

To: Trustees of Village of Shorewood Hills

February 16, 2015

From: Bill Thomas, 3230 Tallyho Lane

Dear Trustees,

I have a request of you, regarding the wording of the Blackhawk Referendum Question you have published. My request is that you follow the advice that Trustees Ridders and Hurley gave during your meeting of January 20, 2015; that is, the meeting where you ultimately chose Referendum Question Option No. 2<sup>1</sup> rather than Referendum Question No. 1<sup>2</sup> as the language to be used on the April 7 ballot. They urged you to remove the phrase **“upon terms at least as favorable to the Village as”** from that referendum question, so it would read exactly the same as Referendum Question Option No. 1. In other words, I am requesting that you change the wording of the Question from that of Option No. 2 to that of Option No. 1, which, as you know, reads as follows:

“Should the Village of Shorewood Hills Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the current lease with Blackhawk Country Club, Inc., in the form available for inspection as of March 14, 2015 at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org> or the Village Hall?”

To help refresh your memory of the relevant discussions of January 20, I am attaching a copy of a transcript I have made of the official audio recording of that meeting (see attachment or [www.billseniorslot.com](http://www.billseniorslot.com)).

In addition to the excellent reasons that Trustees Ridders and Hurley give for rejecting Option No. 2, I have some of my own. Among them: I think having the words “upon terms at least as favorable to the Village as “ appear on the Village ballot would frustrate and anger much of the Village electorate, negate the Referendum, embarrass supporters of the Blackhawk Country Club, and invite widespread laughter and public ridicule at the expense of the Village.

Thank you for listening.

Bill Thomas

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<sup>1</sup> Referendum Question Option No. 2: “Should the Village of Shorewood Hills Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the current lease with Blackhawk Country Club, Inc., *upon terms at least as favorable to the Village as* in the form available for inspection as of March 14, 2015 at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org> or the Village Hall?”

<sup>2</sup> Referendum Question Option No. 1: “Should the Village of Shorewood Hills Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the current lease with Blackhawk Country Club, Inc., in the form available for inspection as of March 14, 2015 at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org> or the Village Hall?”

