

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
December 13, 2022**

(Approved: January 3, 2023)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler, and John Swierk. Absent: None. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and Police Chief Marc Hornstein, and approximately 8 persons in the audience.

President Rintz confirms that Trustee Cripe and has provided the required notice that he will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Cripe may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Cripe participated remotely fully in the meeting.

- 2) Public Comment.

- 3) Firearm Safety Follow Up Meeting.

President Rintz indicates that Council will review the Village's existing firearms regulations and discuss potential amendments to the Village Code.

Village Attorney Peter Friedman informs Council on the various laws regarding regulations pertaining to handguns, concealed carry, second amendment rights, and how future firearm regulations may be analyzed by the Supreme Court and lower Federal Courts. With current Federal and State firearm regulations in place, Peter Friedman provides historic information on amended regulations that have affected municipalities pertaining to regulating firearms.

Trustee Swierk enters at 7:15 pm

Peter Friedman address matters related to House Bill 5855, the ban of sale and ownership of assault weapons in the State, reviewing the amended criminal code regarding deadly weapons and laws related to dealers, sellers, and manufacturers.

Trustee Cripe enters at 7:26 pm, transitioning from remote participation to in person participation.

Regarding the Village Code, Peter Friedman discusses the Village's current regulations, definitions of firearms, parental responsibility limitations, matters pertaining to business and sales, amendments to the Village Code, and correlation between the Village and Cook County enforcement pertaining to firearms.

Public Comment.

Layla Danley notes that the recent work with elections impacted attendance at the meeting. Ms. Danley emphasizes the support related to the legislation, strategic components regarding the passing of the legislation, firearm safety components and education, and concerns regarding the community's youth.

Council discusses the Village's regulations on firearms, the Village's approach on educating the community to enhance public safety and partnering with the Winnetka schools to address issues and to allow community outreach. Chief Hornstein and Council discuss the school processes for monitoring students, procedures that are currently in place, and warning signs for the community's youth.

President Rintz emphasizes the importance of consistency regarding educating the community on firearms and considers forming an ad hoc committee, primarily focused on creating a consistent firearm safety educational program for the community. The intergovernmental committee will consist concerned residents, officials from the Village, District 36, New Trier High School, the Park District, the Library, New Trier Township, and the County.

Village Manager Bahan and Council commend Chief Hornstein for his honorable years of service to the Winnetka Police Department.

- 4) Adjournment. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary