

Northfield Village Caucus

July 23, 2014

Minutes

The session was called to order at Clarkson Park by Chairperson Tracey Mendrek at **7:05** pm.

Caucus Members present at the session were:

Ken Bley	John Kemper
Jennifer Bishop-Jenkins	Ruth Lucchesi
Frank Charhut	Finley Maxson
Al Chircop	Patrick McCarthy
Dave Detlefsen	Tracey Mendrek
Jonathan Don	Patrick O'Donoghue
Kathy Estabrooke	Keith Reed
Bill Gould	Cricket Trutter Hauff
Bettina Karlove	David Woodyatt

Guest: Carrie Ann Schmidt

We introduced ourselves to Carrie.

Tracey presented the agenda. Al Chircop moved to approve, Bill Gould seconded. Agenda was unanimously approved. Tracey then presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Ruth Lucchesi moved to approve, Patrick O'Donoghue seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Tracey stated that today's meeting is extremely important because it is the last meeting before we start the interviews of Trustee Candidates. She asked to get our normal business completed before we start discussing the interview process.

Membership Committee – Keith Reed

Keith stated he is presenting 5 new members to the caucus for a vote. (Exhibit I)

- Jason Feliciano - Somerset
- Jay Friedel – Avon
- Gino Egidio – Bosworth
- Carrie Schmidt – Bosworth
- Lucy Eastman - Middlefork

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates. Ken Bley made a motion to add Jay Friedel, Gino Egidio, Lucy Eastman and Carrie Schmidt to the Caucus roster. Since no one at the meeting knows Jason Feliciano and he hasn't been able to attend a previous meeting. Jason Feliciano was omitted from the motion.

Vote: 15 yes 3 no

Motion carries to approve the 4 candidates.

Finance Committee– Frank Charhut

Frank discussed the Village Budget and gave us a community profile (Exhibit II). Patrick McCarthy asked if the budget was approved at \$12.4 million? The answer was yes.

He then asked if Frank knew the % of unfunded pension. The answer was that it was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting that the pension is 74% funded. The Village opted to fund the pension with less money.

Jennifer Bishop stated that this is normal when funding pensions. As long as we are not falling behind.

Frank said it sounds bad to say they opted to fund with less money, but it ties up capital that could be used for other issues. The pension is funded per the actuarial.

Treasurer’s report – Jon Don

Jon presented our income statement (Exhibit III) and the status of our Northfield Caucus Decal Fundraiser (Exhibit IV)

Nominating Committee – Al Chircop

Al reiterated what we are looking for in Trustee Candidates. He has received one formal application and is still looking for more candidates. He asked that we please invite those who we believe to be good candidates to submit applications.

John Gregorio and Alan Kaplan are interested in running again. Joan Frazier is not interested in running again. August 16th is the application deadline.

Al was asked if we do background checks on the candidates. The answer was yes. References for each candidate will be called and interviewed by the committee. Applications for each candidate will be given to us prior to the sessions.

Since we won’t be meeting prior to the candidate interviews, we will meet 15 minutes before the first session to discuss procedures. You will have a book with all the candidate information and a list of questions to help with the process. The committee will deliver the booklets to each member as requested.

Dave Detlefsen asked if the Platform had been changed. The answer is no. The candidates will be presented with the current platform.

David Woodyatt asked that the meeting start at 7pm. Tracey said 6:30p on the first night to accommodate the procedures for the sessions. The following meetings will begin at 7pm.

Patrick asked for a written set of rules of the voting process.

Tracey stated that the Biennial Meeting announcing the slate will be held on Thursday, October 9th in the Village Hall Chambers.

Tracey asked for any additional business/concerns.

Patrick said if you are interested in the New Trier Building Renovation, there will be a meeting tomorrow night July 24th at 7pm at the Northfield Campus.

Tracey asked again for any additional business/concerns, Seeing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Patrick McCarthy moved to adjourn and Patrick O'Donoghue seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR NORTHFIELD CAUCUS, JULY 23, 2014

EXHIBIT I

Carrie Ann Schmidt- 1250 Bosworth

Gino D'Egidio- 1864 Bosworth

Jason Felicione- 545 Sommerset Lane

Jay Freidel- 173 Avon

Lucy Eastman- 2116 Middlefork

Community Profile

GOVERNMENT

Incorporated October 23, 1926 as WauBun. The Village name changed to Northfield in 1927.

The Village is a home rule municipality governed by a President and board of six Trustees that are elected at large on a non-partisan basis to four-year staggered terms.

The Village employs 49 full-time employees, 14 part-time employees, and employs 52 fire-rescue personnel on a pay-per-shift program. The Village provides the following services: Administration, Community Development, Public Works, Police, and Fire.

Village website: www.northfieldil.org

Village Bond Rating

Standard & Poor's AAA

Fire ISO Rating

(Scale 1 to 10, where 1 is best) 5

Taxes

Property Tax Rate/\$100 Assessed Value

	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>		
	<u>Village</u>	<u>Northfield</u>	<u>New Trier</u>
2012	0.709	6.976	6.926
2011	0.629	6.289	6.119
2010	0.591	5.568	5.480
2009	0.481	4.791	4.689
2008	0.479	4.773	4.783

Utility Tax 5%

Combined Sales Tax Rate Effective January 1, 2013 8.75%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Water & Sewer Rate/100 cu ft

2014	\$7.03
2013	\$6.76
2012	\$6.51
2011	\$6.34
2010	\$5.91

Land Use Classification

Single-Family Residential	1.86 sq. mi.
Open Space	0.55 sq. mi.
Office/Research	0.21 sq. mi.
Education/Religious	0.20 sq. mi.
Transportation	0.13 sq. mi.
Commercial/Retail	0.09 sq. mi.
Multi-Family Residential	0.08 sq. mi.
Utility	0.06 sq. mi.
Manufacturing/Lt. Industry	0.04 sq. mi.
Governmental	0.02 sq. mi.

The Village is comprised of 3.24 total sq miles.

The Village is located within Northfield and New Trier Townships in Cook County, approximately 19 miles north of Chicago, less than two miles from Lake Michigan. Adjacent to the Villages of Winnetka, Wilmette, Glenview, Northbrook, and Glencoe. Interstate 94 runs through the Village.

Population

1970	5,010
1980	4,889
1990	4,635
2000	5,389
2010	5,420

Ethnic Makeup

White	90.0%
Asian	5.5%
Hispanic or Latino	1.6%
Black or African American	0.5%
Other	1.2%

Community Profile

DEMOGRAPHICS (continued)

Per Capita Income \$78,373

Other Household and Resident Data

Total Households 2,264
 Median Household Income \$104,470
 Median Age 46.1
 % of Population under 18 24.4%
 % of Population over 65 20.9%

Home Value

Median Home Value
 2010 \$605,000
 2000 \$411,200
 1990 \$296,700

Median Gross Rent \$892

<u>Value Range</u>	<u># of Homes</u>	<u>%</u>
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	0.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5	0.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10	0.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	308	16%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	326	17%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	710	36.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	496	25.8%

Property Value

Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV)
 2012 \$522,481,009
 2011 \$560,526,553
 2010 \$618,888,833
 2009 \$713,139,518

2011 EAV by Property Classification

Residential \$ 414,749,775
 Industrial \$ 24,664,436
 Commercial \$ 120,933,748
 Other \$ 178,594

Other

Miles of Streets 42.06
 Miles of Sidewalks 20.88
 Miles of Sanitary Sewer Mains 32.23
 Miles of Storm Sewers 13.00
 Miles of Water Mains 43.75
 Avg Daily Water Intake (gals) 935,000
 Max Capacity-Reservoir Pumping Station (gals) 1,000,000

Lake Michigan Water Supplied from the Village of Winnetka - Emergency connections with Glenview & Glencoe

Parks & Playgrounds 5
 Park Acreage
 Northfield Park District - 36
 Winnetka Park District - 2.36

Number of Elementary Schools 4
 Number of Junior High Schools 2
 Number of High Schools 1

Major Employers

Kraft Foods, Inc. 2,300
 American College of Pathologists 575
 Stepan Chemical 400
 New Trier High School 212
 Field's Jeep/BMW/Volvo 211
 Sunset Ridge Country Club 140
 North Shore Senior Center 128

Awards and Recognitions

GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
 Tree City USA

EXHIBIT III

Northfield Caucus
P. O. Box 8034
Northfield, IL 60093-8034

Income Statement
Calendar Year 2014

1 January 2014 Beginning Balance			
	Northview Bank Checking Account *0373	596.96	
	Northview Bank Savings Account *4367	<u>826.54</u>	1,423.50
Revenue			
	Contributions	0.00	
	Interest year-to-date	<u>0.16</u>	0.16
Expenses			
	Check No. 1018	Post Office Box	
		<u>54.00</u>	(54.00)
30 June 2014 Balance			<u><u>1,369.66</u></u>

Contributors include:
None received in 2nd quarter

**Northfield Caucus Decal Fundraiser
Status Report**

Revenue:	
Contributions:	\$ 250.00
Reported Proceeds from July 4th Event:	<u>220.00</u>
	470.00
Expense - Cost of Decals	<u>340.26</u>
Pending Balance Increase:	<u>\$ 129.74</u>