

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2024

(Approved: September 3, 2024)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Police Department on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustees Kirk Albinson and Kim Handler. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Peter Freidman, Community Development Director David Schoon, Fire Chief John Ripka, and Assistant Village Engineer Obaid Khalid, and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum
 - a) August 13, 2024 Study Session - Cancelled
 - b) August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i. Ted Wynnychenko addresses concerns regarding the Village's integrity and matters related to Village business.
- 5) Reports
 - a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Orsic attended the first REDC meeting and informs Council of various public comment made at the Farmer's Market.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager.
 - i. Village Manager Bahan confirms a tentative date for a community forum with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency on October 22, 2024.
 - d) Village President. President Rintz, Village Manager Bahan, and Engineering Director Jim Bernahl met with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding jurisdictional transfers.
- 6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Apatoff moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 7) Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Village Council Minutes
 - i. July 9, 2024 Study Session
 - ii. July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

- b) Approval of the Warrant List Dated June 28, 2024 – July 11, 2024 in the amount of \$2,730,250.00.
- c) Resolution No. R-62-2024: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center for the Attachment and Operation of Public Safety Communications Equipment (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-63-2024: Approving a Contract with Wesco Distribution, Inc. for the Purchase of 15 kV Underground Cable (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-64-2024: Approving an Easement Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of Utilities (1321 Willow Road – Duke Childs Field) (Adoption)

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, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Albinson and Handler.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions

- a) Ordinance No. MC-08-2024: Amending “The Winnetka Code,” as Amended, to Adopt Editions of Various International Code Council Codes and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards (Introduction)

Village staff and representatives from Safebuilt reviewed eight proposed model codes from the International Code Council, eight proposed model codes from the National Fire Protection Association, and a new code standard for installation of stationary energy storage systems. Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council of State related codes, Illinois state plumbing code and the Illinois accessibility code, that the Village must adhere to related to development.

Mr. Schoon states that the Village must update current codes to identify changes related to incremental improvements to safeguard health, safety, and welfare of building occupants. Additionally, these updates also consider the use of new construction materials and methods, matters related to insurance, rating adjustments, and a requirement by the State that municipalities have a baseline code outdated no more than six to nine years.

Mr. Schoon provides information regarding the current model codes adopted, proposed amendments to the codes, and the types of local amendments to model codes. Additionally, Council is provided information regarding code updates related to building and residential codes, fire sprinkler system requirements for new homes, local amendments to plumbing code and electric code, property maintenance, and amendments related to fire prevention and life safety codes.

By law, the Ordinance will be in full effect 60 days after Council adoption.

Council discusses fire sprinkler system cost related matters, ongoing maintenance, informative and educational matters, and PVC piping.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to introduce Ordinance No. MC-08-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- b) Resolution No. R-65-2024: Awarding a Contract for Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (Adoption)

The Village maintains two separate sewer systems for stormwater and sanitary waste. While the sanitary sewer system is designed for interior building waste only, it is not designed to receive and convey excessive amounts of stormwater. Inflow and infiltration of excessive amounts of stormwater may lead to residential basement backup and flooding.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago requires that municipalities must manage their systems in efforts to minimize flooding.

Assistant Village Engineer Obaid Khalid states that the Village has conducted three sanitary sewer evaluation studies to investigate and locate any defects and identify the rehabilitation strategy, costs, and develop the program that enables the Village to improve its sanitary sewer system. The 2024 sanitary sewer evaluation study will include a manhole investigation, smoke testing of sewers, televising of sewer mains, and dyed water testing, if needed.

Mr. Khalid provides the project schedule including project milestones and anticipated timeline, budget overview, proposals from the engineering firms and the proposal fee.

Council discusses concerns related to how certain tests may affect residential properties, matters related to budgeting, and history of these studies.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-65-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Albinson and Handler.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business.

a) Review of Special Use Process

In light of recent public comment regarding the Village's role in the review and approval of the zoning relief necessary for the proposed improvements to Centennial Park and Beach, a memorandum has been provided summarizing the Village's process and roles of the advisory bodies along with the Village Council.

Community Development Director David Schoon provides information regarding the zoning relief application, the Village's rules of procedure as established in the Village zoning ordinance, approval of the special use, recommendations from the advisory bodies, and public hearings process. Additionally, Mr. Schoon provides information related to the zoning relief application submitted by the Park District as well as the submitted revised materials.

Regarding zoning relief applications, Mr. Schoon provides information related to administrative approvals, special use permit standards considered by Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, variation standards considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals and Village Council, and the Design Review Board findings prior to submitting a recommendation.

Additionally, Mr. Schoon provides information related to steep slope exceptions and development standards, lakefront construction criteria for permit approval, and review process of the zoning entitlement application.

Council discusses the review and approval process, roles of the lower advisory boards and Council, matters related to standards and variations, and lakefront regulations.

Council suggests that the power point reviewing the special use process discussion be added to the Village website.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining, Security Procedures, and Pending Litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(2), 2(c)(8) and 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 collective bargaining, security procedures, and pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(2), 2(c)(8), and 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 Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Albinson and Handler.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 9:46 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary