

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD BUDGET WORK SESSION
MARCH 1, 2011**

At 5:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Kern, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew
Absent: Mr. Dewees

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Mazzeo; following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

Council President Carew requested that CFO Dolcy and Finance Council Chair Polistina provide comments.

Councilman Polistina stated that since the last budget workshop meeting, efforts to reduce the budget have continued; this is where we are now. CFO Dolcy reviewed the changes. We are at a 2.88 cent tax increase. This is 2.69% over last year, \$363,615.44 under the levy cap, and \$852,478.72 under the appropriation cap. The tax increase for a \$100,000 house will be \$28.80.

Council President Carew explained the internalization of the yard waste collection function which will save between \$94 and 96,000 this year alone.

Councilman Perri expressed concern that the dissolution of the yard waste contract with the ACUA was not done by resolution of council. Carew responded that a resolution will be voted upon at the March 8th Council Meeting; we saved an additional \$10,000 by terminating the agreement by March 1st. Time was of the essence.

Dolcy reviewed a 5 year comparison of revenues and appropriations

Carew thanked City employees for continuing to provide the same services, and in some cases more services, with less resources. He opened the public session.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, expresses concern over increases in tax appeals and the impact on the budget. He commended council for a good job on the budget.

Seeing no others wishing to speak, Council President Carew closed the public session.

At 5:47pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk