

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2024

(Approved: October 12, 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 15, 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 Peter Friedman, Village Forester Andrew Lueck, and approximately 12 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Orsic led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum
 - a) November 1, 2024 All Day Budget Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting – Cancelled.
 - c) November 12, 2024 Special Meeting and Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - d) November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Apatoff.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i) Ted Wynnynchenko addresses concerns regarding public and private lakefront land.
- 5) Reports
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Dalman commends the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Hewn Bakery.
 - b) Attorney.
 - c) Manager.
 - i) Village Manager Rob Bahan commends Village staff for their hard work regarding the Popular Annual Financial Report receiving the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting.
 - d) Village President. No report.
- 6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Handler 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. October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of the Warrant List Dated September 9, 2024 – September 20, 2024 in the amount of \$618,317.70.
- c) Resolution No. R-75-2024: Approving and Authorizing the Adoption of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-77-2024: Waiving Bidding and Approving a Contract with Okeh Electric Company for Electrical Services at the Winnetka Pump Station (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-80-2024: Approving an Agreement with Ankura Consulting Group, LLC for Consulting Services (Adoption)

Trustee Handler 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.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Resolution No. R-76-2024: Approving an Agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for Hubbard Woods Streetscape – Phase 1 Study (Adoption)

Assistant Village Engineer Obaid Khalid advises Council of the Village's goal to improve the three business districts, including the Hubbard Woods Business District. The Village decided to engage Teska Associates to develop a streetscape master plan. Teska Associates conducted various community outreach to engage the community input and feedback in developing streetscape design options and presented to proposed streetscape design concept during the June 11, 2024 Council study session.

Mr. Khalid provides information regarding the scope of study, advising Council of the need for a jurisdictional transfer for Green Bay Road should the Village pursue consideration of the design concepts incorporating certain improvements. The jurisdictional transfer would require an IDOT Phase 1 Engineering report for any improvements to Green Bay Road in addition to the report being a requirement should the Village pursue federal or state grants.

Additionally, Mr. Khalid provides the project scope of study consisting of part one, traffic/feasibility study, and part two, the IDOT Phase 1 Engineering report. Council is informed of the proposed schedule, budget overview, proposals received by various professional engineering firms, and matters regarding proposal fees.

Council discusses project costs, fees, matters regarding budgeting, existing conditions of the Hubbard Woods Business District, and IDOT jurisdictional transfers.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-76-2024. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- b) Resolution No. R-78-2024: Approving a Grant Agreement Between the Village of Winnetka and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (Adoption)

Finance Director Tim Sloth advises Council that in 2020, the Village was notified that there were two line item grants for the Village the purpose of costs associated with the

stormwater management improvements for \$16 million, and \$12 million. Mr. Sloth confirms the \$16 million grant was released by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Opportunity after the completion of the official application and finalized agreement. Now, Council is advised that \$7 million of the \$12 million grant has been released from the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Opportunity after completion of the official application.

Mr. Sloth requests that Council consider adoption of the proposed Resolution to officially approve the grant agreement in anticipation that the \$7 million will be received in the current fiscal year and the remaining \$5 million to be received next year.

Both grants have been dedicated to the storage component of the western stormwater project in addition to funds and grants received from Federal ARPA funding and the MWRD.

President Rintz commends staff for pursuing and being awarded various grants. Additionally, President Rintz commends the contributions State Representative Robyn Gabel.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-78-2024. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Reviewing Closed Session Minutes and Specific Personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) and 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes and specific personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) and 2(c)(1) 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 7:37 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary