

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION & SPECIAL MEETING
November 14, 2023**

(Approved: December 19, 2023)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Chris Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorneys Ben Schuster and Courtney Willits, Community Development Director David Schoon, Village Engineer Jim Bernahl, and 21 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Public Comment.
 - a) Alan Simon addresses Council regarding facilitation and housing of migrant families.
 - b) Gale Eisenberg, New Trier Township Supervisor, informs Council of the services that New Trier Township can provide to refugee and migrant families.
 - c) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation.
 - d) Christina Codo addresses Council regarding shoreline protection and matters related to Elder-Centennial.
 - e) Katie Stevens addresses Council on concerns related to public and Park District matters along the lakefront.
- 4) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Handler moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 5) Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes
 - i) October 10, 2023 Study Session & Special Meeting
 - ii) October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - b) Approval of Warrant List Dated October 13, 2023 – November 2, 2023
 - c) Resolution No. R-96-2023: Appoint Village Treasurer – 2 Year Term (Adoption)
 - d) Resolution No. R-97-2023: GIS Annual Contract Renewal (Adoption)
 - e) Approval of Village Council Meeting Schedule for 2024

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Apatoff, 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.

6) Lakefront Regulations Discussion

Community Development Director David Schoon indicates that at the September 12, 2023, Village Council study session, Council was provided information regarding descriptions of bluff, steep slope, and current regulations. At the conclusion of the study session, Council directed staff to study zoning and subdivision code amendments regarding newly created lots, the use of the ordinary high water mark, and bluff steep slope regulations.

David Schoon provides information regarding single family residence lot consolidation special use process requirements, application process for proposed plat of consolidation, special use standards, benefits and limitations of the ordinary high water mark, and bluff and steep slope regulations, permitting, appeals and limiting consolidations.

Council addresses matters regarding the uniqueness of ordinary high water marks for individual properties over periods of time, its benefits and limitations, defining of structures and its uses, stipulations regarding sightlines, and defining various terms and language used. In addition, Council discusses the ordinary high water mark regarding individual properties along the lakefront and its unique identifications.

Additionally, Council discusses vegetation and the implementation of certain standards regarding plantings and vegetative state to homeowners.

Public Comment.

Leslie Gramh addresses Council regarding consolidation of lots, retaining wall and table land.

Christin Codo states concerns regarding ADA accessibility and emergency vehicle access.

Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding zoning regulations.

Resident who does not state name addresses Council regarding the use and regulations of structures.

Rob Shrisa addresses Council regarding the permitting process and the ordinary high water mark.

Mary Tritly addresses Council on clarification matters regarding the specificity per individual properties.

Resident who does not state name voices concerns regarding boat house access into the lake and concerns regarding rock piling along the lakefront.

Cynthia Harrold addresses Council regarding landscaping, shoreline protection, and the impacts of the proposed ordinances to lakefront homeowners.

President Rintz suggests investing in appropriate mapping for accurate data usage in order to be able to distinguish geographic scopes.

Village Manager Rob Bahan addresses Council's direction on the notice of a public hearing regarding lot consolidation.

David Schoon confirms that staff will provide more information regarding the ordinary high water mark.

- 7) Closed Session. None.
- 8) Adjournment. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary