

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
September 10, 2024**

(Approved: October 1, 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, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and approximately 10 persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment
 - a) Katie Stevens addresses concerns regarding the lakefront and concerns about the use of helipads.
 - b) Ted Wynnychenko addresses concerns regarding private and public land and the Village's transparency.
 - c) Christina Codo addresses concerns regarding the status and ongoing consideration of the Park District's application submittals related to Elder and Centennial beaches.
 - d) Chuck Dowding addresses Council regarding Centennial Park renovations and public access.
 - e) Dan Waters, President of Winnetka Public Schools District 36, addresses Council on behalf of the school board regarding the restoration of the soil for the Crow Island Storage and Conveyance Project.
- 3) Discussion.
 - a) East Side Stormwater Evaluation Council Update

President Rintz addresses matters regarding stormwater and Elder and Centennial beaches related to the Park District project, stating the importance of planning in preparation for consideration of approval for the special use permit application. Additionally, President Rintz provides clarification regarding the timeline of the project and states that while there are factors that have caused delays, Council, staff, and various governing bodies are collectively putting forth their best efforts to successfully accomplish complex projects in the Village.

The Village began planning, evaluating, and improving its storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems in efforts to reduce flooding after severe flooding in 2007, 2008, and 2011. The project consisted of stormwater runoff management, sanitary sewer backup prevention, development management, and floodplain management. The project has had significant progress in western Winnetka and is now expanding its efforts to reduce flooding in eastern Winnetka.

Mike Waldron, Senior Associate at Strand Associates, Inc., provides Council information regarding the project's study scope, Winnetka's water features, drainage flow, and existing outfalls, the eastern Winnetka study area, and modeling for the Elder Lane sub-area 100-year storm event. Additionally, Mr. Waldron advises Council of the findings and existing conditions including the evaluation of flooding, potential stormwater storage and conveyance, and the stormwater management timeline.

Council discusses the study scope area, flood area issues, location of stormwater storage, stormwater conveyance, and matters related to stormwater retention.

Public Comment

John Root addresses Council regarding PCBs and compliance with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Metropolitan Water Reclamation regulations and lake water treatment.

Ted Wynnychenko addresses matters related to engineering construction regulations and green infrastructure.

Chuck Dowding commends Council and Strand Associates, Inc. regarding the stormwater study.

- 4) Adjournment. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dearborn moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary