

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2025**

(Approved: June 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, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 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: Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and approximately 34 persons in the audience.

Following the tragic accident on May 2, 2025, involving Sediqeh Samadi and Raziye Sigary, President Rintz called for a moment of silence in their memory.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3) Quorum.

- a) May 13, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- b) May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman due to work obligations.

- 4) Public Comment:

- a) Irene Smith expresses concern related to outreach emails from Our Town Winnetka and commends President Rintz for his service.
- b) Ted Wynnychenko urges Council to govern cautiously.
- c) Theresa Lucas urges Council to reconsider amplification of music during the outdoor dining season including revisions to the noise ordinance.

- 5) Reports:

- a) Trustees.

- i. Trustee Handler encourages those attending the Winnetka Farmers' Market to stop by and engage with members of Council and members of the various Village boards and commissions.
- ii. Trustee Orsic emphasizes the value of public service and the vital role those that serve have in the community.
- iii. In response to the tragic accident on May 2nd, Trustee Apatoff commends Police and Fire first responders for their tremendous professionalism responding to the scene.

- b) Attorney. No report.

c) Manager. No report.

d) Village President.

- i. President Rintz addresses matters related to the Village's relationship with IMEA, the Village's revenue as a result of being a member of the IMEA, generation of electricity, and the importance of the Village being a power generator.

6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Dalman 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. April 8, 2025 Study Session

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated April 11, 2025 – May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$617,621.48.

c) Resolution No. R-41-2025: Approving a Contract with Power Line Supply Company for the Purchase of 600 Volt Underground Cable (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-43-2025: Waiving Bidding and Approving a Purchase of Software Licenses from Liffitt LLC (Adoption)

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Handler, 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) Village Clerk's Report: Election Results

Village Manager Bahan reported the results of the April 1, 2025 election: Robert Dearborn was elected Village President; and Kirk Albinson, Scott Myers, and Bridget Orsic, were elected Village Trustees.

9) Recess for Swearing In

10) Village Clerk to Administer Oath of Office to President-Elect Robert Dearborn, Trustee Kirk Albinson, Trustee Bridget Orsic, and Trustee-Elect Scott Myers

Village Manager Bahan administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Village officials.

President Dearborn introduces and extends appreciation to the Village Council, the Village's department heads and staff led by Village Manager Rob Bahan and Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, and the boards and commissions. Additionally, President Dearborn promises that residents, community members, and members of the public will be treated with respect and their voices will be heard.

11) Call the New Council to Order and Roll Call

President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler, Scott Myers, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and approximately 34 persons in the audience.

12) Ordinances and Resolutionsa) Resolution No. R-44-2025: President Rintz Commendation (Adoption).

President Dearborn read aloud the Resolution honoring former President Rintz for his exceptional service, compassion, unwavering dedication and leadership to the Village of Winnetka.

Mr. Rintz reflects on his time as not only the longest serving Village President since 1929, but also as Village Trustee, expressing deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community, alongside exceptional past and present trustees, Village staff, and residents of the community. Mr. Rintz expressed heartfelt gratitude to his wife, Kathy Rintz, for her support and sacrifices during his time serving. Mr. Rintz urges Council and community members to be kind, listen, respect one another, and work collaboratively to make Winnetka a special place.

Members of Council express deep appreciation, emphasize the value of working alongside former President Rintz, and commend his lasting impact on each trustee.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-44-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

13) New Business. None.14) Appointments:a) Approval of Council Organizational Assignments for 2025 – 2026.

Trustee Apatoff seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the Council Organizational Assignments for 2025 – 2026. By voice vote, the motion carried.

Assignment	2025-2026
President Pro Tem	Rob Apatoff
Council Committees	
<i>Warrants</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	Tina Dalman
Committees by Code	
<i>EFC</i>	Kim Handler
<i>PC</i>	Rob A./Bridget Orsic
<i>SWANCC (1)</i>	Bob Dearborn/Designee
<i>SWANCC (2)</i>	Rob Bahan/Designee
Other Committees/Assignments	
<i>NWMC (1)</i>	Bob Dearborn
<i>NWMC (2)</i>	Rob Bahan
<i>RED Center</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Community Outreach Liaison</i>	Kim Handler

<i>HPC Liaison</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Stormwater Liaisons</i>	Bob Dearborn & Rob Bahan
<i>Hubbard Woods Liaisons</i>	Tina Dalman & Rob Apatoff
<i>Post Office Liaisons</i>	Bob Dearborn & Kirk Albinson
<i>WPD Lakefront Liaisons</i>	Rob Apatoff & Bridget Orsic

- b) Appoint George H. Walper Jr. to a full term on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners – his term will expire on May 6, 2028.

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to appoint George H. Walper Jr. to a full term on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. His term will expire on 5/6/2028. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- c) Appoint Current Environmental & Forestry Commissioner, Peter Eck, to a full term as Environmental and Forestry Commission Chair – his term will expire on May 6, 2028.

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to appoint Peter Eck to a full term as the Environmental & Forestry Commission Chair. His term will expire on 5/6/2028. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- 15) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Municipal Utility Contracts Relating to the Purchase, Sale, or Delivery of Electricity or Natural Gas Pursuant to 2(c)(23) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing municipal utility contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or natural gas pursuant to 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, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:11 p.m.

- 16) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary