

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 6, 2023**

(Approved: July 6, 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, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, and Kim Handler. Absent: Trustee Bridget Orsic. Also present: Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Police Chief Brian O'Connell, Community Development Director David Schoon and approximately 8 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) June 13, 2023 Study Session - Cancelled
 - b) June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) Thursday, July 6 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Kirk Albinson
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i. Ted Wynnynchenko addresses Council regarding concerns pertaining to the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Apatoff commends volunteers and Suzie Schriber for their contributions to the Memorial Day Parade.
 - ii. Trustee Handler commends the opening day of the Farmer's Market.
 - b) Attorney. None.
 - c) Manager. None.
 - d) Village President. None.
- 6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 7) Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Village Council Minutes.
 - i) May 9, 2023 Study Session
 - b) Approval of Warrant List dated May 5, 2023 – May 18, 2023 in the amount of

\$2,971,461.41.

- c) Resolution No. R-58-2023: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Winnetka Park District for Staffing at the Cherry Street Beach (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-59-2023: Waiving Bidding, Approving the Disposal of a Public Works Vehicle and the Purchase of a New Public Works Vehicle from Currie Motors Commercial Center (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. No. R-60-2023: Approving an Agreement with Global Infrastructure, LLC for Maintenance of the Water Plant's Raw Water Intake (Adoption)
- f) Resolution No. No. R-61-2023: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements, and Awarding a Contract to Weg Transformers USA, LLC for 75 kVA Pad Mount Transformers (Adoption)

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

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. M-08-2023: Granting a Special Use Permit, Variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance, and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a New Mixed-Use Building Within the C-2 General Retail Commercial District – 564 Green Bay Road (Adoption)

After introduction of the Ordinance at the May 16th Council meeting, Council will grant approval of the special use permit, variations, and certificate of appropriateness for the construction of the new mixed-use building.

Trustee Dearborn commends the mixed-use building and advises staff to be sensitive to parking concerns.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-08-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Orsic. Abstain: None.

- b) Ordinance No. MC-06-2023: Amending the Winnetka Village Code Concerning the Use and Licensing of Leaf Blowers (Introduction)

Police Chief Brian O'Connell advises Council on the current Village Code regulations regarding gasoline powered leaf blowers. Based on previous Council direction regarding this matter, the Village Attorney drafted an Ordinance amending the gasoline powered leaf blower regulations. The amendments consisted of a 9-month restriction only allowing usage during April, October, and November, elimination of exemptions for all publicly-owned properties, and the implementation of annual licensing requirements for landscaping companies.

The Winnetka Park District expressed concerns regarding the amendments and requested that Council consider a phased-in approach as they transition their gasoline powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers. In addition, the Park District is requesting two additional months of gasoline powered leaf blower usage in May and September for Park District maintained properties with a full exemption for the golf course and Skokie Playfield site.

King Poor addresses Council on matters related to the 9-month ban as well as the Park District concerns and requests for accommodations and exceptions.

John Peterson, Park District Executive Director, informs Council of the Park District maintained properties and seeks Council consideration for the Park District requests.

Costa Kutulas, Park District Director of Parks and Maintenance, addresses Council on the process and maintenance of the Park District properties and current equipment used.

Council discusses the Park District requests for additional time regarding gasoline powered leaf blowers, requested exceptions, equipment used, and concerns related to the Village Code amendments. Mr. Kutulas advises Council that while the Park District will commit to the transition to electric powered leaf blowers, the maintenance of the properties requires the usage of gasoline powered leaf blowers given the size of the properties.

Police Chief Brian O'Connell confirms that there has been a dramatic decrease in violations and an increase in compliance due to the collaboration of landscapers and Police working to transition to electric powered leaf blowers and restriction of gasoline powered leaf blower usage.

President Rintz confirms that Council will grant an extension to 2027 for the golf course and Skokie Playfield and will grant an extension for the months of May and September.

Public Comment

Louis and Louisa Hernandez address Council regarding concerns related to the gasoline powered leaf blower ban and suggest that Council consider a complete ban.

President Rintz confirms that Council will continue working collaboratively to ban gasoline powered leaf blowers.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Ordinance No. MC-06- 2023 subject to the modifications to be made between introduction and adoption. By voice vote, the motion carried.

c) Resolution No. R-57-2023: Waiving Bidding and Approving the Purchase of Police Body Worn Cameras, Tasers, and Software from Axon Enterprises, Inc. (Adoption)

Police Chief Brian O'Connell advises Council that in order to comply with the forthcoming mandates of the SAFE-T Act, the Police Department plans to purchase body worn cameras in 2023. In addition, the Police Department will also purchase tasers, compatible with the Axon body worn cameras, which are due for replacement.

Chief O'Connell elaborates on the functionality of the body worn cameras such as activation features, collaboration of the cameras with NORTAF partners and with the Wilmette and Glencoe Police Departments, compatibility of video storage in conjunction with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and budgeting within the capital plan.

Council discusses technological features and the comparison with other vendors.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-57-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Orsic.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments:

- a) Appoint Brendan Andrew to a full term on the Environmental & Forestry Commission – his term will expire on June 6, 2026.

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to appoint Brendan Andrew to a full term on the Environmental & Forestry Commission. His term will expire on 6/6/2026. By voice vote, the motion carried.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary