

# Northfield Village Caucus

May 28, 2014

## Minutes

The session was called to order in the Public Meeting room by Chairperson Tracey Mendrek at **7:02 pm**.

Caucus Members present at the session were:

Ken Bley	Finley Maxson
Thomas Bolling	Patrick McCarthy
Ken Bond	Tracey Mendrek
Frank Charhut	Patrick O'Donoghue
Al Chircop	Tom Pick
Dave Detlefsen	Keith Reed
Jonathan Don	Tom Terrill
Kathy Estabrooke	Cricket Trutter Hauff
Bill Gould	David Woodyatt
John Kemper	

Guest: Lucy Tuck, Det. Thomas Hanus

Keith introduced Lucy Tuck to the group as a potential member.

Membership Committee Report – Keith Reed

Keith stated he is pursuing 3 new members:

- Jason Felicione - Somerset
- Jay Friedel – Avon
- Gino Egidio – Bosworth

Keith will get the bios on the above for the next meeting.

Chief Lustig was to address the group but had a family commitment so Detective Thomas Hanus will be addressing the group tonight.

Tracey introduced Detective Hanus to the group. He introduced himself explaining that he has been on the force for 6-1/2 years. 2-1/2 in an investigative role.

Since late April, Northfield has had 5 residential burglaries. 3 in the daytime, 1 in the evening and 1 ruse burglary. One person distracted the homeowner while another entered the home and removed jewelry.

These burglaries happen between 9:30a – 2:30p. They watch when people leave their homes for work.

30 agencies are reporting the same issues.

We had one office suite burglary. The burglar was from Indiana. Northfield caught, arrested him and recovered the property. He was wanted in many places.

Identity thefts were on the rise during tax season.

We've had 1 motor vehicle burglary which is much better than last summer which was extremely bad.

We've made several big arrest that started with a traffic stop and when we ran their information we found there were arrest warrants out on them.

We also had a shooting in the village. Technically aggravated battery with a firearm which was fully investigated. One of our sergeants went to the hospital to talk to the victim. NORTAF was involved and evidence is coming together. There is a person of interest but the victim is not cooperating to identify the shooter. The case will remain inactive until something breaks.

Kathy Estabrooke asked since this is a rental property what is the homeowner's responsibility in this instance? She was told that the Trustees are looking into an ordinance to cover this circumstance.

Tom Terrill asked about road construction accidents. He was told that there have been a lot of accidents in and around Starbucks. Ken Bond said that he and his dog have been hit twice there.

The Police Department has received new equipment. They are finding that the Explorers are better than the Impalas.

That concluded the Detectives presentation.

First order of caucus business was to approve the agenda. Keith Reed moved to approve, Crickett Trutter-Hauff seconded. Agenda was approved.

Since we did not have enough members present at our February meeting there were no minutes to approve. We did, however, take notes which were distributed to the group.

Jon Don – Treasurer's report

Jon presented our financials (Exhibit I).

Frank Charhut presented the village financials (Exhibit II). The village's fiscal year ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The village expends about \$12.4M/yr.

Tom Terrill asked what % we are funded. Frank answered that he did not bring that information with him. He did respond that the village has a 6 months reserve.

Nominating Committee Report - Al Chircop

There are 3 trustee positions up for election this cycle. Two are able seek re-election, one is not. See Exhibit III for details.

Al explained to the group that this is the most important function of the caucus. Al stated, you need to be available for all candidate interviews in order to be eligible to vote.

He is looking to us to bring candidates to the table. We are looking for diversity.

Once we have the candidate identified, he asked those on the nominating committee to help with the vetting process.

Keith Reed stated that if you cannot make all the interviews you are still encouraged to come to those interviews you can make to offer questions and your opinions. Your opinions are vital to the process.

Patrick O'Donoghue was asked to give an update on the New Trier High School expansion and renovation. Pat stated there were three architects in the process. Wight & Company was chosen and are preparing final plans.

There has been an increase in the bond from 86M to 89M. It will be late July, early August to see what is proposed for the November ballot.

There will be a community poll to see if the referendum will fly.

Keith Reed asked if Patrick thought that anti group is much smaller now. Patrick answered yes.

Tom Terrill asked if the Northfield campus was getting anything new. Patrick said yes ADA compliances but nothing structural.

Ken Bley asked how long will the project take? What will they be doing with the kids in the meantime? Patrick answered the project will be completed in 2017-2018. The students will be set up in temporary classrooms beginning next summer.

Tracey thanked Patrick and stated that our next meeting will be either July 16<sup>th</sup>/July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

She asked if there was any new business.

Kathy Estabrooke presented the mock ups for the Northfield Village Caucus decal.

Tracey asked for further business. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Ken Bley moved to adjourn, Crickett Trutter-Hauff seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:05** p.m



EXHIBIT I

**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>0.08</u>	0.08
Expenses			
	Check No. 1018	Post Office Box	
		<u>54.00</u>	(54.00)
<b>31 March 2014 Balance</b>			<b><u><u>1,369.58</u></u></b>

Contributors include:  
None in 1st quarter

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**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Financial Brief :**

- The Village Board approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- The Village of Northfield's 2014 / 2015 Budget is based on expected revenues of \$12.4 million. This is an increase of 1.8% compared to the previous budget.
- Operating expenditures are projected to be \$12.3 million a decrease of 2.7% from the previous year. These expenditures reflect the maintenance of all current services and programs, full funding of the Village pension obligations per the State of IL mandate and transfers to the equipment replacement fund for future expenditures.
- The projected balance of the Operating Fund is projected at \$6.8 million continuing the policy of maintaining a 6 month reserve.



Frank J. Charhut

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## Northfield Caucus – Nominating Committee 2014 Program

**Village Trustee elections will next occur in April 2015.** The Northfield Caucus aim is to offer the voters a slate of candidates to 3 trustee positions. Creating this slate for the voters is the core mission of the Caucus.

The trustee positions up for election in April 2015 are the following:

- Trustee Joan Frazier:** Elected in 2007, term ending 2011; re-elected in 2011, term ending 2015 (two terms). Trustee Frazier may not stand for re-election.
- Trustee John Gregorio:** Elected in 2013 to fill the remaining 2 yrs of the unexpired term ending April 2015. Trustee Gregorio is eligible to run for a 4 year term ending 2019.
- Trustee Allan Kaplan:** Elected in 2011, term ending 2015. Trustee Kaplan is eligible to run for a second 4 year term in 2015 ending 2019.

### Caucus Nominating Schedule:

- Election Date: April 7, 2015 (Primary: February 24, 2015)
- Nominations Complete: Monday, November 24, 2015
- Caucus Biennial Meeting to introduce candidates: Thursday, October 9, 2014 (Village Hall)
- Caucus Press Release on slate: September 1, 2014
- Caucus Candidate Interviews: August 18 – 20, 2014
- Formal Candidate Search and Solicitation Starts: July 14, 2014

### **Caucus members should note the following:**

1. All elected Caucus members are entitled to interview and vote for the slate.
2. Caucus members must attend all of the candidate interviews scheduled for August 18 to 20<sup>th</sup> in order to be able to vote for the slate.