

NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of January 3, 2013

In Attendance: George Corliss, Gretchen Wilder, Leif Martinson, Keith Murray, Jared Hebert, Steve Bluhm, Dennis Allen

Also Attending: Lisa Swancott, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Budget Committee members discussed the 2013 Police Department budget request with Chief Adams. Items of discussion included salaries and wages for training, uniform allowances and gasoline allotments.

Chief Adams filed a request for an additional \$1,217 to replace three microphones associated with the cruiser based camera system.

Dennis Allen, speaking as the Budget Committee representative to the CIP Committee outlined the CIP Committee's consideration that in order to fund Northfield's road repair needs we should plan on spending \$400,000 for road repairs in 2014 including the Highway Block Grant and that this amount should be increased by 10% per year until a funding level of \$600,000 including the Highway Block Grant is achieved. The CIP Committee was looking for feedback from the Budget Committee as to whether this was a funding level which they could recommend. Budget Committee members discussed the identified road repair needs and the impact this funding level would have on the tax rate. The general consensus was that the funding plan being discussed by the CIP committee was not one the Budget Committee could recommend.

Glenn was asked to investigate the option of bonding the road repair expense.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 10, 2013