**Northfield Town Meeting**

**Village Hall**

361 Happ Road

Northfield, Illinois

**October 13, 2016**

**Minutes**

Residents present:

Tom Terrill Diane Goodwin John Goodwin

Key Bley Diane Charhut Frank Charhut

Pat Doherty Jeanne Doherty David Woodyatt

Al Chircop Fred Gougler Pam Lungmus

Greg Lungmus Keith Reed David Detlefsen

Bill Frazier Joan Frazier Elizabeth Blodgett

John Howard Jonathan Don

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Jonathan Don, Chair of the Caucus. There were 20 residents present throughout the meeting, including current Caucus members Don, Chircop, Charhut, Reed, Bley, Detlefsen, Howard, and Woodyatt.
2. Upon motion by Chircop and second by Charhut, the agenda was approved.
3. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Al Chircop, reported that the slating of candidates started last April and involved at least 70 interviews with potential candidates, the media, various area clubs and churches in an effort to develop a list of candidates. All candidates for the Village President and Trustee positions filled out applications and gave three references which were all checked by the Caucus nomination committee. At least 17 Caucus members met three consecutive evenings in August to interview and vote on the successful candidates. The Caucus members believed generally that we had a great list of candidates that represented a very good cross-section of the Community.

1. Jonathan Don introduced the Caucus candidate for Village President

* Joan Frazier has served two terms as a Village Trustee, plus filled in the un-expired term of a departing Trustee. Joan has a long list of volunteer activities, including serving on the Village Caucus. She is a licensed attorney, a graduate of American University and Loyola Law School, and has performed significant pro bono work. Joan spoke of the great job our past president(Fred Gougler), our Village Manager (Stacey Sigman) and the Village Staff have all done to make Northfield an efficient and enjoyable community. She mentioned recent positive changes such as completion of Willow Road, almost 100% business occupancy, AAA Moody rating, Medline taking over the former Kraft property, cooperation with surrounding villages on shared services, storm water management projects, improved streetscape in Village town center, rezoning of Northfield Road, and development of the Happ Road area. She mentioned that she would like to see Northfield develop a cultural center.

1. Nominating Committee Chair Al Chircop presented the candidates for Village Trustee:

* John Goodwin has lived in Northfield for 28 years and has been active on the Village Zoning Commission. Having a background as a Medical Technologist, he would like to be an “ambassador” to the Medline Company as it transfers it operation to the Village. He is also interested in the 2016 Corridor Road Connectivity project and its development of bike and walking paths in the Village.
* Gregory Lungmus grew up in and has been a long-time resident of Northfield. His father served for 18 years in various positions of Northfield Village government, including several years as a Village Trustee. He mentioned his desire to retain an efficient and satisfied fire/police group, including funding any pension obligations for our Village employees, as provided by law. Greg would also like to make the Village more friendly to bike and pedestrian traffic.
* Tom Terrill has been resident for 6 years. He has been on our Caucus during this time and was on the Village Board of Kenilworth when he lived there. His background is in the financial area and he would like to keep the small town feeling of our Village. He said that he will strive to listen to the concerns of the residents.

1. There were no motions from the floor on behalf of any other residents for these positions

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1. Upon motion by Ken Bley and second by Dave Detlefsen, the proposed slate was unanimously approved by all residents present.
2. Upon motion by Frank Charhut and second by Ken Bley, the Village Caucus Platform was unanimously adopted by all residents present.
3. The Membership Committee report was given by Keith Reed who explained how the Caucus solicited and selected its members; that there are currently 23 members of the Caucus with the optimum number at this time being 34, and that we are currently soliciting new members to be voted on at our annual meeting next January. He requested that residents submit names of the Caucus to him or any member of the Membership Committee, which is composed of the Caucus Executive Committee, plus Marsha Balsamo. The names and contact information of these persons are on the Northfield Village Caucus website.
4. There were no questions, comments or statements from the Floor, other than a general consensus that the Caucus had done a very thorough job in selecting and presenting the candidates for Village President and Trustees.
5. Upon motion by Al Chircop and second by Ken Bley, a motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously accepted.

Minutes prepared by Acting Secretary, Keith A. Reed