

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2023

(Approved: April 18, 2023)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler, and John Swierk. Absent: Trustee Tina Dalman. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, Interim Police Chief Brian O'Connell, and approximately 7 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) Monday April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Handler and Trustee Apatoff who stated that they will not be in attendance.
 - b) April 11 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Swierk, who stated that he will not be in attendance.
 - c) April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Swierk, who stated that he will not be in attendance.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i) Resident, did not state name, urges that the Village exercise caution related to construction activity.
 - ii) Resident, did not state name, addresses Council regarding restoration plans related to the construction on Willow Road.
 - iii) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding renewable energy sources and concerns related to the Comprehensive Plan.
 - iv) Susan Schreiber addresses Council on matters related to the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Dearborn advises Council on the Winnetka Park District Open House for the Elder Lane and Centennial Beach Project.
 - b) Attorney. None.
 - c) Manager. None.

d) Village President.

- i. President Rintz provides cost updates related to 205 Sheridan Road Development, Lakefront Regulations, and OMA Request for Review; 2022 PAC Request.

6) Approval of the Consent Agenda.

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

7) Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Warrant List dated February 24, 2023 – March 9, 2023 in the amount of \$1,602,632.38.
- b) Ordinance No. MC-02-2023: Amending Chapter 9.12 of the Winnetka Village Code Concerning Firearm Regulations (Adoption)
- c) Resolution No. R-36-2023: Awarding a Contract to Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management for Forestry Professional Services in 2023 (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-37-2023: Awarding a Contract to Advanced Tree Care, Inc. for Tree Watering Services (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-38-2023: Approving an Extension Agreement for Professional Services with Strand Associates for the Engineering and Other Related Work Related to the Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Project (Adoption)
- f) Resolution No. R-39-2023: Approving and Establishing Changes in the Compensation of the Village Manager (Adoption)
- g) Resolution No. R-40-2023: Approving and Establishing the Compensation of Department Heads Effective January 1, 2023 (Adoption)

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

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No MC-04-2023: Amending the Winnetka Village Code Regarding the Class X Special Use Liquor Permit Classification (Introduction/Adoption)

Interim Police Chief Brian O'Connell addresses Council regarding the Winnetka Northfield Glencoe Chamber of Commerce request allowing vendors at the Farmer's Market to obtain a liquor license in order to sell or serve alcohol during the duration of the event. While the current Village Code requires vendors to apply for a permit each week, the amendment would allow vendors to obtain a single license for the entire Farmer's Market season.

Interim Police Chief Brian O'Connell informs Council of the regulations, license approval process, hours, fees, and prohibitions.

Council discusses matters related to hours of sale, vendor requests, and concerns related to public safety.

Public Comment

Rocky Flintermann addresses Council related to the Farmer's Market.

Terry Dason addresses Council related to the Farmer's Market hours, tasting, and vendor setup.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to introduce Ordinance No. MC-04-2023. By voice vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adopt Ordinance No. MC-04-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Apatoff, Cripe, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman. Abstain: None.

b) Ordinance No. MC-05-2023: Village Code Update – Lakefront Regulations (Adoption)

Village Attorney Peter Friedman advises Council on the amended Village Code updates as directed by Council at the March 7, 2023 regular meeting. The amendments include updates to the language, notice requirements for appeals, and permitting criteria.

Trustee Dearborn addresses matters related to the permitting process, lakefront regulations and bluff regulations, stop gaps, and concerns related to the scope of work for requested permits.

Council discusses circumstances related to the future vision of the Village, property value, and concerns regarding residential and public access.

President Rintz addresses Council on expectations regarding navigating lakefront regulations in order to ensure that public policy decisions are credible and deliberate.

Village Manager Bahan advises that lakefront regulation issues are considered high priority and indicates that the Village will consult with a Coastal Engineer to aid in understanding best practice and public process.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Ordinance No. MC-05-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Apatoff, Cripe, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments:

- a) Appoint Fritz L. Duda, Jr to a full term on the Design Review Board – his term will expire on March 21, 2028.

Trustee Cripe seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to appoint Fritz L. Duda, Jr to a full term on the Design Review Board. His term will expire on 3/21/2028. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Apatoff, Cripe, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Collective Bargaining, and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), and 2(c)(21) respectively of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Collective Bargaining, and Discussion of Minutes of Meetings pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), and 2(c)(21) respectively of the Open Meetings Act and to adjourn the Open Meeting automatically and immediately upon the conclusion of the Closed Session without the conduct of any further business or comments. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Dalman.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:34 p.m.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary

