

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2024**

(Approved: January 21, 2025)

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, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Pro-tem Robert Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: President Chris Rintz and Trustee Tina Dalman. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director David Schoon, and approximately 8 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Pro-tem Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) January 14, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dearborn.
- 4) Public Comment:
 - i) Ted Wynnynchenko addresses Council regarding the Village's governing bodies, street end beaches, Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation, and the release of closed session minutes. Village Attorney Peter Friedman states that the closed session meeting minutes contain confidential information and confirms that the Village will not release certain closed session minutes due to confidentiality.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Orsic advises Council that on December 9th, the RED Center held the Board of Directors meeting addressing matters related to the new Executive Director, Jason Rodgers, payroll, and a new Operations Manager position.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager.
 - i) Village Manager Rob Bahan advises that current lakefront construction projects are following the prescribed Ordinances.
 - 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. December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of Warrant List Dated November 29, 2024 – December 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,472,777.09.
- c) Resolution No. R-89-2024: Approving Closed Session Minutes, Determining the Need to Keep Minutes of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Council Confidential, and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Council (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-90-2024: Approving a Contract with Northern Divers USA for Dredging Services at the Electric Plant (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-91-2024: Approving Funding Authorizations and Change Order No. 3 to the Contract with Maple Cable Construction Inc for Directional Boring Work (Adoption)
- f) Resolution No. R-92-2024: Approving Extension and Renewal of an Agreement with Prescient Development, Inc. for Information Technology Support Services (Adoption)
- g) Resolution No. R-93-2024: Waiving Bidding and Approving a Purchase of Software Licenses from Tyler Technologies, Inc. (Adoption)
- h) Resolution No. R-94-2024: Appointing Nicholas Narhi to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors (Adoption)

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. M-18-2024: An Ordinance Granting a Variation from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of an Addition to an Existing Residence within the R-2 Single Family Residential District (270 Birch Street) (Adoption)

At the December 3rd Council meeting, Council reviewed a request submitted by the applicant to allow the construction of a one-story attached three-car garage to the existing residence. After reviewing the proposed plans, Council requested that the applicant reduce the proposed plans from a three-car garage to a two-car garage.

Mr. Schoon advises Council of the proposed square footage, front yard setback, elevations, and the floor plan in regards to the applicant's submitted revised plans proposing a two-car garage.

The applicant, Alexandra Kaehler, advises Council of a massive Heritage Beach tree which would impede vehicle access to the garage, that was not accounted for in the previously submitted proposed plans.

After Council discussion regarding various alternatives with placement and sizing of the proposed garage, the item is deferred to the January 7, 2025, meeting to allow the applicant to continue to revise the proposed plans.

- b) Ordinance No. M-19-2024: Granting Variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of a Detached Garage Within the R-3 Single Family Residential District (630 Walden Road) (Introduction/Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council of a request seeking approval to construct a detached garage, accommodating two vehicles, in addition to the existing one-car attached garage. In addition, the applicant's plan includes a curb cut and driveway access from Pine Street.

Mr. Schoon provides information regarding the site plan, front and rear façade of the property, proposed garage footprint, and the preservation of a large Oak tree.

Council discusses the proposed plans, construction material, correspondence received by neighbors, matters related to fire hydrants, and placement of a stop sign.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-19-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-19-2024 under the condition that the garage be constructed with brick veneers. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

- c) Ordinance No. M-20-2024: Granting Variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance, and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a New Commercial Building within the C-2 General Retail Commercial District (933 Green Bay Road) (Introduction/Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council of a request to demolish more than 50% of the existing building floor area and to construct an addition onto the remaining portion of the existing building considered as construction of a new one-story commercial building per the Village Code.

Mr. Schoon provides information regarding the site plan, zoning, compliance, parking, commercial occupancy, and matters related to construction scope.

The applicant, Mitch Goltz, addresses Council regarding building scope, façade, fencing, and commercial use.

Council discusses elevations, building façade, renderings, fencing, and signage approval.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-20-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-20-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

- d) Ordinance No. M-22-2024: Cook County Paid Leave Opt-Out Ordinance for Taxing Bodies (Introduction/Adoption)

New Trier High School, Winnetka School District 36, and the Winnetka Park District contacted the Village Manager's Office requesting the use of the Village's home rule authority to exclude them from the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance in efforts to reduce administrative burdens.

Village Manager Bahan states that the Village adopted an Ordinance in November of 2023, opting the Village as an employer out of the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act and other obligations regarding mandatory paid leave, except those required by State

law. In March of 2024, Cook County Board of Commissioners adopted an amendment to temporarily exempt schools and park districts from complying with the Ordinance until January 1, 2025. The Village consented to the request to opt the schools and park district out under the home rule authority.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-22-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-22-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. President Pro-tem Dearborn asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary