

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
February 13, 2024**

(Approved: March 21, 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, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Village 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, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment.
 - i) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council on matters related to steep slope, the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation, and closed session meeting minutes.

Trustee Albinson enters 7:03 pm.

- 3) Turbine and Steam Generation.

Water & Electric Director Brian Keys briefs Council on the overview of steam generation, specifically regarding turbine #4 and boiler #4. With turbine #4 currently out of service and in need of a repair plan, previous inspections have led staff to identify the root cause of the damage. Mr. Keys provides information related to the turbine and boiler history, functions, required repairs and reassembling, and estimated repair costs.

Additionally, Mr. Keys provides an overview of boiler #4 history regarding manufacturing, primary functions, repair needs, and estimated repair costs and duration of repairs.

Council is provided a summary of repair costs for turbine #4 and boiler #4, cost escalations, budgeting, funding, and CIP, capacity credits from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, and historical expenses.

Village staff indicated financial projections based on presented planned, and unplanned repairs, the operation of steam generation facilities, and short term and long term outcomes of turbine #4 and boiler #4.

Council discusses various matters related to the future of the electric distribution system, repairs such as compensation regarding the Northfield transformer, contract extensions, IMEA credits, concerns regarding the future of turbine operations and functions, and replacement of the turbine and diesel.

Furthermore, Council discusses placement of the generators, Winnetka's power use generated by the plant, condition of electric distribution system, impacts on resident utility bills, prioritization of other Water & Electric projects, and matters related to dual fuel usage.

Staff is provided Council consensus to retire turbine #4 in 2024, not retubing boiler #4 in 2025 and retiring the remaining steam generation facilities on December 31, 2026.

- 4) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing probable or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) 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: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:22 p.m.

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

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary