MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2025

(Approved: April 3, 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, March 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, 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.

   President Rintz confirms that Trustee Dearborn 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 Dearborn may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Dearborn participated remotely fully in the meeting.

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

3) Quorum.

   a) March 11, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   b) March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Handler.

4) Public Comment:

   a) John Anderson addresses Council on the Village's consideration of energy providers regarding energy options.

   b) King Poor urges Council to consider alternative options regarding future energy supply.

   c) Meredith White urges Council to consider various energy options before proceeding with the IMEA agreement.

   d) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding IMEA contract terms and matters related to the lakefront.

   e) Irene Smith addresses Council regarding transparency matters from the Park District related to the Centennial/Elder project and 205 Sheridan Road and urges Council to reconsider accepting the intergovernmental agreement with the Park District.

   f) Tom Barron urges Council to delay signing the IMEA agreement given future changes regarding energy and expresses concerns regarding financial risks, costs, and sustainability.

g) Chuck Dowding urges Council to set guidelines prohibiting non-public discussions regarding the Park District special use permit and expresses concerns regarding the intergovernmental agreement.

h) Tom Borders addresses matters related to the Park District approval of a restrictive donation agreement with the Ishbia Family Foundation and expresses concerns regarding the Park District intergovernmental agreement.

i) Joann Karatzas addresses concerns regarding the Park District lakefront plan.

j) Susie Schreiber addresses Council regarding concerns about reopening Elder Lane swimming beach and the Park District intergovernmental agreement.

k) Laith Amin addresses concerns regarding the IMEA contract extension.

5) Reports:

a) Trustees.

i. Trustee Albinson commends Water & Electric staff for repairing a water main break.

b) Attorney. No report.

c) Manager. No report.

d) Village President.

i. President Rintz addresses public concerns related to the Park District, ensuring that no action can be taken prior to Council approval. President Rintz confirms that statements made by the Park District Board do not represent nor do they modify the existing processes. Currently, the Village Council does not intend to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Park District and confirms that the Village may take action in the event of violations of Village ordinances. Additionally, President Rintz advises the public of the Village's intentions to work collaboratively with the Park District to improve lakefront standards and conditions while following the Village's ordinances.

6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Orsic 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. February 11, 2025 Study Session

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated February 14, 2025 – February 27, 2025, in the amount of $1,649,395.83.

c) Resolution No. R-21-2025: Approving a Non-Exclusive License Agreement for the Use of the Elm Street Train Station Parking Lot and Station Park for a Farmers' Market (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-22-2025: Approving an Outdoor Dining Agreement with Paradise Foods, LLC (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-23-2025: Approving an Outdoor Dining Agreement with Good Grapes, LLC (Adoption)

f) Resolution No. R-26-2025: Awarding a Contract to Sunrise Tree Care, Inc. for Dutch Elm Disease Prevention (Adoption)

g) Resolution No. R-27-2025: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the Design of the Hubbard Woods Parking Structure Repair (Adoption)

h) Resolution No. R-29-2025: Waiving Bidding and Approving Employee Leasing Agreements with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC for Temporary Staffing Services (Adoption)

i) Approval of Annual Outdoor Seating Area Permit

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Orsic, 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-24-2025: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding and Approving an Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. DBA Elster Solutions, LLC for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (Adoption)

Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi advises Council of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure program included in the five-year CIP. After approval of a professional services agreement with Power System Engineering for consulting services to manage the project, Council held a study session specifically for the AMI project, discussed deployment advances in the FY24 budget, discussed RFP matters, proposal evaluations, interviews, and contract negotiations and finalizing the proposed agreement with Honeywell International, Inc..

Mr. Narhi provides information regarding the RFP evaluation including vendor submissions of proposals, proposal evaluation standards, and score matrix of received proposals. After evaluating proposals, Village staff selected Honeywell International, Inc.

Council is briefed on Honeywell's background, leadership in the energy sector, proposed AMI solutions package, history of deployments, proposed scope of work regarding electric and water maters, communications, contract terms and conditions, anticipated timeline of project implementation, and the benefits of AMI.

Finance Director Tim Sloth advises Council of financial efficiencies, 15-year payback analysis, budget savings, project costs and expenses, and project funding.

Council discusses the length of the 15-year contract, matters related to the useful lives of the AMI infrastructure, warranty, water and electric fluctuation rates, and residential and Village monitoring and detections.

The Village's consultant addresses matters related to the contract, meter usage, lifespan and replacement, and contract negotiation terms.

Public Comment

Chuck Dowding commends Council and Village staff for the implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project and matters related to demand response.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-24-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

b) Resolution No. R-28-2025: Waiving Bidding and Approving an Agreement with Power System Engineering for Services Related to the Implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (Adoption)

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-28-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

c) Resolution No. R-25-2025: Approving an Agreement with Stanley Consultants Inc. for Engineering Services for Generation Replacement Study (Adoption)

Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi provides Council a history of generation in the Village including information regarding the water and electric plant, addition of generation, coal powered boilers converted to natural gas, addition of ComEd, and Winnetka's membership with IMEA.

Council is provided information regarding current fleet and redundancy, matters related to capacity, steam turbines, natural gas boilers, diesel engines. Additionally, Mr. Narhi provides information regarding Water & Electric peaks, MW capacity demand, and usage.

Mr. Narhi advises Council of the planning horizon including proposed generation study, permitting process, RFB process, Council review, preliminary design for generation installation and commissioned, and scope of generation study.

Council is provided information regarding Stanley and Associates, selected vendor through the RFP process, advised of their comprehensive services, Village's partnership with the vendor, recent projects, and matters related to the scope of generation study.

Council discusses matters related to contract costs and budgeting matters.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-25-2025. 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: None.

13) Adjournment. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Orsic moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary