

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD BUDGET WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 15, 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: Mr. Dewees, Mrs. Kern, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vain,
Mr. Carew

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, Mayor Mazzeo, and Finance Chair Polistina provide comments.

CFO Dolcy reviewed changes made since the February 10th meeting and said we are now at a 6.2 cent increase and right under the cap. She said the City must introduce its budget at the March 8th meeting, and adopt at the April 19th meeting in order to meet State deadlines. State aid figures are still not known.

Mazzeo stated that the City has not purchased police cars in at least four years, and said Chief James has presented a proposal for the lease purchase for 2 vehicles at around \$7600 per year per car. Discussion ensued amongst all parties regarding the disadvantages versus merits of leasing, and possible alternatives.

Council President Carew directed the Municipal Clerk to advertise another budget meeting for Tuesday, March 1st, at 5pm. He opened the public session.

Thomas Wolfe, 317 Davis Avenue, asked how much capital was directed at paving projects. Carew replied that it is approximately \$500,000 and is outside the cap.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, asked if the \$600,000 liquor license fee was being used in the budget. Carew explained. Tanzola asked about the expense of pending litigation. Carew replied that he is not able to comment.

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

At 6:07pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk