

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2025

(Approved: September 9, 2025)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Kim Handler and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustees Tina Dalman and Scott Myers. Also present: Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Village Attorney Stewart Weiss, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, and approximately 4 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Apatoff the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting - Cancelled.
 - b) September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting & Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Handler due to work obligations.
 - c) September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment:
 - a) Fran Edwardson addresses Council regarding concerns related to off-leash dogs and the absence of appropriate fencing.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees. No report.
 - b) Attorney. No report.
 - c) Manager.
 - i. Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas introduces Interim Economic Development Coordinator, John Lynch, and President of the Winnetka-Glencoe-Northfield Chamber, Terry Dason. Mr. Lynch and Ms. Dason provide Council with an update on the results of business outreach regarding the proposed 1% home rule sales tax increase. The outreach involved direct engagement with community businesses to gather feedback on the potential impacts of the tax change and found that responses were mixed, with some businesses expressing support, while others raised concerns in opposition of the increase. Additionally, Ms. Dason addresses Council regarding the importance of vitality for the business community and the future of Winnetka.

d) Village President.

- i. President Dearborn commends Interim Economic Development Coordinator John Lynch and expresses appreciation for his service to the Village noting his significant contributions including assistance with the Winnetka Music Fest, Farmers Market, business retention, recruitment activities and working with the Chamber.

6) Presentations.

a) Approval of September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Village Green – Cripe Family

In 2008, a tradition began honoring the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by planting 2,977 American flags at the Village Green. William Cripe and Julia Cripe requests that Council approve the annual flag planting tradition.

Council commends the Cripe family for continuing to coordinate the event, bringing the community together and memorializing the victims that lost their lives.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to approve the September 11 Memorial Flag Planting on the Village Green. By voice vote, the motion carried.

7) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Apatoff seconded by Trustee Orsic moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Approval of the Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Village Council Minutes

- i. July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of the Warrant List dated August 1, 2025 – August 14, 2025 in the amount of \$1,946,016.77.

c) Resolution No. R-64-2025 Approving a Seventh Amendment to a Lease Agreement Between the Village of Winnetka and the United States Postal Service (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-66-2025: Approving Change Order No. 1 with Hoerr Construction, Inc. for Sewer Relining Work (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, Apatoff, Handler and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Dalman and Myers.

9) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Ordinance No. MC-01-2025: Amending Title 9 of the Winnetka Village Code to Prohibit the Sale of Illicit THC Products and Kratom (Introduction/Adoption)

On April 15, 2025, Council suggested deferring the item in order to research additional information regarding illicit THC and kratom.

Village Attorney Stewart Weiss provides information regarding cannabis, intoxicating hemp products and their legal emergence following federal and state regulations, evolving market dynamic surrounding the products and matters related to product regulation.

Public Comment.

Jim Pratt addresses Council regarding the various forms of kratom, their benefits and dangers and urges Council to consider tailoring the ordinance to distinguish the sales of such forms.

Council discussed the draft Ordinance provisions and emphasized that its police services and resources should remain focused on protecting the community rather than monitoring the sale of such substances.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. MC-01-2025.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Ordinance No. MC-01-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Dalman and Myers.

b) Resolution No. R-67-2025: Approving and Authorizing the Adoption of the Village of Winnetka 2025 Affordable Housing Plan (Adoption)

On March 15, 2005, the Village adopted the Affordable Housing Plan as provided by the State's Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act (AHPAA).

Community Development Director Scott Mangum provides information related to the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act, the Village's AHPAA background, the Village's housing data and the AHPAA requirements and components.

Public Comment.

King Poor addresses Council regarding the Village's history with the Affordable Housing Plan and expresses appreciation for Village staff and Council regarding the matter.

Council reflects on the adoption of the Affordable Housing Plan and expresses the importance of continued momentum to meet long-term housing goals.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-67-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Handler and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Dalman and Myers.

10) Old Business. None.

11) New Business. None.

12) Appointments:

- a) Appoint Layla Danley as Chairperson of the Planned Development Commission; her term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- b) Appoint Matthew Bradley as Vice Chairperson on the Planned Development Commission; his term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- c) Appoint Jonathan Alt to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; his term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- d) Appoint Mamie Case to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; her term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- e) Appoint Mark Haller to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; his term will

expire on April 30, 2027.

- f) Appoint Lynn Hanley to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; her term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- g) Appoint Kathryn Leister to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; her term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- h) Appoint Mike Nielsen to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; his term will expire on April 30, 2027.
- i) Appoint Kate Van Vlack to a full term on the Planned Development Commission; her term will expire on April 30, 2027.

Trustee Handler seconded by Trustee Albinson, moved to appoint the said members to their respective boards as set forth by appointments a and i, by omnibus vote.

13) Closed Session: None.

14) Adjournment. Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Apatoff moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary