

Northfield Village Caucus Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2026

Meeting called to order: at 7:05 pm.

Those in attendance

Members: Alicia Bellar, Nancy Blake, Annie Challenger, Al Chircop, Danielle Chircop, Jan Churchwell, Kathy Estabrooke, Mark Gantner, Juanita Martinez, Becky Newport, Kim Orth, Pamela Papadatos, Matthew Polakow, Brad Rossett, Chaya Rubenstein (on phone), Beverly Smith (Chair), Katie Sweeney

Guests: Jennifer Hull, Charles Orth

Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2026: There were no changes to the May 18 meeting minutes. Becky Newport made the motion to approve, Kim Orth seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Smith reported no change (on behalf of Michael Cohen).

Membership Report: Beverly Smith reported 32 current members, not all in attendance. All precincts are represented.

Caucus Platform Review:

Alicia Bellar led discussion of proposed platform revisions. Members discussed emphasizing the need for more thorough communication efforts and keeping language about maintaining Northfield's small town character. They also discussed the ratio of attached housing to detached housing as relates to the platform's reference to "predominantly single-family residential community." Revisions will be made and shared at the August Caucus meeting for approval.

Oversight Discussion of Tax Increment Financing: Members agreed to request that the Village Board delay the August hearing, conduct a resident survey, provide rationale for the scope of the TIF district and details about the compensation arrangement with the TIF consultants.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Jennifer Hull notified members about an upcoming community forum on July 9. Charlie Orth offered feedback that the platform should be broad-based.

Executive Session: Held. Action taken. Chair announced there would be an executive session and asked that only members remain for closed discussion. A consensus was reached to ask the Village Board to delay the public hearing for 60 days, conduct a survey of residents on TIF and provide more details to residents on the size of district, financial projections and duties and costs of consultants.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn made by Brad Rosset, seconded by Kim Orth. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.