MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025

(Approved: June 17, 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 20, 2025, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

1) Call to Order. President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Kim Handler, Scott Myers, and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Tina Dalman. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, and approximately 20 persons in the audience.

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

3) Quorum.

   a) June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   b) June 10, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   c) June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

4) Public Comment:

   a) Ted Wynnychenko addresses matters related to trespassing along the lakefront and the designation of 480 Oak Street as a landmark property. Village Attorney Peter Friedman states that there is a signed settlement agreement to which Mr. Wynnychenko has agreed to not enter the fenced area at 205 Sherida Road. Violations of the settlement agreement may result in possible legal consequences.

   b) King Poor urges Council to further consider utilizing the expertise of those in the energy sector prior to approving the IMEA power sales contract.

   c) David Mulligan urges Council to consider alternative options regarding the IMEA power sales contract.

   d) Rockey Flinterman provides Council an overview of the Farmer's Market, noting its diverse vendors and live music entertainment.

   e) Katie Scallion, member of the Winnetka Future Energy Coalition, urges Council to consider alternative energy providers and to collaborate with the Future Energy Coalition group.

   f) Tom Barron urges Council to consider alternate options given market fluctuations and clean energy transitions.

   g) Bruno Abate expresses support for unamplified music on Chestnut Court.

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 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. April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
   b) Approval of Warrant List Dated May 2, 2025 – May 15, 2025, in the amount of $2,049,273.83.
   c) Ordinance No. M-03-2025: Designating 480 Oak Street as a Landmark (Introduction/Adoption)
   d) Resolution No. R-45-2025: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (Adoption)
   e) Resolution No. R-48-2025: Approving a Contract with Northern Divers USA, Inc. for Raw Water Intake Maintenance (Adoption)

   Trustee Myers seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.
8) Ordinances and Resolutions.
   a) Ordinance No. M-04-2025: Approving a Final Plat of Subdivision and Granting a Special Use Permit and Variation from the Winnetka Subdivision Code (473 and 499 Sheridan Road) (Introduction/ Adoption)

      Community Development Director Scott Mangum advises Council of a request by an applicant seeking to demolish the existing residences on the two existing lots, consolidate the lots, and construct a new single-family residence, a boat house, pool, and pergola.

      Mr. Mangum provides information related to zoning, topography, consolidation of lots, matters related to special use, subdivision variation, and pre-existing zoning nonconformities.

      Council discusses matters related to steep slope and commend the applicant for working with the zoning ordinance.

      Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-04-2025. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

      Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-04-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman

b) Resolution No. R-46-2025: Granting an Amendment to a Special Use Permit, a Variation, and a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a Playground and Improvements within the R-4 Single Family Residential District (1112 Willow Road) (Public Hearing)

A public hearing was advertised for tonight's meeting regarding an amendment to a special use permit, a variation, and a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of a playground and improvements within the R-4 single family residential district.

President Dearborn administers the oath for members of the public providing public comment or a testimony

The public hearing opened at 7:40pm

Community Development Director Scott Mangum advises Council of proposed playground and landscaping improvements at Crow Island Elementary School.

Mr. Mangum provides information regarding zoning and an approved variation in conjunction with the Village's stormwater improvements, and information regarding the proposed playground, landscaping, and play equipment.

Council discusses proposed play equipment specifications and zoning matters.

No public comment.

The public hearing closed at 7:47pm

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-46-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

c) Resolution No. R-47-2025: Granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Building Alterations at 510 Winnetka Avenue (Adoption)

Community Development Director Scott Mangum states that the applicant is seeking approval for exterior building alterations at Oberweis Dairy Ice Cream store, located at 510 Winnetka Avenue, including changes to the existing doors and windows, updating existing sconce lighting, refurbishing existing awning frames, and installing new signage.

Mr. Mangum provides information regarding the existing store frontage, proposed building elevations, proposed awnings, wall signage, and exterior alterations.

Council discuss matters related to the Village Code and design guidelines, public comment, store services and proposed awning improvements.

Jennifer Peterson, Vice President of Marketing and Sales, addresses Council regarding business operations.

Jenn Epstein, Senior Property Manager at Hoffman Commercial Real Estate, addresses Council regarding parking.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-47-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Dalman.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments:

a) Appoint Chris Baggett to a full term on the Design Review Board (Chris is filling a current vacancy)– his term will expire on May 1, 2030.
b) Appoint Wes Barker to the Design Review Board – (Wes is replacing Paul Konstant) his term will expire on May 1, 2027.
c) Re-appoint Heather Niehoff to a full term on the Design Review Board – her term will expire on May 1, 2030.
d) Appoint King Poor to a full term on the Environmental & Forestry Commission (King is replacing Patrick Hanley)– his term will expire on May 1, 2028.
e) Re-appoint Liz Kunkle to a full term on the Environmental & Forestry Commission – her term will expire on May 1, 2027.
f) Re-appoint David Varca to a full term on the Environmental & Forestry Commission – his term will expire on May 1, 2027.
g) Re-appoint Jack Coladarci as Chairperson on the Historic Preservation Commission – his term will expire on May 1, 2027.
h) Appoint Patti Van Cleave to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission (Patti is filling a current vacancy) – her term will expire on May 1, 2028.
i) Appoint Anna Wisniewski to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission – (Anna is filling a current vacancy) her term will expire on May 1, 2028.
j) Re-appoint Christopher Enck to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission – his term will expire on May 1, 2027.
k) Re-appoint Beth Ann Papoutis to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission – her term will expire on May 1, 2027.
l) Re-appoint Joe Stuart to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission – his term will expire on May 1, 2026.
m) Re-appoint Paul Weaver to a full term on the Historic Preservation Commission – his term will expire on May 1, 2026.
n) Re-appoint Fuad Khadder to a full term on the Police Pension Board – his term will expire on May 1, 2026.
o) Re-appoint Matthew Bradley as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals – his term will expire on May 1, 2029.
p) Re-appoint Lynn Hanley to a full term on the Zoning Board of Appeals – her term will expire on May 1, 2027.
q) Re-appoint Mike Nielsen to a full term on the Zoning Board of Appeals – his term will expire on May 1, 2030.

Trustee Orsic seconded by Trustee Albinson, moved to appoint, and re-appoint, the said chairpersons, commissioners, members, and trustee to their respective boards as set forth by appointments a – q, by omnibus vote.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Albinson moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary