

**MINUTES  
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2025**

(Approved: October 7, 2025)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 16, 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, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler, Scott Myers and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Rob Apatoff. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Police Chief Brian O'Connell and approximately 24 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Village Manager Bahan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
  - a) October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
  - b) October 14, 2025 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
  - c) October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
  - d) October 30, 2025 All Day Budget Review Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment:
  - i) Andy Cripe commends Council, Police and Fire for their support and assistance with the September 11<sup>th</sup> flag planting.
- 5) Reports:
  - a) Trustees. No report.
  - b) Attorney. No report.
  - c) Manager. No report.
  - d) Village President.
    - i) President Dearborn informs Council and members of the public regarding the pier repairs and conditions at Elder Lane. Engineering Director Jim Bernahl provides information regarding the repair process, project scope and the involvement of the contractor as well as Village staff. Elder Lane is anticipated to reopen the summer of 2026.
- 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 the Warrant List dated August 29, 2025 – September 11, 2025 in the amount of \$817,117.12.
- b) Resolution No. R-70-Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving a Change Order with United Door and Dock, LLC for Police and Fire Overhead Door Preventative Services (Adoption)
- c) Resolution No. R-71-2025: Approving a Contract with AGAE Contractors, Inc. for Construction of a Nursing Mother's Room at the Village's Public Safety Building (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-72-2025: Approving a Second Contract Extension for Interim Economic Development Coordinator Services (Adoption)

Trustee Myers seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Apatoff.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. MC-06-2025: Amending Title 10 of the Winnetka Village Code Regarding Electric Scooters and Other Motor Driven Vehicles (Introduction/Adoption)

On August 9, 2024, Governor Pritzker signed a law regulating low-speed electric scooters, but high-speed scooters and other motor-driven vehicles like e-motos remain unregulated. Due to growing safety concerns in Winnetka, especially involving young, inexperienced riders, Village staff recommends adopting a local ordinance in order to better regulate such concerns.

Police Chief Brian O'Conneell indicates that the proposed ordinance would require riders to be at least 18 and hold a valid driver's license, prohibit use in certain public areas, and enforce violations through police discretion. The focus will be on safety, education and targeted enforcement while future regulations for electric bicycles are also under review.

Village Attorney Peter Friedman confirms that the fine is not less than \$100, allowing the final determination of the fine amount at the discretion of the Police Chief and prosecuting attorney.

Council discusses collaborative efforts with the Park District and District 36 to support enforcement of the ordinance and provide community education regarding the new regulations.

Elise Gibson, Winnetka Park District President, informed Council that the Park District will work with the Village to enforce the ordinance and new regulations and will collaborate with Village staff to support implementations.

Village Manager Bahan confirms that the enforcement of the new ordinance will be alerted on the Village website and E-Winnetka.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. MC-06-2025.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Ordinance No. MC-06-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Apatoff.

- b) Ordinance No. M-12-2025: Granting a Special Use Permit for the Operation of a Financial Counseling Office Within the C-2 Commercial Overlay District of the Village (720 Elm Street) (Introduction/Adoption)

Charles Schwab & Co. has requested approval of a special use permit to operate a financial counseling office at 720 Elm Street in the C-2 Commercial Overlay District. If approved, the office would relocate from 598 Green Bay Road to a 5,500-square-foot space in the One Winnetka building. While a restaurant is expected to occupy part of the building, other tenants have not yet been identified.

Community Development Director Scott Mangum provides information related to the requested special use permit, the zoning district, proposed floor plan, and confirms unanimous support of the lower advisory board.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-12-2025.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-12-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Apatoff.

- c) Resolution No. R-69-2025: Robert M. Bahan Commendation (Adoption)

President Dearborn read aloud the Resolution honoring Village Manager Bahan for his exceptional service, lasting contributions and exceptional leadership to the Village of Winnetka.

Members of Council honor Mr. Bahan recognizing his years of dedicated service, unwavering commitment to the Village, and his steady leadership. Council expresses deep admiration for his professional accomplishments, integrity and vision he brought to his public service.

Village Attorney Peter Friedman expresses his sincere appreciation for their strong and collaborative working relationship throughout the years.

Deputy Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, joined by the department head team and previous department heads, offer their heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Mr. Bahan, honoring his extraordinary career and the lasting legacy of leadership that helped shape both the Village and dedicated staff who serve. Not only has Mr. Bahan transmitted the Village greater and more beautiful, but has prepared future leaders to carry his example forward.

Village Manager Phil Kiraly, Village of Glencoe, on behalf of the Illinois City Council Management Association, commends Mr. Bahan's exceptional service and leadership. Mr. Kiraly expresses deep appreciation for his consistent reliance and unwavering support throughout the years.

On behalf of the ILCMA board and President Paula Schumacher, a donation has been made in Mr. Bahan's name to the ICMA fund for the profession, supporting council manager initiatives around the country.

Chris Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of New Trier High School, congratulates Mr. Bahan on his retirement and commends the collaborative coworking relationship between the school district and Mr. Bahan. Mr. Johnson reflects on the accomplished projects and expresses appreciate for his lasting impact.

Chris Rintz reflects on Mr. Bahan's years of service, having served alongside Mr. Bahan on the Village Council, expressing sincere and deep appreciation for his unwavering commitment, leadership, knowledge, professionalism and level of excellence and camaraderie.

Andy Cripe, former Village Trustee, commends Mr. Bahan's support and involvement with the Village Council, exceptional management skills, mentorship and lasting legacy he has left on the Village.

Mr. Bahan expressed what an honor and privilege it has been to serve alongside the dedicated staff, reflecting on his time of service with deep gratitude. While acknowledging the significance of his role and the fulfillment it brought, he expressed full confidence in Village Manager Kristin Kazenas to carry the organization forward with strength and vision.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-69-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Apatoff.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Handler 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