

## Village of Northfield – Trustee Elections 2023

### William “Todd” Fowler

*Comments to Northfield Caucus Biennial Meeting – November 17, 2022*

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I am Todd Fowler, a 14-year resident of Northfield and a lifelong resident of the North Shore. I am honored that the Northfield Caucus re-slotted me for another term as a Trustee for the Village of Northfield. I have truly enjoyed the work of being a Trustee for the past 3 and a half years and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Northfield for the next 4 and half years.

I have learned quite a bit about the Village since being elected in 2019 and having navigated through COVID and its impact on the Village sped up that learning process. The Board has overseen several key initiatives like the approval of the Skokie Valley Trail, approval of a cannabis dispensary which should bring in significant additional sales tax revenue for the Village and renewing the cell tower lease on more favorable terms. I am please to say that during my tenure the Village’s financial position strengthened we were able to increase of monetary reserves and we have been able to fund additional dollars toward the Police Pension Plan.

While much has been accomplished since 2019, there is more work to be done. Looking to the future the replacement of significant portion of the Village’s aging water mains is off critical importance. The rebuilding and improvement of Happ Road from Winnetka Avenue to Willow Road will be cornerstone project in 2024. It is my hope that we will be to enhance our commercial centers to attract more and better retailers to make our downtown even more vibrant. We want to accomplish these projects while using fiscal discipline to keep our municipal property taxes among the lowest in the North Shore.

Finally, I am firmly committed to the Village’s 2040 Plan and the Northfield Caucus’ Platform which included important initiatives for infrastructure for drainage and flooding as well as a goal of finding a way to have dedicated senior housing available residents. I will strive be a model Trustee and serve all the residents of Northfield.