

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2024

(Approved: October 15, 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, October 1, 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 Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Kirk Albinson. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Village Forester Andrew Lueck, and approximately 21 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Orsic led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum
 - a) October 8, 2024 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) November 1, 2024 Budget Review Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i. Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding the Athenian Oath, Village business, and transparency.
 - ii. Brian Scallion urges Council to continue considering and reviewing the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency renewal contract.
 - iii. Tom Barron addresses Council regarding the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency renewal contract.
 - iv. Katie Hansen and Katie Cassman address Council regarding correspondence received from the Village of Glencoe regarding a potential change in mailing address with the U.S. Post Office.
- 5) Reports
 - a) Trustees. No report.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager. Village Manager Rob Bahan addresses community concerns related to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, confirming a community forum on October 22nd and ensuring the Village's commitment to a detailed analysis of the proposed renewal contract. Additionally, the Village has applied for FEMA flooding mitigation grants and has been selected for a total grant of \$21,224,000 for the western conveyance stormwater project.

d) Village President. No report.

6) Presentations

a) Review of Green Bay Trail Restoration Initiative – Environmental & Forestry Commission

Village Forester Andrew Lueck advises that in 2022, volunteers and Friends of the Green Bay Trail (FGBT) began a clean-up project along a section of the Green Bay Trail, removing dead limbs, fallen debris, and garbage. FGBT have proposed to preform landscape restoration work along a section of the trail to further enhance the trail. The project proposes to remove invasive species, install native plants, and perform other landscaping improvements.

Bryan Lammers, Friends of the Green Bay Trail, advises Council of the location where the proposed project will be done, proposed plantings, and the project scope including the removal of invasive plants, trees, purchase of plants, labor, and maintenance. Additionally, Mr. Lammers provides information related to the anticipated project timeline, ongoing maintenance of the trail, and cost estimates and spendings. The Friends of the Green Bay Trail request \$13, 240 from the Village to aid in the proposed restoration project.

Council discusses matters related to proposed plantings, cost and expenses, and potential expansion of the proposed restoration work. Additionally, Mr. Lueck assures Council that the proposed project by FGBT would not conflict with the Green Bay Trail improvements as proposed by the Lakota Group should Council consider approval and implementation at a future date.

Village Manager Rob Bahan addresses costs related to the Green Bay Trail improvements project, affirming there is sufficient funding in the budget to proceed with the project, and the awarded congressionally directed spending by Congressman Brad Schneider with consideration of a grant total of \$887,000 from the Federal Government.

Council commends the initiative of the restoration project and commends the volunteerism to enhance the Green Bay Trail.

Public Comment

Mickey, resident of Winnetka, commends the initiative of the proposed project and suggests the expansion of continued restoration work enhancing the trail.

Friends of the Green Bay Trail encourage volunteers to sign up at gbtrail.org.

7) 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.

8) Approval of the Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Village Council Minutes

- i. September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. September 10, 2024 Study Session
- iii. September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of the Warrant List Dated August 26, 2024 – September 6, 2024 in the amount of \$3,020,530.50.

- c) Resolution No. R-72-2024: Appointing a Director and Alternate Director to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-73-2024: Approving a Contract with Ceper Heating and Cooling Inc. for Rooftop A/C Unit Replacement Services (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-74-2024: Waiving Bidding and Approving an Agreement with Metropolitan Industries, Inc. for the Water Plant High Lift Pump Controls Upgrade (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 Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson.

9) Ordinances and Resolutions. 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 7:50 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary