

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2023

(Approved: September 19, 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, September 5, 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, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Ben Schuster, Community Development Director David Schoon, Water & Electric Director Brian Keys, Assistant Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, and approximately 7 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) September 12, 2023 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i. Ted Wynnichenko addresses Council regarding the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation.
 - ii. Liz Kunkle commends solar panel installation and the September 11th memorial flag planting event. Ms. Kunkle informs Council on matters related to the Go Green Winnetka solar tour on September 30th and Go Green hosting their 3rd Fall Native Plant sale on September 9th.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Handler commends Village staff, particularly the Water & Electric Department, for their services during the recent extreme heat.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager. No report.
 - d) Village President. No report.

6) Presentations

a) Approval of September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Green – Cripe Family

In 2008, a tradition began honoring the victims of the September 11, 2011, terrorist attacks by planting 2,977 American flags at the Village Green. William Cripe requests that Council approve the annual flag planting tradition.

President Rintz thanks the Cripe family for continuing to coordinate the event that brings the community together.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Green. By voice vote, the motion carried.

b) Resolution No. R-84-2023: Honoring the Children's Advocacy Center's 34th Anniversary (Adoption)

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-84-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.

7) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Apatoff moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Approval of the Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Village Council Minutes

i. July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

ii. August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

iii. August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated August 1, 2023 – August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$4,363,640.35.

c) Resolution No. R-78-2023: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements, and Awarding a Contract to Weg Transformers USA, LLC for the Purchase of One 1500 kVA Pad Mount Transformer (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-79-2023: Waiving Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of Two Police Vehicles for 2024 (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-80-2023: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Awarding a Contract to Des Plaines Glass Company for Services Related to Window Replacement at the Electric Plant (Adoption)

f) Resolution No. R-81-2023: Approving Change Order No. 1 with A. Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for the 2023 Street Rehabilitation and Public Improvement Project (Adoption)

g) Resolution No. R-86-2023: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Awarding a Contract with Border States Industries, Inc. for the Purchase of a Three Phase Transformer (Adoption)

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Orsic, 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, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

9) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Resolution No. R-82-2023: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving a Contract with the Progress Group, Inc. for Services Related to the Repair of Turbine Generator #6 (Adoption)

Water & Electric Director Brian Keys indicates that staff has identified an oil leak in turbine generator #6 that is continuing to worsen as it is continued to be used.

Brian Keys informs Council of the requested outage window at the end of September from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency and matters relating to budgeting and cost expenses.

Council discusses the Water & Electric budget, contingencies, and potential issues with future issues of the generator.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-82- 2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- b) Resolution No. R-85-2023: Approving a Contract with Dominion Lighting & Solar for the Design and Installation of a Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Array (Adoption)

Assistant Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi addresses Council regarding the installation of solar panels at the Village Yards. Mr. Narhi confirms that the placement of the solar panel is anticipated to produce more energy due to the placement of the panel.

Mr. Narhi provides information regarding cost expenses, contract terms, and the Illinois Shines program. The program helps Illinois meet its renewable energy goals and promotes the installation of solar panels across the state. In addition, the installation would allow the Village to be eligible for approximately \$12,508 in grant funding.

Council discusses the lifespan of solar panels, matters related to expenses and payback, sizing and expansion of installations at a later date, and the implementation of solar panels within private sectors as well as governmental agencies.

Public Comment

Liz Kunkle commends the installation of solar panels and reinstates the various benefits of solar panels.

Ted Wynnchenko commends the benefits of solar panel installation and urges Council to approve the installation of solar panels.

Council commends the installation of solar panels and discusses the evolvement of solar.

President Rintz commends the progress regarding energy improvements and efficiency.

Trustee Albinson challenges Village staff to study the impacts of solar installation.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-85- 2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- c) Ordinance No. M-13-2023: Granting a Special Use Permit for the operation of a Real Estate Office within the C-2 Commercial Overlay District of the Village – 564 Lincoln Avenue (Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon confirms that the property owner provided a letter with information regarding their leasing efforts.

The applicant confirms they are working with Anne Loucks Galley, currently located in Glencoe.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-13-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

d) Resolution No. R-85-2023: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of Underground Stormwater Vaults from Stormtrap, LLC (Adoption)

Engineering Director Jim Bernahl addresses Council regarding the procurement for the underground stormwater vaults system as it relates to the Village's Stormwater Improvement project at Crow Island School and Crow Island Woods with an anticipated construction date scheduled to begin in March 2024.

Jim Bernahl provides information regarding revised plans and proposed improvements, project funding, and industry related cost increases.

Council discusses matters related to project costs and expenses and concerns regarding flooding.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-85-2023. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

10) Old Business. None.

11) New Business. None.

12) Appointments:

a) Appoint Louis Zaransky as a non-voting student member on the Landmark Preservation Commission – his term will expire August 5, 2024.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Albinson, moved to appoint Louis Zaransky as a non-voting student member on the Landmark Preservation Commission. His term will expire on August 5, 2024. By voice vote, the motion carried.

13) Closed Session: None.

14) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary