

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

(Approved: January 21, 2025)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 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 Peter Friedman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and approximately 8 persons in the audience.
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Discussion.

a) IMEA Contract Renewal Follow Up – Winnetka Future Energy Supply Considerations

President Rintz states that during the October Future Energy Forum, Mark Pruitt, former Director of the Illinois Power Agency, and current Principal for the Power Bureau, presented about power purchasing and the PJM Transmission Area.

Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi introduces Mark Pruitt, stating he has more than 30 years of experience in the Illinois energy sector and provides Council Mr. Pruitt's employment history.

Mark Pruitt, Principal at the Power Bureau, provides information regarding the electricity market conditions; demand, supply, capacity prices, volatility, and reliability projections. Because energy systems are interconnected, Mr. Pruitt advises on how these systems affect one another and how electricity is efficiently distributed with shared power plants. Additionally, Mr. Pruitt provides information related to PJM supply and demand and the demand for electricity by region as well as the hourly output of all power assets that make up the PJM system.

Mr. Pruitt provides information regarding solar and natural gas resources posing various challenges also referred to as the effective load carrying capability due to the uncontrollable fluctuating circumstances. Mr. Pruitt provides information regarding the outlook of less nuclear, coal, and gas, measurement of reliability based on reserve margins, generating capacity of various fuels, Commerce Commission Forecasts, and projected costs.

Mark Pruitt provides Council information regarding grid supply options such as operating as a municipal utility, requirements of a load serving entity to supply electricity to end users, grid supply services options as in-house or contracted, trade-offs between different grid supply services, and information regarding renewable energy and carbon-free supply.

Council discusses individual contracts with various suppliers, supplier costs related to electricity usage, technological advancements regarding battery storage, production of energy from coal-fired and gas-fired power plants, matters related to resources and capacity, and transitioning to greener resources, reduction of carbon footprint, and costs related to greener options. Additionally, Council discusses matters related to the proposed IMEA contract renewal extension.

Public Comment

Brenden Andrew addresses Council regarding working within the constraints of the IMEA contract and various forms of energy that can be utilized

King Poor addresses Council regarding concerns on the Village's reliance upon coal from Prairie State and the IMEA contract renewal extension.

Patrick Hanley addresses Council regarding various energy supplies and matters related to capacity and supply costs.

Roger Hawkschild addresses Council regarding sustainability, costs, options, and the IMEA contract renewal extension.

Terry Cross addresses Council regarding supplier options and concerns related to the IMEA contract renewal extension.

President Rintz suggests Village staff continue discussions with the IMEA regarding negotiations.

Council discusses solar contracts as part of a sustainability plan, continued discussions with IMEA, Winnetka's distribution system and policies, and matters regarding negotiations.

- 4) Adjournment. Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary