MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2026

(Approved: June 16, 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 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

1) Call to Order. President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi, Assistant Water & Electric Director Sam Carrasco and approximately 38 people in the audience.

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

3) Quorum.

   a) June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exemption of President Dearborn and Trustee Handler who will participate remotely.

   b) June 9, 2026 Special Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

   c) June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.

4) Public Comment: None.

5) Reports:

   a) Trustees. No report.

   b) Village Attorney. No report.

   c) Village Manager.

      i. Village Manager Kazenas invites the community to the 99th annual Memorial Day observance parade, encourages those interested to participate in the America 250 events to pick up passports at Village Hall, and notifies members of the community regarding the Winnetka Artisan Market. Additionally, staff has mailed postcards to Village residents requesting feedback on various concepts for the Post Office site.

   d) Village President. No report.

6) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

   Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Myers 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. April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List Dated April 30, 2026 – May 14, 2026 in the amount of $1,206,206.75.

c) Resolution No. R-39-2026: Waiving Bidding and Approving an Employee Lease Agreement with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC for Temporary Staffing Services (Adoption)

d) Resolution No. R-40-2026: Approving the Purchase of Bulk Rock Salt from Morton Salt, Inc. (Adoption)

e) Resolution No. R-45-2026: Waiving Bidding and Awarding a Contract to Superior Industrial Equipment, LLC for the Repair of a Boiler Feed Pump (Adoption)

Trustee Albinson seconded by Trustee Myers, 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. Resolution No. R-37-2026: Approving an Agreement with Valdes Architecture & Engineering for Power Generation Design, Permitting and Engineering Services (Adoption)

As part of the approved electric fund budget, funding has been allocated for engineering services related to power generation design and replacement. Staff anticipates the project to be a five-year project thus needing to begin the engineering and design this calendar year to prepare for machine installation in 2029. Staff issued requests for proposals for professional services and awarded Valdes Architecture & Engineering based on staff criteria.

Water & Electric Director Nick Narhi advises Council regarding the need for generation, vital support provided by generation, long term generation and capacity planning, and the RFP process.

Brandon Bell, Senior Vice President of Operations at Valdes Architecture & Engineering, addresses Council regarding an overview of the company and industry experience, required permits, anticipated project schedule, predicted costs and spending, anticipated project challenges related to emissions and equipment demand, and security of provided power supply.

Council discusses project phases, permitting process, project timeline, and supply and demand related to equipment purchases.

Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-37-2026. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, Myers and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: None.

9) New Business.

a) 225 Sheridan Road – Special Use and Certificate of Appropriateness at Centennial Beach – Council Direction

The Winnetka Park District submitted a request for a special use permit and a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of fencing at Centennial Beach to provide an enclosure allowing off-leash dogs.

Community Development Director Scott Mangum advises Council regarding both proposed plans for dog beach fencing enclosure, various elevations and locations of proposed fencing, and advisory board concerns and recommendations of denials.

Costa Kutulas, Director of Parks and Maintenance for the Park District, addresses Council regarding the alternatives explored, permitting requirements, dog beach operations, fluctuations in beach elevations, and the interim plans being presented.

Shannon Nazzal, Executive Director for the Park District, discusses the Park Districts interactions with Cook County regarding the County's regulations as they relate to the Park District's proposals.

Council reviewed and discussed several aspects of the proposed plans, including dog leash compliance and regulations, public safety considerations for beach users, fencing materials and design, installation timeline, fence elevation and depth specifications, and applicable permitting and regulatory requirements.

Cook County Board Commissioner Scott Britton, on behalf of Cook County, addresses Council regarding the role of Cook County and its regulations related to the ordinance in the animal control act of the County. He has asked county legal counsel for guidance and has not been given a definitive answer.

Public Comment

Kris Schriesheim addresses Council regarding fencing requirements and safety measures, expressing opposition of the proposed plans.

Tom Borders expresses concern regarding the lack of consideration for beach users in the community.

Louise Holland urges Council to engage legal counsel to protect Village land and lakefront.

Linda Welch expresses opposition to the fencing, stating the proposed fencing is unsightly.

Kim Marsh expresses opposition for the proposed fencing and urges Council to consider violation of public fencing.

Irene Smith expresses opposition for the proposed fencing and urges Council to deny the Park District request for fencing.

Peggy Marte, on behalf of Joanna Karatzas, encourages Council to deny the special use permit.

Ann Wilder expresses opposition for the proposed fencing and encourages Council to deny the special use permit.

Phil Enquist encourages Council to prioritize the legacy of protecting public land and encourages Council to reject the special use.

Steve Julius addresses matters related to correspondence between the Park District and representatives of Mr. Ishbia.

Wendy Dury expresses opposition to the fencing and indicates concerns related to the proposed fencing.

Melissa Mizel encourages Council to deny the Park Districts special use request and concerns related to the proposed plans.

Susie Schreiber encourages Council to deny the chain link fence that has been proposed to the Village Council.

Mary Garisson encourages Council to prioritize the wellbeing of the community and deny the special use permit.

Katie Stevens addresses concerns regarding the proposed plans and urges Council to deny the request.

David Stevens addresses Council regarding the interest of the general community and expresses opposition for the proposed plans.

Council discussed concerns raised by advisory boards and members of the community regarding the proposed plans, preservation of community assets and resources, potential impacts of the proposal, and concerns related to the proposed plans.

Trustees make various comments regarding the proposed plans and various related concerns.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to direct the Village Attorney and Village staff to prepare an ordinance denying the special use and certificate of appropriateness requested by the Winnetka Park District. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Albinson, Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: Trustee Myers. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

b) 750 – 752 Green Bay Road Concept Review Planned Development

Community Development Director Scott Mangum presents a planned development concept plan application submitted by Fulton Developers, Inc. for a four-story multi-family residential use planned development consisting of thirteen residential condominium units and twenty-eight underground parking spaces.

Council is provided information regarding the planned development process, comprehensive plan and zoning maps, proposed elevations, parking matters, required permitting, zoning and subdivision relief, and compensating benefits.

Mark Muller, Principal of Fulton Developers, addresses Council regarding the current status of the property, proposed concept plan, matters related to condominium units, underground parking, zoning compliance, and footprint.

Council discusses community impacts related to the density of the proposed planned development, matters related to affordable housing, parking, and zoning compliance.

Public Comment

King Poor expresses Council regarding the proposed development density, increased vehicle traffic, and lack of transparency between the residents and developer.

Michael Bresnahan expresses concerns regarding the scale of the planned development, obstruction of views, and compliance matters related to zoning.

Council encourages the developer to reconsider the density and scale down the planned development, further integrate the aesthetic with the existing neighborhood, and encourages the developer to engage with neighbors regarding the overall proposed planned development.

10) Appointments:

a) Appoint Bob Lind to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission; Bob is replacing Todd Vender, and his term will be effective June 1, 2026 and will expire on May 1, 2031.

b) Appoint Stacy Lucier to the Environmental, Forestry & Sustainability Commission; Stacy is replacing Greg Frezados, and her term will be effective June 1, 2026 and will expire on May 1, 2031.

Trustee Myers seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to appoint the said members to their respective boards as set forth by appointments a and b, by omnibus vote. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11) Closed Session: None.

12) Adjournment. Trustee Orsic, seconded by Trustee Dalman moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary