

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2020.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council: Dewees, Korngut, Madden, O’Neill, Smith, Utts, Perri
Mayor: Chau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 21, 2020

7PM OATH OF OFFICE – Reverend Louis Strugala, Police Chaplain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman O’Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning; Court/Violations; FAN

Councilman Utts – Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Korngut – Technology/MRHS Channel; Library; Municipal Alliance; Shared Services

Councilman Dewees - Buildings/Grounds; Birch Grove Park;

Councilman Smith– Finance/Collections; Little League/Babe Ruth; Cultural Committee; Northfield Community School

Councilwoman Madden – Fire Department / EMS; Insurance and Safety, Mainland Regional

Council President – Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Sewer Operations, Senior Citizens

MAYOR’S REPORT

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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RESOLUTIONS

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.

- 51-2020** A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census
- 52-2020** Acknowledging Resignation of Patrolman James Evans
- 53-2020** Authorization to Hire Part-Time Firefighter/EMT
- 54-2020** To Approve the Promotion of Christian Gansert to the Position of Police Officer
- 55-2020** To Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Northfield and Yoos Tree Service for Temporary Use of a Portion of the City of Northfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 130,116.12

MEETING NOTICES

Budget Meeting	February 13 th	6pm
City Council	February 18th	6pm Work Session Regular Session immediately following

ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 51-2020**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and municipal councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield:

That the City of Northfield is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of New Jersey and will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Encourage all City of Northfield residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.
3. Support census takers as they help our City complete an accurate count.
4. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 4th day of February, 2020

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 52-2020**

**ACKNOWLEDGING RESIGNATION OF
PATROLMAN JAMES EVANS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 138-2017, the Common Council of the City of Northfield did appoint James Evans to the position of Police Officer commencing June 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Evans submitted his letter of resignation, with an effective date of January 26, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Northfield does hereby memorialize the resignation of James Evans from the position of Police Officer effective January 26, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Patrolman Evans' last day of work was January 17, 2020.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City Council of Northfield, held this 4th day of February 2020.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 53-2020**

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PART TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

WHEREAS, the need exists within the Fire Department of the City of Northfield to hire part time Firefighter/EMT; and

WHEREAS, the position was advertised, interviews were held and it is the recommendation of Northfield Fire Chief Bruce Cummings that qualified applicant Timothy Welsh be hired for the position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield that the employment of Timothy Welsh as part time Firefighter/EMT, with a hire date of February 9, 2020, is hereby approved and ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation and other terms and conditions of employment shall be in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Northfield and the IAFF, Local #2364.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 4th day of February 2020.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 54-2020**

**TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN GANSERT
TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 193-2019, the Common Council of the City of Northfield did appoint Christian Gansert to the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II (hereinafter SLEO II) effective September 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the need exists within the Police Department of the City of Northfield for a full time Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Erland Chau and Chief of Police Paul Newman have recommended the promotion of SLEO Christian Gansert to fill the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield that the promotion of Christian Gansert, to the position of full time Police Officer, with an effective date of February 10, 2020, is hereby approved and ratified, subject to the following:

1. Successful completion of an updated background investigation
2. Successful completion of *SLEO II to Basic Course Police Officer*
3. Starting salary shall be at Step 1 in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the City of Northfield and the Mainland PBA, Local #77.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 4th day of February, 2020.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 55-2020**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND YOOS TREE SERVICE FOR
TEMPORARY USE OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH**

WHEREAS, Mr. Sean Albert, on behalf of Yoos Tree Service, has requested one-time approval from the City of Northfield to cross a portion of the City of Northfield bicycle and pedestrian path with tree removal equipment in order to access and remove a tree located on private property at 114 Mt Vernon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, the Public Works Superintendent, the City's Risk Management Consultant, and the Council Chair for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path have each reviewed the request and have no concerns with the request subject to the agreement of Yoos Tree Service with certain conditions outlined in the temporary use Agreement, incorporated herein by reference, and to be drafted by the Municipal Solicitor at the expense of Yoos Tree Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Northfield hereby approves a one-time approval for Yoos Tree Service to cross a portion of the City of Northfield bicycle and pedestrian path with tree removal equipment in order to access and remove a tree located on private property at 114 Mt Vernon Avenue, subject to the full execution of the Agreement, and compliance with its terms and conditions.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Northfield, held this 4th day of February, 2020.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk