MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2024

(Approved: June 4, 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, May 7, 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 15 persons in the audience.

2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Handler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Village Clerk's Report: Election Results

   Village Manager Bahan reported the results of the March 19, 2024 election: Robert Apatoff, Kristina Dalman, and Kimberly Handler were elected Village Trustees.

4) Village Clerk to Administer Oath of Office to Trustee Robert Apatoff, Trustee Kristina Dalman, and Trustee Kimberly Handler

   Village Manager Bahan administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Village officials.

5) Quorum

   a) May 14, 2024 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   b) May 21, 2024 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dearborn.

6) Public Comment

   i. Steve Julisson reads a letter from Philip Enquist regarding matters related to Elder/Centennial and the lakefront.

   ii. Randi Whitchurch addresses Council regarding the costs of the Elder/Centennial development plan.

   iii. Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding closed session meeting minutes and street end beaches.

   iv. Katie Stevens addresses Council regarding concerns related to the Elder/Centennial development plan.

   v. Elisha Gray commends the Council for sponsoring the Green Bay Trail Day.

   vi. Chuck Dowding thanks Council for adopting the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and addresses the Elder/Centennial development plan.

7) Reports

   a) Trustees. No report.

   b) Attorney. No report.

   c) Manager.

      i) Village Manager Bahan advises that the Village received a $300,000 grant for infrastructure improvements, and expresses appreciation to Senator Laura Fine.

   d) Village President. No report.

8) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

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

9) Approval of the Consent Agenda

   a) Approval of Village Council Minutes

      i. April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting

      ii. April 9, 2024 Study Session

      iii. April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

   b) Approval of Warrant List Dated April 5, 2024 – April 18, 2024 in the amount of $2,429,235.64.

   c) Ordinance No. M-06-2024: Approving Amendments to the Agreement Establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County as a Municipal Joint Action Agency and to the Bylaws of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (Introduction)

   d) Resolution No. R-46-2024: Approving a Funding Authorization and Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with Maple Cable Construction Inc. for Directional Boring Work (Adoption)

   e) Resolution No. R-47-2024: Waiving Bidding Requirements and Awarding a Contract to Bosak Ford for the Purchase of a Vehicle (Adoption)

   f) Resolution No. R-48-2024: Waiving the Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of Bulk Rock Salt and Approving a Purchase Order with Morton Salt, Inc. (Adoption)

   g) Resolution No. R-49-2024: Approving a Contract with Power Line Supply Company for the Purchase of 600 Volt Underground Cable (Adoption)

   h) Resolution No. R-50-2024: Waiving Bidding and Approving a Purchase of Software Licenses from Liftoff LLC (Adoption)

   i) Approval of Annual Outdoor Seating Area Permits (Adoption)

   j) Approval of the Mayors' Monarch Proclamation (Adoption)

   Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Dalman, 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.

10) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Ordinance No. M-04-2024: Designating 1207 Whitebridge Hill Road as a Certified Landmark (Introduction)

Council is advised of a request by the applicant that the property to be designated as a certified landmark.

The Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) follows a process by looking at the historical or architectural significance of the property and use of a rating system known as the System for the Evaluation of Landmarks. The LPC found the home a well-preserved example of a midcentury modern design and a rare example of a well-preserved midcentury home for the Village and its lakefront.

Council discusses property tax implications if designated as a certified landmark, matters related to exterior changes and the approval by the LPC, and the potential removal of the designation based on future homeowners.

The applicant, Arno Myers, advises Council of their commitment to preserving the property.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to introduce Ordinance No. M-04-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried.

b) Ordinance No. M-05-2024: Granting an Amendment to a Special Use Permit, Variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance, and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of Improvements to Existing Playgrounds Within the R-4 Single Family Residential District (Introduction/Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council of a request submitted by the applicant regarding improvements to existing playgrounds at Hubbard Woods School. The project consists of improvements to three separate play areas and include replacement of an existing woodchip play surface, removal of existing asphalt and play equipment while replacing the asphalt to lawn and implementing new play equipment. Additionally, the project will replace the synthetic turf and include a new sandbox.

Mr. Schoon advises Council of the existing site plan and proposed site plan, proposed landscape plan, and matters related to zoning relief.

The three advisory boards, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, and Plan Commission, have unanimously recommended approval of the request.

Council discusses flood related matters and stormwater runoff, impermeable lot coverage, and play equipment and landscaping.

Brad Goldstein, Chief Financial Officer at Winnetka Public School District 36, advises Council of communication between staff and neighbors as well as the integration of engineering and stormwater related matters in the proposed plan.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-05-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-05-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None

11) Old Business. None.

12) New Business. None.

13) Appointments:

i. Approval of Council Organizational Assignments for 2024 – 2025.

Assignment	2024-2025
President Pro Tem	Bob Dearborn
Council Committees	
Warrants	Kirk Albinson
Chamber of Commerce	Tina Dalman
Committees by Code	
EFC	Bob Dearborn
PC	Rob Apatoff
SWANCC (1)	Chris Rintz
SWANCC (2)	Rob Bahan
Other Committees/Assignments	
NWMC (1)	Kim Handler
NWMC (2)	Rob Bahan
NWMC (3)	Chris Rintz
RED Center	Bridget Orsic
Community Outreach Liaison	Kim Handler
LPC Liaison	Kim Handler
Stormwater Infrastructure Liaison	Chris Rintz & Kirk Albinson
Post Office Liaisons	Chris Rintz & Kirk Albinson
WPD Lakefront Liaisons	Chris Rintz & Rob Apatoff

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to approve the Council Organizational Assignments for 2024 – 2025. By voice vote, the motion carried.

14) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending or Probable Litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.:

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending or probable 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, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.

15) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:32 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary