

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2024

(Approved: May 7, 2024)

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, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Peter Freidman, Community Development Director David Schoon, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, and approximately 27 persons in the audience.

President Rintz confirms that Trustee Apatoff has provided the required notice that he will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Apatoff may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Apatoff participated remotely fully in the meeting.

President Rintz confirms that Trustee Dearborn has provided the required notice that he will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Dearborn may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Dearborn participated remotely fully in the meeting.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Quorum

- a) May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- b) May 14, 2024 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- c) May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dearborn.

4) Public Comment

- i. Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding closed session meeting minutes related to the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation and matters related to street end beaches.

5) Reports

- a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Handler attended *Maximize Your Membership* hosted by the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce and commends the value of businesses in the communities.
- b) Attorney. No report.
- c) Manager. No report.

d) Village President. No report.

6) Presentations

a) Proclamation Honoring Barbara Tubekis

Village President Chris Rintz, on behalf of the Village of Winnetka, honors Barbara Tubekis for her volunteerism to the community.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt the proclamation. By voice vote, the motion carried.

b) Arbor Day Proclamation

President Rintz declares April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt the proclamation. By voice vote, the motion carried.

c) Environmental & Forestry Commission Green Award

Patrick Hanley, Environmental & Forestry Commission Chair, presents the 2024 Geen Award to Mr. Levenstam and Ms. Landes for their work on the deconstruction and reconstruction of their home. The process involved salvaging what could be reused or recycled and building a new, more sustainable structure in its place with many ecological friendly improvements that implement heat pumps rather than the use of a gas furnace, recycled plastic synthetic roofing, and landscaping incorporating native plants and swale.

Mr. Levenstam and Ms. Landes express their appreciation for the Green Award.

7) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Handler 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

ii. March 12, 2024 Study Session Minutes with Revisions

iii. March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated March 22, 2024 – April 4, 2024 in the amount of \$2,613,687.50.

c) Resolution No. R-40-2024: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Studio GC, Inc. for Services Regarding a Facilities Assessment Study (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-41-2024: Approving a Contract with Elemech, Inc., for the Purchase of a Bulk Water Filling Station (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-42-2024: Approving and Establishing the Compensation of Department Heads Effective January 1, 2024 (Adoption)

f) Resolution No. R-43-2024: Approving and Establishing Changes in the Compensation of the Village Manager (Adoption)

g) Resolution No. R-44-2024: Approving Extension and Renewal of an Agreement with Prescient Development, Inc. for Information Technology Support Services (Adoption)

h) Resolution No. R-45-2024: Ratifying the Purchase of Emergency Contracted Services with

the Dimeo Brothers, Inc. for Sewer Repairs at Chatfield Road and Locust Street in the Village (Adoption)

i) Approval of Annual Outdoor Seating Area Permits (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) Ordinance No. M-03-2024: Granting a Special Use Permit for the Operation of a Personal Fitness Facility Within the C-2 Commercial Overlay District of the Village (847 Elm Street) (Introduction/Adoption)

Council is advised of a request by an applicant seeking approval of a special use permit for the operation of a personal fitness facility, Toned Yoga, within the C-2 commercial overlay district. Community Development Director David Schoon presents the proposed floor plan of the facility, parking for customers, and advises Council of the Plan Commission's recommended approval of the proposed use.

Max Weigandt expresses eagerness to build a community in Winnetka and addresses matters related to parking and retail space for athleisure and health supplements.

Public Comment

Sean Jones, attorney representing the property owner, believes that the use is a good fit for the space, will increase foot traffic in the business district, and addresses the impact on parking.

Teresa Lucas addresses occupancy within the business district and concerns regarding leasing.

Jim Nash, property manager of Farnsworth Hill, addresses matters related to occupancy, square footage, and comments that rent should be a matter between the landlord and perspective tenant.

Council discusses matters such as parking in the West Elm Business District, business hour impacts on parking, benefits of increased foot traffic in the business district from Toned Yoga cliental, and special use permits within the overlay district.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Albinson, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-03-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-03-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None

b) Resolution No. R-39-2024: Approving an Extension Agreement for Professional Services with Strand Associates, Inc. for a Stormwater Management Study for the Eastern Watershed of the Village of Winnetka (Adoption)

After severe flooding, the Village approved an agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. in 2015 for a stormwater management study in western Winnetka taking into consideration not only significant planning, but also storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems.

Engineering Director Jim Bernahl provides information regarding evaluation of proposals and factors such as project understanding, experience, schedule, fees, staff ranking of

proposals, and proposed fees.

Additionally, Mr. Bernahl provides information regarding key strengths of Strand Associates, general scope of work, funding sources, contractor's project approach, schedule, and funding overview regarding the Village's FY24 budget.

Council discusses concerns related to cost comparison of the firms' proposals, negotiations regarding pricing, level of service, previous studies and analysis, matters related to stakeholders and concerns regarding cost and hours.

Additionally, Council discusses the working relationship between the Village and Strand Associates, the breakdown of hours and costs as well as the distribution of hours amongst contractor engineers, and exceptional service provided by the contractor in the western Winnetka study.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to introduce Resolution No. R-39-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic. Nays: Trustee Handler. Absent: None.

10) Old Business. None.

11) New Business.

- a) A Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request by Dish Wireless to Allow Additional Cellular Antennas on an Existing Monopole at 410 Green Bay Road (Public Safety Building) (Policy Direction)

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council regarding a request from Dish Wireless to place additional antennas on the existing Village telecommunications monopole. Mr. Schoon provides information regarding the leasing agreement, zoning code text amendments, zoning and evaluation, location of the antenna on the property, and proposed site plan.

Council may consider entering into a lease agreement with Dish Wireless and consider the necessary zoning code amendments, consider specific terms or conditions required by the Village, and consider a public hearing being held at Council level or an advisory body.

Council discusses the location of antennas, benefits to the residents and members of the community, cellular coverage, matters related to costs and budget, and consideration of expansion of service providers.

Council provides consensus for the Village to enter into negotiations for a lease agreement with Dish Wireless and direct staff to provide the necessary zoning code amendments for Council review and approval. Additionally, Council recommends that a public hearing be held with a lower advisory board.

12) Appointments: None.

13) Closed Session: None.

14) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for motion to adjourn. Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary