

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2025

(Approved: March 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 18, 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 Courtney Willits, Economic Development Director Liz Dechant, Police Chief Brian O'Connell and approximately 6 persons in the audience.

President Rintz confirms that Trustee Apatoff has provided the required notice that he will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Apatoff may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Apatoff participated remotely fully in the meeting.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Orsic led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3) Quorum.

- a) March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman due to work obligations. Trustees Apatoff and Dearborn confirmed that they will participate remotely.
- b) March 11, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- c) March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

- 4) Public Comment:

- a) Ted Wynnychenko addresses concerns related to stormwater matters and urges Council to utilize consultants.

- 5) Reports:

- a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Dearborn commends snow plowing services along the Green Bay Trail and commends the Hubbard Woods parking garage lighting.
- b) Attorney. No report.
- c) Manager. No report.
- d) Village President.
 - i. President Rintz attended a meeting with Congressman Brad Schnieder on concerns regarding DOGE impacts and FEMA.

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. January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
- ii. February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated January 31, 2025 – February 13, 2025, in the amount of \$331,157.01.

c) Resolution No. R-15-2025: Approving an Agreement with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation & Public Improvement Project (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-17-2025: Awarding a Contract to Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the 2025 – 2027 Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Program (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-20-2025: Approving Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with DiMeo Brothers, Inc. for Construction Services for the Crow Island Stormwater Storage and Conveyance Project (Adoption)

Trustee Dearborn seconded by Trustee Albinson, 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-18-2025: Approving Non-Exclusive License Agreement for Use of Winnetka Property for the Winnetka Music Festival (Adoption)

Scott Myers addresses Council regarding the Winnetka Music Festival scope and use of Village land. As the Music Fest remains a major event for the Village, Scott Myers confirms that the Music Fest staff has been working with developers to manage and plan ahead regarding the One Winnetka development.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-18-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Trustee Handler.

b) Resolution No. R-19-2025: Approving Non-Exclusive License Agreement for Use of Winnetka Property for the Winnetka Music Festival (Adoption)

The Village currently has a lease with Union Pacific Rail Road to manage the Winnetka Metra Station located at 754 Elm Street. The 800 square foot space was occupied by Zengeler Cleaners until February of 2021. The space is now utilized as storage for the Winnetka Farmers' Market by the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce between May through October.

Economic Development Director Liz Dechant states that Winnetka resident, Tim Ring, expressed interest in opening a temporary pop-up for his retail store, North Shore Boards. The pop-up is proposed to operate six days a week in the 200 square foot space of the 800 square foot former Zengeler Cleaners space and would sell skateboards, snowboards, and Winnetka themed accessories.

Additionally, the pop-up would coincide with Hofherr Meat Co. opening their new shop in the space next door in March.

Council is advised that the Village is proposing a temporary occupancy agreement for North shore Boards is proposed from February 18, 2025, to May 15, 2025, at a rate of \$300 per month, and would end on the day the Chamber's proposed license agreement for the space begins.

Liz Dechant provides information regarding commuter parking, commuter pick up and drop off, traffic regarding Hofherr Meat Co., and anticipated foot traffic.

Tim Ring addresses Council regarding proposed business operations plan, importance of merchandise sales relevant to the community, and signage.

Council commends the idea of the proposed pop-up shop and urges the usage of signage for visibility.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-19-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining, Security Procedures, and Municipal Utility Contracts Pursuant to 2(c)(2), 2(c)(8), and 2(c)(23) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, security procedures, and municipal utility contracts pursuant to 2(c)(2), 2(c)(8), and 2(c)(23) 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 7:33 p.m.

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

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary