



**VILLAGE BOARD AGENDA  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**In accordance with the applicable Illinois statutes and the Northfield Village Code, notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Chambers. The Council Chambers are located in the Northfield Village Hall, at 361 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois. During the meeting, it is anticipated that there will be discussion and consideration of and, if so determined, action upon the matters contained in the following agenda:**

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ROLL CALL of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northfield.  
PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Adjourn: Village President**

1. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and threatened or imminent litigation [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)].
2. Return to Open Session.

**III. Adjourn: Village President**

The Village of Northfield is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to contact the Village Manager's office at 847/446-9200 or 847/446-7131 (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting, if possible, to allow the Village of Northfield to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

## Holly Fabbri

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**From:** Patti Morrell <morrell.patti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 7:40 PM  
**To:** vgroup  
**Subject:** Please Consider Carefully

Dear Members of the Village Board of Trustees,

I am writing to you today regarding the ongoing conversation about the potential removal of our Village Manager. The noticeable absence of the Village Manager at last Monday's meeting made it clear this is a serious issue. Your role allows you to remove key positions, such as the lead counsel or the Village Manager. Given our counsels presence, we can speculate or assume discussions behind the scenes centered on this matter. If this is the case, I would like you to consider the following.

I fully and unequivocally support our Village Manager in everything she does. Our professional relationship, spanning 25 prosperous years, testifies to her exemplary conduct and unblemished record. Her widespread acclaim necessitates this board's unreserved backing; anything less would contradict her significant public endorsement.

This village thrives and flourishes largely due to our Village Manager's adept leadership. She has navigated treacherous terrains, handled multifarious personalities, and overcome innumerable challenges. Her commitment to our village surpasses the conventional expectations of her role; one might argue it even exceeds that of an exceptional Village Manager.

I worry about the impact such a decision might have on those who work under her, as well as the potential disruption to the community and the good work currently being done. We urge you to consider more than rumors and to think about the fallout that would follow if you decide to remove our Village Manager. She is not a placeholder in a position, she is a beloved and cherished leader. This sentiment echoes amongst a large congregation of residents who have worked alongside her over the years and recognize her leadership as the heart of the village. Trustees may transition, but our Village Manager has remained, consistently executing exemplary leadership under intense pressure, and dedicating her resources and time for the betterment of Northfield's residents.

This situation, falling under the category of an HR issue, cannot be discussed publicly, and that is where potential issues live. We encourage you not to participate in any actions that could harm the Village and our community, or the trust the board has developed with the residents of our Village. We caution you not to mistake the modest number of residents at your meetings as representing the majority. Never underestimate Northfield's residents' profound loyalty to their Village Manager, who has served tirelessly with honor and grace, even amidst opposition.

Best Regards,  
Patti Morrell-resident 37 years  
Lauren Morrell Rueger-resident  
Jessica Morrell-resident for 25 years  
Jeffrey D. Morrell, Esquire-resident for 25 years  
Ellen C. Morrell-resident 22 years

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**From:** B. Kochvar <bkochvar@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 2:04 PM  
**To:** vgroup  
**Subject:** Support

To The Board of Trustees:

I wanted to voice my full support behind Stacy Sigman. There are indications from people in the village that her position as village manager is in jeopardy. I have lived in Northfield for 29 years and I know that Stacy has been in her position for 25 of those 29 years. She is an outstanding leader! She is exceptionally smart, exceptionally capable and has exceptional institutional knowledge of our town. I hope that I am incorrect about my concern. Stacy has been a steward for this village, and I believe that any issues that you may think you have with her can be resolved. Our village is indebted to her for her service! Please do not jeopardize the future of Northfield by removing her from her position!

Sincerely,  
Betsy Kochvar

(Please ignore Siri's spelling and grammar mistakes!)