

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2022**

(Approved: November 15, 2022)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Chris Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler, and John Swierk. Absent: None. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Community Development Director David Schoon, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, and approximately 10 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dalman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) Friday, October 28, 2022 Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Swierk stated that he will not be in attendance.
 - c) Thursday, November 10, 2022 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Dalman stated that she will not be in attendance.
 - d) November 15, 2022 All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff stated that he will not be in attendance.
- 4) Public Comment. None.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Cripe states that the Environmental and Forestry Commission is currently planning the upcoming year.
 - ii) Trustee Handler stated that she attended the Northwest Municipal Conference meeting.
 - b) Attorney. None.
 - c) Manager. None.
 - d) Village President.
- 6) Approval of the Agenda.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to consider Resolution No. R-107-2022: Certificate of Appropriateness for the 93 Green Bay Road Building, as part of the consent agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

7) Consent Agenda

a) Village Council Minutes

i. September 13, 2022 Study Session

b) Approval of Warrant List dated September 30, 2022 – October 13, 2022 in the amount of \$1,645,296.70.

a) Resolution No. R-97-2022: Copier Lease Agreements (Adoption)

b) Resolution No. R-107-2022: Certificate of Appropriateness – Building Only – 93 Green Bay Road (Adoption)

c) Resolution No. R-108-2022: Construction Engineering Contract for North of Willow Road Stormwater Project (Adoption)

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions. None.

a) Resolution No. R-106-2022: Cook County Forest Preserve – Stormwater IGA (Adoption)

Village Manager Rob Bahan commends the culmination of over 6 years of work between the Village and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, reflecting on the history of the stormwater project and emphasizes the importance of preserving the resources of the Skokie Lagoons. Mr. Bahan confirms that the Intergovernmental Agreement substantially meets terms of the Memorandum of Understanding executed between the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Village of Winnetka in 2017 and anticipated the approval from the District at the November 15th meeting.

Chris Slattery, Director of Planning and Development at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, states that while the mission of the District is to preserve and protect the Forest Preserve, Ms. Slattery indicates the benefits of the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement pertaining to stormwater related matters. Ms. Slattery also states that this IGA is unique and not a precedent for other agencies.

Council unanimously commends the work between the Village and Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-106-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

b) Ordinance No. M-12-2022: 1122 Gage - Variations (Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon informs Council that after discussion at the October 8th Council meeting, the applicant has submitted updated exterior building

elevations reflecting the new garage doors of the coach house that will match the garage doors currently on the main house.

Trustee Dearborn and Trustee Handler believe that the Village Code stipulates rules and regulations that are in place, do not believe Council should set a precedent for future requests.

Members of Council discuss the importance of upkeeping an older coach house, the ability for Council to review and consider requests on a case-by-case basis, and the importance of Council assisting residents with such requests that may need additional review and consideration for historic preservation.

President Rintz states that Council will not set a precedent based on one variance request and believes that the applicant is requesting the variation in an effort to preserve the coach house.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-12-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: President Rintz, Trustees Cripe, Dalman, and Swierk. Nays: Trustees Apatoff, Dearborn, and Handler. Absent: None.

9) Old Business.

a) One Winnetka Concept Review

Community Development Director David Schoon briefs Council and members of the public on the planned development process that the developer will need to navigate through prior to Council approving final plans. David Schoon briefly presents the concept plan consisting of residential units, commercial space, on-site parking, zoning and subdivision relief, and compensating benefits.

With the consideration of suggested improvements and follow up by Council at the December 7, 2021 Council meeting, John Murphy, Murphy Design Group, and Jon Talty, OKW Architects, inform Council of the revised plans pertaining to the development. Jon Talty confirms changes related to the height and number of stories of the building, number of units relative to parking, and the overall proposed changes to the development, confirming that the proposed development consists of 48 rental units, 18,800 square feet of commercial space, and 155 parking spaces; 39 spaces at ground level and 116 spaces underground lower level. Jon Talty provides an overview of the building use, parking related information, and architectural design elements.

Public Comment.

- i) John Phelan indicates that neighboring residents of the proposed development are sensitive to the plans and commends the work for John Murphy and Jon Talty. President Rintz encourages the development team to build relationships and open discussion with surrounding residents.
- ii) Frank Detrick believes the development is a great improvement from the December 7, 2021 meeting.

Council discusses the height of the building, unit sizing, commercial space concerns pertaining to medial and financial services, and encourage the developers to consider the safety of pedestrians.

10) Presentations

a) Music Fest Presentation

Trustee Handler recuses herself due to her involvement in the Music Fest.

Scott Myers presents the goals for the Music Fest, planning process and involvement of different staff, residents, and volunteers, attendance, and financial related matters pertaining to revenue, expenses, and sponsorship.

Mark Haller emphasizes the importance of contributions from patrons for the Music Fest and indicates that the Music Fest provides local business support, exceptional experiences for attendees, attraction for prospective residents, and the enhancement the Music Fest contributes to the reputation of Winnetka.

Council discusses the changing demographic of attendees, expansion of the event over the course of years, and future plans for the Music Fest.

Council unanimously commends the work and efforts put forth towards the Music Fest and believes the Music Fest is a great event for the Village.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments:

a) Appoint Mark Haller to a full term on the Zoning Board of Appeals – his term will expire on October 18, 2027.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to appoint Mark Haller to a full term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term will expire on 10/18/2027. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: Trustee Swierk. Absent: None.

12) Closed Session. None.

13) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary