

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2025**

(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, January 7, 2025, 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 Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Finance Director Tim Sloth, Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi, and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) January 14, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff said he may need to attend remotely due to work obligations.
 - b) 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 Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding the release of closed session minutes and matters related to the Freedom of Information Act.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees. No report.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager. No report.
 - d) Village President. No report.
- 6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Handler seconded by Trustee Dalman 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. November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - b) Approval of Warrant List Dated December 13, 2024 – December 26, 2024 in the amount of \$1,836,391.77.
 - c) Resolution No. R-03-2025: Waiving Bidding and Requirements and Awarding a Contract to Weg Transformers USA, LLC for the Purchase of One 1500 KVA Pad Mount Transformer (Adoption)

- d) Resolution No. R-04-2025: Awarding a Contract to Advanced Tree Care, Inc. for Tree Pruning, Tree Removal, and Disposal of Tree Debris Services (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-05-2025: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving a Contract with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management for Forestry Professional Services in 2025 (Adoption)

Trustee Orsic seconded by Trustee Handler, 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-06-2025: 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 back in 2020, the Village was notified by State Senator Laura Fine's Office that a line item grant of \$300,000 was appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Opportunity for costs associated with infrastructure improvements. The grant agreement between the Village and DCEO will contribute \$300,000 towards the Village's stormwater project with grant funds reimbursing a portion of the costs associated with the Hibbard and Crow Island storage projects.

Council commends State Senator Laura Fine for her partnership.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-06-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. 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 Discussing Pending Litigation, Probable or Imminent Litigation, and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property pursuant to Sections 2(c)(11) and 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, probable or imminent litigation, and the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to Sections 2(c)(11) and 2(c)(5) 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 7:13 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary