

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

(Approved: January 20, 2026)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

1) Call to Order. President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Scott Myers and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Kim Handler. Also present: Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Public Works Director Tom Powers and approximately no persons in the audience.

2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Quorum.

a) January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Apatoff who will attend remotely.

b) January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman who will attend remotely.

4) Public Comment: None.

5) Reports:

a) Trustees. No report.

b) Attorney. No report.

c) Manager

Village Manager Kazenas invites Public Works Director Tom Powers to provide an update regarding leaf operations, running from October 13 – December 1, and snow and ice control as a result of the recent snow accumulation. Leaf collection operations are based on zones and are updated on the Village website daily. Public Works Director Tom Powers provides an update on leaf pickup and snow removal operations, including the effects of recent temperature and weather conditions, collection challenges, staff cleanup procedures, use of various equipment, and operational challenges encountered under varying weather conditions.

d) Village President.

President Dearborn acknowledges Elrod Friedman for making a donation on behalf of the Village to the New Trier Township Angel Fund. Additionally, President Dearborn provides a brief recap on the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event and attendance with Village Manager Kristin Kazenas at the League of Women's Voters.

6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Myers seconded by Trustee Apatoff 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. October 30, 2025 Budget Review Meeting
 - ii. November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of Warrant List Dated November 27, 2025 - December 11, 2025 in the amount of \$1,228,183.63.
- c) Resolution No. R-87-2025: Approving Closed Session Minutes, Determining the Need to Keep Minutes of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Council Confidential, and Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Council (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-95-2025: Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Winnetka and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 Public Employees Division (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-98-2025: Approving a Service Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. for Geographic Information System Services and a Letter Agreement with the Village of Kenilworth Regarding Geographic Information System Services (Adoption)
- f) Resolution No. R-99-2025: Waiving Bidding and Approving a Purchase of Software Licenses from Tyler Technologies, Inc. (Adoption)
- g) Resolution No. R-101-2025: Approving an Agreement with Ankura Consulting Group, LLC for Consulting Services (Adoption)
- h) Resolution No. R-102-2025: Approving a Proposal with CivicPlus LLC for Software Services (Adoption)

Trustee Orsic seconded by Trustee Albinson, 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, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Handler.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Resolution No. R-103-2025: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving a Contract with Teska Associates, Inc. for Professional Landscape and Architectural Design Services (Adoption)

At the October 14, 2025 study session, Council provided direction for demolition of the existing building and restoration options and requested additional consulting for design services and public engagement related to the redevelopment of the Post Office site.

Jodi Mariano, Vice President of Design at Teska Associates, provides an update regarding two phases of the project; the preliminary concepts and engagement and refined concepts and engagement. Council is provided the scope of each phase, planned studies related to the site, focus groups, open house, process of concepts presented regarding the space, community engagement, staff and Council feedback throughout the two phases, and timelines related to the proposed phases.

Council discusses the importance of community engagement, survey results, matters related to budgeting and cost, various site concepts, land use, and engagement with various

consultants.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-103-2025. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Handler.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business.

a) 2026 Council Study Session Planning and Policy Direction

Village Manager Kristin Kazenas provides Council the tentatively scheduled 2026 study sessions, scheduled only as needed, based upon policy matters for future discussion. Additionally, Council is presented planned projects and policy directions planned for regular meetings.

Council discusses various policy issues, priorities, projects, and matters related to capital spending and budget.

Council provides consensus regarding the 2026 Council meeting schedule.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Specific Personnel and Pending Litigation Pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel and pending litigation pursuant to sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) 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, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Handler.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

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

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary