

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2026**

(Approved: June 2, 2026)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Kirk Albinson, Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler, Scott Myers and Bridget Orsic. Absent: None. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Hannah Lipman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, and approximately 4 people in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Village Clerk's Report: Election Results
Village Manager Kristin Kazenas reported the results of the March 17, 2026 Primary Election: Robert Apatoff, Kristina Dalman, and Kimberly Handler, were elected Village Trustees.
- 4) Village Clerk to Administer Oath of Office to Trustee Robert Apatoff, Trustee Kristina Dalman, and Trustee Kimberly Handler
Village Manager Kazenas administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Village officials.
- 5) Quorum.
 - a) May 12, 2026 Special Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Apatoff due to work obligations.
 - b) May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of President Dearborn.
- 6) Presentation
 - a) Presentation by New Trier Township Supervisor Gail Eisenberg
New Trier Township Supervisor Gail Eisenberg addresses Council regarding the implementation of a new strategic plan, community services provided, various initiatives, policy updates, and fiscal transparency.
- 7) Public Comment: None.
- 8) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i. Trustee Myers advises Council regarding Signup Genius, a platform for Council to sign up for the Farmers' Market in an effort to engage with the community.

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

- i. President Dearborn attended the Cook County Forest Preserve environmental presentation, Northshore Counsel Mayors meetings, Chase Bank ribbon cutting event, and the spring town hall caucus meeting.

Additionally, President Dearborn noted that an anonymous email was recently received criticizing the Village, leadership of the Council, and staff. President Dearborn refuted the contents of the email and assures members of the public that the Village Council works diligently and is committed to enhancing the Village through continued growth and success.

9) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

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

10) Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Village Council Minutes
 - i. April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - ii. April 14, 2026 Special Study Session
- b) Approval of Warrant List Dated April 17, 2026 – April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$1,430,526.10.
- c) Ordinance No. M-06-2026: Waive Introduction and Adopt a Final Plat of Subdivision and Granting Variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance (829 and 833 Foxdale Avenue) (Introduction/Adoption)
- d) Resolution No. R-42-2026: Approving Reimbursement to the Village of Kenilworth for Green Bay Road Streetscape Design Services for Phase I Engineering Study (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-48-2026: Approving a License Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC for Installation of Fiber Optic Cable in Village Rights of Way (Adoption)

Trustee Apatoff 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.

11) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a. Ordinance No. M-07-2026: Granting a Special Use Permit for the Operation of an Audiology Medical Office Within the C-2 Commercial Overlay District of the Village (730 Elm Street, Suite 120) (Introduction/Adoption)

At the April 21st Council meeting, Council provided direction requesting that an ordinance approving the special use permit be prepared for an audiology clinic relocating from their existing Northfield location.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance

No. M-07-2026.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-07-2026. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

b. Resolution No. R-46-2026: A Resolution of the Village of Winnetka in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration (Adoption)

Deputy Village Manager Hannah Lipman advises Council that in partnership with the Park District, New Trier Township, Winnetka Northfield Public Library, Historical Society, New Trier District 36 and the Chamber of Commerce, community events have been planned throughout the summer that are America250 themed encouraging civic engagement.

Additionally, Council is advised that on July 3rd, the Village will host the opening of the time capsule, however, details will be provided in the near future.

Council welcomed the Village's new Economic Development Manager, Lauren Parisi, who shared an overview of her experience and conveyed her enthusiasm for serving the community in her new role.

Trustee Albinson, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-46-2026. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, Myers, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

12) New Business. None.

13) Old Business. None.

14) Appointments:

a) Approval of Council Organizational Assignments for 2026 – 2027.

President Dearborn announces the Council Organizational Assignments for 2026 – 2027.

Assignment	2026-2027
President Pro Tem	Rob Apatoff
Council Committees	
<i>Warrants</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	Tina Dalman
Committees by Code	
<i>EFSC</i>	Kim Handler
<i>PC</i>	Bridget Orsic
<i>SWANCC (1)</i>	Bob Dearborn/Designee
<i>SWANCC (2)</i>	Kristin Kazenas/Designee

Other Committees/Assignments	
<i>NWMC (1)</i>	Bob Dearborn
<i>NWMC (2)</i>	Kristin Kazenas
<i>RED Center</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Stormwater Liaisons</i>	Bob Dearborn/Kristin Kazenas
<i>Hubbard Woods Liaisons</i>	Tina Dalman/Rob Apatoff
<i>HPC Liaison</i>	Scott Myers
<i>Post Office Liaisons</i>	Bob Dearborn/Kirk Albinson
<i>WPD Lakefront Liaisons</i>	Rob Apatoff/Bridget Orsic
<i>Community Outreach Liaison</i>	Scott Myers

15) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Acquisition of Property Pursuant to 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property pursuant to 2(c)(5) 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, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

16) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary