

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
July 11, 2023**

(Approved: August 15, 2023)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Chris Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Kirk Albinson. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Water & Electric Director Brian Keys, Finance Director Tim Sloth, and 4 persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment.
 - a) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding the Bertling-Hill-Woodland Pathway Vacation.
 - b) Tom Brown expresses concerns regarding the Hubbard Woods Train Station patch work. Village Manager Rob Bahan confirms that the Village has been working with representatives from Metra regarding the construction and addresses conflict due to Union Pacific obtaining permits.
 - c) Patrick Hanley extends the Environmental and Forestry Commission's support regarding the Electric System & Power Plant discussion.
- 3) Winnetka Electric System & Power Plant Overview.

Water and Electric Director Brian Keys provides an overview of the Village's wholesale power supply contract with IMEA through September 20, 2035 noting various terms and conditions. Brian Keys provides an additional detail regarding the power supply encompassing Northfield Substation, the Electric Generating Plant and ComEd tie lines. He explains the distribution system, including how power gets distributed through the Village and the peak system electrical demand.

Brian Keys provides the Council with an overview of the Electric Generating Plant. His remarks include an explanation of steam generation, a review of historical plant capacity additions, and a summary of the existing generation assets and their respective installation dates.

Brian Keys provides information on IMEA Generation Contract. In addition, Council is informed of various expenses such as fuel costs, reimbursements, IMEA related costs, and costs associated with maintenance, repair, and labor. Brian Keys provides an overview the capacity credit payments, annual operating hours, and testing requirements.

Council discusses matters related to operating hours, market conditions, IMEA benefits, electric and power plant operations, conditions, and emergency action plans. Furthermore, Council discusses various financial components related to cost projections, staffing, and maintenance, and speculation of long-term operations.

While no policy direction is requested from Council, Brian Keys advises that at a future meeting, staff will provide additional details on generating components, capital investment, and financial considerations related to maintaining current generating capacity through the existing IMEA contract period.

Public Comment.

Marcus Wedner addresses Council on public education regarding emissions.

Tom Brown addresses Council regarding the remaining life of generators.

Ted Wynnchenko addresses Council regarding efficiency of diesel generators and storage capacity.

- 4) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act and discussion of minutes of closed session meetings Pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act and discussion of minutes of closed session meetings Pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) 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, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

- 5) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 9:27 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary

