

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
January 16, 2024**

(Approved: February 6, 2024)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Bob Dearborn. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and approximately 5 persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment.
 - i) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council on matters related to the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation.
- 3) General Village Council Discussion Regarding Policy Matters for Future Agendas.

President Rintz states that Council will be reviewing current Village projects, initiatives and discussing suggestions for policy matters for 2024 and beyond. The discussion provides guidance for Council members, and the community, regarding Village related agenda items, emerging topics, actionable items, and aids in providing a better sense of direction with upcoming matters within the Village.

Village Council reviews the 2024 ongoing projects including stormwater management; Crow Island stormwater project, Hibbard County Preserve project, west side stormwater conveyance design, and stormwater communication & grants. In addition to ongoing stormwater related projects, Council discusses the advanced metering infrastructure, lead service line replacement, AT&T undergrounding, building code updates, and IDOT jurisdictional transfers.

Current ongoing Council business consists of the One Winnetka planned development, Chase Bank planned development, Park District special use application for Elder & Centennial, Green Bay Trail, and the Boris Café development site.

Lastly, Council reviews the 2022-2023 Committed Pipeline Projects including the Electric Plant investment evaluation, IMEA power contract, post office planning, Hubbard Woods streetscape plan, Indian Hill lot redevelopment, east side stormwater evaluation and planning, and the Green Bay Road corridor plan with Kenilworth.

Council discusses matters related to Electric Plant reinvestment, IMEA contracts, engagement with the lower advisory boards, Union Pacific, various development and housing, post office site, priority of Village projects and business, and zoning code updates.

President Rintz emphasizes the importance of performance security as it has been vital for Council business over the years.

Council commends staff on their exceptional work related to Village projects.

Public Comment.

- a) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding AT&T undergrounding and matters related to public access along the lakefront.
- 4) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Specific Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Review of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(11) and Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Specific Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Review of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(11) and 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 Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dearborn.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

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

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary