

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD BUDGET WORK SESSION  
MARCH 2, 2010**

At 6:00pm, 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:            Martinez, Kern, O'Grady, Perri, Smith, Vain, Carew

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

Council President Carew deferred to CFO Marilyn Dolcy for an initial budget explanation.

Dolcy announced that the information being presented is preliminary as State Aid figures are not yet available and proceeded to review the budget in detail. Last year's sale of surplus City property helped increase our surplus; all revenues are based on what we brought in last year. She advised that certain items are excluded from the tax levy CAP and said at present the budget is \$354,798.76 over the CAP. Revenue declines include property tax collections, construction fees, and return on investments. Health benefits increased 20.3%.

Discussion ensued with regard to potential cost savings opportunities as well as the results of efforts already implemented. Dolcy requested that each Council member review the budget line by line with department heads; Carew asked that Dolcy update Council on a weekly basis until the next budget meeting, which has been tentatively scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

President Carew opened the public session; seeing no one wishing to speak, he closed the public session.

At 7:13pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk