Northfield's are going up.

Councilman O'Neill stated that Linwood and Somers Point did a revaluation. He added that he would like to see a shared Superintendent.

6:10pm Councilman Chau entered the meeting

Guy Schlachter, 14 Mazza Drive, referred to the COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) Resolution and stated he understands the importance of it but wondered why it is coming up now.

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Solicitor Facenda stated the law governing COAH has been around for approximately 30 years, so the general concept is not a new issue; but recent events have pushed it to the forefront.

Guy Schlachter, 14 Mazza Drive, noted that \$5,000.00 is to be spent on CuvIELlo and \$10,000.00 on Attorney Surenian. He stated he feels this could be handled by an Administrator and the money spent on this could be spent on an Administrator. He asked Solicitor Facenda if he is not qualified.

Solicitor Facenda stated this is a very specialized field and the firm being retained exclusively practices in COAH. Solicitor Facenda said that it is his opinion that this should be handled by an expert in the field.

Council President Travagline, seeing no one else wishing to speak closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to adopt Resolution 80-2014

80-2014 Authorizing a Professional Planner to Formulate An Appropriate COAH Compliance Plan, In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) as a Professional Service

Councilman Perri asked how yesterday's decision affects Northfield.

Tiffany CuvIELlo stated that it is not so much a decision as it was a proposal. She added that it will hopefully be published over the summer, and become effective in November. She stated that she hasn't read the proposal thoroughly but Northfield's numbers may come down. The proposal is subject to appeal.

Councilman Perri asked about open space.

Tiffany CuvIELlo stated that Northfield's obligation may have gone from 209 to 116 based on open space.

Roll call: Mr. Chau – yes; Mr. Devine – yes; Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. O'Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded to adopt Resolution 81-2014.

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81-2014 Authorizing the Appointment of a COAH Attorney as Special Counsel in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) as a Professional Service

Roll call: Mr. Chau – yes; Mr. Devine – yes; Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni – yes; Mr. Travagline – yes Motion carries.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices.

At 6:19pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC Municipal Clerk