

Northfield Village Caucus Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2026

Meeting called to order: at 7:02 pm.

Those in attendance

Members: Alicia Bellar, Nancy Blake, Tim Carter, Jan Churchwell, Michael Cohen, Kathy Estabrooke, Mark Gantner, Susan Kelly, Juanita Martinez, Mike McIntyre, Jerry Mulick, Becky Newport, Kim Orth, Pamela Papadatos, Brad Rosset, Carol Ritchell, Chaya Rubenstein, Dahlia Saper, Beverly Smith (Chair), Katie Sweeney.

New Members Voted in: Annie Challenger, Danielle Chircop.

Guests: Debbie Papas, Matthew Polakow, Fred Steinemann.

Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2025: Kathy Estabrooke made the motion to approve, Carol Ritchell seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Cohen reported no change.

Report on Happ Road Ad Hoc Committee Progress: Debbie Papas (Ad Hoc Co-Chair) reported that the committee has met multiple times in the fall of 2025. Two surveys (one for residents, one for businesses) were posted on the Village website requesting community input for the Happ Road project. They are hoping to have the results for the March Village Board Meeting for budget purposes.

Membership Report: Beverly Smith reported 31 current members, not all in attendance. All precincts are represented. There were two proposed members present for their second meeting.

Bylaws Committee Report: Tim Carter/Beverly Smith/Kathy Estabrooke reported that the proposed amended Bylaw had been emailed. Kathy Estabrooke made the motion to adopt the amended bylaws, seconded by Tim Carter. The amended bylaws were unanimously adopted.

Oversight Report: Pam Papadatos reported the following: No update on Mariano's lot. Teddie Kossof is closing in February, proposal to rezone area for carwash received pushback, this was referred to Planning and Zoning. 405 Central proposed a change in windows, it was determined that this did not need to go to Planning and Zoning for the change.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Chaya Rubenstein discussed several upcoming League of Women Voters forums.

Executive Session: Held. Action taken. Please welcome our new members, listed above.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn made by Kim Orth, seconded by Carol Ritchell. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Sunset Ridge Auditorium.