

**MINUTES**  
**WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 18, 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 18, 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, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustees Rob Apatoff and Tina Dalman. Also present: Village Manager Rob Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Police Chief Brian O'Connell and approximately 6 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Orsic led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
  - a) Thursday, April 3, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
  - b) April 8, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Handler.
  - c) April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment: None.
- 5) Reports:
  - a) Trustees. No report.
  - b) Attorney. No report.
  - c) Manager. No report.
  - d) Village President.
    - i. Village President Rintz advises Village Manager Rob Bahan to contact IMEA and negotiate up to a six month extension to the April 30, 2025 deadline to allow Council and Village staff to consider the other options as alternatives to IMEA.
- 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 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
  - b) Approval of Warrant List Dated February 28, 2025 – March 13, 2025, in the amount of \$1,483,481.87.

- a) Resolution No. R-29-2025: Approving a Contract with Ceper Heating and Cooling Inc. for HVAC Modernization Project Phase 2 (Adoption)
- b) Resolution No. R-30-2025: Approving a Contract with Western Waterproofing Company, Inc. D/B/A Western Specialty Contractors for Hubbard Woods Parking Structure Repairs (Adoption)
- c) Resolution No. R-31-2025: Approving and Establishing the Compensation of Department Heads Effective January 1, 2025 (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-32-2025: Approving and Establishing Changes in the Compensation of the Village Manager (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-33-2025: Awarding a Contract to Siebert and Son's Enterprise LLC, D/B/A Siebert Trees for Utility Line Clearance (Adoption)

Trustee Albinson 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, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Apatoff and Dalman.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Resolution No. R-34-2025: Waiving Bidding and Approving an Agreement with P4 Security Services LLC for On-Site Security Guarding Services (Adoption)

With an increase in crime over the past several years and unprecedented challenges regarding police personnel, the Winnetka Police Department is requesting the utilization of additional security services, provided by P4 Security Services, in the community.

Police Chief Brian O'Connell advises Council of specific crimes within the community; burglary, theft, robbery, and vehicle hijackings. With these crimes, there has been an increase in the use of firearms. Police personnel have seen a staff shortage, noting a rigorous hiring process with interviews, background checks, completion of the police academy, and the departmental field training program, which results in a 9 months to one year duration of time before officers are equipped to begin independent patrol.

Police Department staff explored alternative options that would allow for continued appropriate level of safety and security while filling police vacancies. Staff researched and identified P4 Security Services, providing off-duty armed law enforcement personnel patrolling areas across the Chicagoland area.

Council is provided information regarding P4 Security System background experience, information regarding P4 staffing experience, resource allocation, enhances community safety measures, and overall services provided in collaboration with the Village's Police Department.

Additionally, Council is provided information regarding cost of service and budgeting matters.

Chief O'Connell commends the entire Police Department for their service, sacrifice, dedication, and commitment to the public safety of the community.

Council discusses communications regarding community awareness related to identifying P4 security officers, identifying patrol vehicles, authoritative limitations for P4 security officers, and collaboration of work with the Winnetka Police Department and P4 Security Services.

P4 Security Services representatives address Council regarding their background, experience, hiring process, program data regarding decrease in crime, and process for assigning officers within Winnetka.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Albinson, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-34-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Apatoff and Dalman. Abstain: None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Albinson moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary