MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2025

(Approved: February 18, 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, February 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, and Kim Handler. Absent: Trustees Rob Apatoff and Bridget Orsic. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Finance Director Tim Sloth, and approximately 1 persons in the audience.

2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Dalman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Quorum.

   a) February 11, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman due to work obligations.

   b) February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

4) Public Comment: No public comment.

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 requests to remove Resolution No. R-14-2025 from the consent agenda for separate vote. Without objection, the resolution was removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote.

   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. January 14, 2025 Study Session

   b) Approval of Warrant List Dated January 17, 2025 – January 30, 2025, in the amount of $1,756,471.85.

   c) Resolution No. R-13-2025: Approving an Updated Whistleblower Protection Policy (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-16-2025: Approving a Service Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. for Geographic Information System Services and a Letter Agreement with the Village of Kenilworth Regarding Geographic Information System 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, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Apatoff and Orsic.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Resolution No. R-14-2025: Approving a First Amendment to a Parking Agreement Between the Village and Board of Education of New Trier Township School District No. 203 (Adoption)

Finance Director Tim Sloth advises Council that the Village owns, operates, maintains, and establishes regulations for the Indian Hill Metra Station and various public rights of way near the New Trier High School East Campus. In 2006, the Village entered into a parking agreement with New Trier High School reserving 360 parking spaces. The agreement stipulates a 5% annual increase in fees paid by New Trier to the Village and renews annually. As a result of increasing costs, New Trier has requested that the terms of the agreement be renegotiated.

Mr. Sloth states that staff has reviewed the terms of the agreement, performed an updated inventory of the parking currently utilized, and analyzed the financial terms and agreed to put forth the following key provisions; the total number of parking spaces is reduced from 360 to 312, 10-year contract term from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2035, and the contract resets to $200,000 a year for the first 5 years and increases based on the CPI or 5%, whichever is less, thereafter.

Council discusses number of parking spaces, financial terms of the contract, and illegal parking regarding ticketing and cost concerns.

Village Manager Bahan confirms that the financial terms became fairly expensive and that it was not intended to enrich the Village but rather ensure the parking spaces were used appropriately.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-14-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Apatoff and Orsic.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Specific Personnel Pursuant to 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel pursuant to 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, Dalman, Dearborn, and Handler. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Apatoff and Orsic.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary