

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2026

(Approved: February 3, 2026)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler, Scott Myers and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Public Works Director Tom Powers and approximately 7 persons in the audience.

Trustee Apatoff has provided the required notice that he will be unable to attend the regular meeting due to work obligations. The Village's policy provides that Trustee Apatoff may participate remotely unless 2/3 of the Council objects. With no objections, Trustee Apatoff participated remotely fully in the meeting.

Call to Order. Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called Trustee Apatoff for attendance.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - b) February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) February 10, 2026 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustees Orsic and Trustee Dalman.
 - d) February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Handler.
- 4) Public Comment:
 - a) Linda Welsh addresses Council regarding matters related to management of the Centennial dog beach.
 - b) Kim Marsh expresses opposition regarding the construction of a fence at Centennial dog beach.
 - c) Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding public comment matters.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Orsic addresses concerns from two recent Plan Commission meetings related to lot consolidation as a result of an approved lot consolidation ordinance.
 - b) Attorney. No report.

- c) Manager. No report.
- d) Village President. No report.

6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Myers 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. December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of Warrant List Dated December 12, 2025 – December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,870,853.73.
- c) Resolution No. R-05-2026: Approving the Disposal of an Existing Public Works Tractor and Purchase of a New Public Works Tractor and Equipment from Brown Equipment Company (Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-06-2026: Certificate of Appropriateness for Front Building Elevation Alterations at 24 Green Bay Road (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, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. M-01-2026: Approving a Minor Change and Amending a Planned Development (688 – 694 Green Bay Road) (The Walden) (Introduction/Adoption)

The applicant advised Council that he will be unable to attend the meeting. Without objection, the item was deferred until the February 3rd Council meeting.

9) Old Business.

- a) Hubbard Woods Parking Deck Repairs – Policy Direction

Urgent repairs to the Hubbard Woods Parking Deck were completed in 2025 after an inspection was completed by a structural engineer specializing in parking structures and more intensive repairs are planned for 2026.

Public Works Director Tom Powers advises Council regarding the parking garage's overall repair work, identified issues and repairs, repair options, an overview of the life cycle repair program analysis, garage aesthetics, and various features regarding outdoor space.

Jodi Mariano, Vice President of Design at Teska Associates, provides information related to feedback received from the community outreach and concept design program for the Hubbard Woods parking garage. Various feedback indicated that residents and visitors were generally unaware of the existence of the parking garage and were not aware if the garage is publicly accessible. Additionally, there were concerns regarding lighting and visibility due to inadequate lighting conditions.

Ms. Mariano provides Council garage aesthetic options related to signage, murals, outdoor lighting, bollards, planter pots, seat walls, benches and chairs, and various outdoor opportunities.

Council discusses matters related to structural repairs, safety, ongoing maintenance, expenses, and signage.

Structural Engineer Bob Tober from American Structurepoint, advises Council regarding structural repairs, surface protection, impacts of the future usage of EV charging stations, and lifespan of proposed repairs.

Council further discusses proposed aesthetics, lighting concerns, wear and tear of the waterproofing membrane, concrete deterioration, number of parking spaces, and proposed options related to public gathering spaces.

Public Comment

Kathleen Geary urges Council to consider residential parking.

Village Manager Kristin Kazenas confirms that any signage decisions, or aesthetic improvements, would be required to go through the Design Review Board and would also return to the Council for final approval.

Teska Associates advises Council that they would proceed to develop a model and a set of concept plan drawings that would require feedback to move forward with refinements.

Mr. Powers confirms that staff would move forwarding with a bidding process to select a contractor specializing in such repairs and provides an anticipated timeline of the process.

Council provided policy direction to proceed with only the necessary structural repairs. Council will review any proposed aesthetics for further consideration and direction before going to Design Review Board. The process for approval would then remain the same once before Design Review Board, with Village Council to take final action pending Design Review Board recommendation.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session: None.

13) Adjournment. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary