MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2024

(Approved: October 1, 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, September 3, 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 Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Assistant Community Development Director Ann Klaassen, Finance Director Tim Sloth, and approximately 12 persons in the audience.

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

3) Quorum

   a) September 10, 2024 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   b) September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman.

4) Public Comment.

   i. Michael Dobrow requests that Council temporarily opt out of the fire sprinkler system requirement for new homes, per the recent code update, due to financial concerns with respect to a competitive housing market and increasing prices.

   ii. Kelly Conway expresses concern regarding the restoration of the soil for the Crow Island Storage and Conveyance Project.

   iii. Ben Armstrong requests that after several discussions amongst neighbors, Council consider reopening Elder Lane Beach.

   iv. Theresa Lucas requests that Council consider utilizing the post office site for various attractions and events and addresses matters related to sponsorship for the Taste of West Elm.

5) Reports

   a) Trustees.

      i. Trustee Dearborn commends the success of the Farmer's Market and engagement of the community.

   b) Attorney. No report.

   c) Manager. No report.

   d) Village President. No report.

6) Presentations

a) Approval of September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Village Green – Cripe Family

In 2008, a tradition began honoring the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by planting 2,977 American flags at the Village Green. William Cripe, alongside his sister Julia Cripe, requests that Council approve the annual flag planting tradition.

Council commends the Cripe family for continuing to coordinate the event bringing the community together and memorializing the victims that lost their lives.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Green. By voice vote, the motion carried.

b) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Finance Director Tim Sloth presents the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2023, known as the audit. The ACFR serves to provide the Village's financial stakeholders reasonable assurance that the financial statements are accurate and complete and was prepared in accordance with the high standards of the governmental accounting standards board. The Village received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence and Financial Reporting award for the quality of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and, as in previous years, the Village expects to win the award for this year's audit as well.

Mr. Sloth provides information regarding the Village's funds, various Village revenues, expenditures, fund balances and spendings, and Village pensions.

Ron Amen, partner from Lauterbach and Amen, provides financial related information regarding Village funds and the audit report.

Trustee Dearborn addresses matters related to pensions, IMRF, and statements regarding the Independent Auditor's Report letter.

7) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Apatoff seconded by Trustee Dalman 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
   i. August 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated July 12, 2024 – July 25, 2024 in the amount of $2,124,956.22.

c) Approval of the Warrant List Dated July 26, 2024 – August 9, 2024 in the amount of $3,574,007.57.

d) Ordinance No. MC-08-2024: Amending "The Winnetka Village Code,: as Amended, to Adopt Editions of Various International Code Council (ICC) Codes and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-66-2024: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements, and Awarding a Contract to Resco for the Purchase of a 2000 KVA Pad Mount Transformer (Adoption)

f) Resolution No. R-67-2024: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Design of the Ravines Forcemain Rehabilitation and Replacement

Project (Adoption)

g) Resolution No. R-68-2024: Fire Department Regional Training Officer Intergovernmental Agreement (Adoption)

h) Resolution No. R-69-2024: Approving Change Order. No. 1 to the Contract with Di Meo Brothers, Inc. for Construction Services for the Crow Island Stormwater Storage and Conveyance Project (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.

9) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Ordinance No. M-10-2024: Granting a Variation from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of a New Single-Family Residence Within the R-2 Single Family Residential District – 473 Sheridan Road (Introduction/Adoption)

Assistant Community Development Director Ann Klaassen advises Council of a request approving a zoning variation to allow construction of a new single-family residence, demolishing the main two-story portion of the existing residence while maintaining the existing garage. Additionally, the proposed plans include construction of a pool and a boat house which do not require zoning relief.

Additionally, Ms. Klaassen provides the lot description, approval of the demolition permit, measurements related to steep slope, compliance matters regarding the proposed improvements, and confirms the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council discusses public comment received and regulations related to the development.

Council commends the architect with respect to compliance regarding the steep slope ordinance.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-10-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-10-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None

10) Old Business. None.

11) New Business. None.

12) Appointments: None.

13) Closed Session: None

14) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary