

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
January 14, 2025**

(Approved: February 4, 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, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Rob Apatoff. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Village Attorney Courtney Willits, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, and approximately 7 persons in the audience.

- 2) Public Comment

- a) Ted Wynnynchenko addresses matters related to the Bertling-Hill-Woodland pathway vacation and closed session meeting minutes.

- 3) Discussion.

- a) Eastside Stormwater Project Update

At the September 10, 2024, study session, Council was provided an overview of the study area, identified the four sub watershed areas and existing stormwater outfalls to Lake Michigan, and focused on evaluations within the Elder Lane sub-area watershed.

The intent of the stormwater management study for eastern Winnetka, the Lake Michigan watershed area, is to improve stormwater management, reduce stormwater flooding, and improve water quality at the Lake Michigan outfalls.

Mike Waldron, Senior Associate at Strand Associates, Inc., provided Council an update regarding the identified stormwater management improvements for Elder Lane sub-area watershed and project progress update regarding Elm Street-Willow Road, Spruce Street, and Hubbard Woods sub-areas.

Council is advised of Strand's evaluations in regards to existing flooding conditions, stormwater reduction, stormwater storage opportunities, conveyance, various infrastructure, proposed conditions, piping and underground storage, flood mitigation, and matters related to existing outfalls along Lake Michigan.

Mike Waldron advises Council on the process for permitting and partnership with various regulatory agencies.

Additionally, Council is advised of the stormwater management study scope timeline regarding project startup, Council and staff check-ins, coordination with stakeholders, public open house, presentations, and final study.

Council discusses various alternatives to sites within the Village for stormwater storage, matters related to pumping stations, assessments on the piping system at the Elder Lane outfall, flood mitigations, curb inlets, and permitting.

Public Comment

Warren James addresses matters related to outfalls, separation of stormwater and swim water, and partnership between the Village and Park District.

Mickey Archambault addresses Council on estimated costs and project timeline.

Ted Wynnchenko addresses Council regarding increasing extreme weather as it related to the project study.

Additionally, Council discusses scaling of the stormwater project, funding, and flood mitigation matters.

- 4) Adjournment. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Handler moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary