



Village of Winnetka

Village Council Special Meeting

June 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Village Hall
510 Green Bay Road

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Kim Handler, Scott Myers and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Kirk Albinson. Also present: Deputy Village Manager Hannah Lipman, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Chief Financial Officer Tim Sloth, Police Chief Brian O'Connell, and approximately 47 people in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dearborn led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

No public comment.

4. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Ordinance No. MC-02-2026: Amending Chapter 6.08 of the Winnetka Village Code Authorizing a Limited Public Off Leash Dog Area at Tower Road on Lake Michigan and for Other Purposes of Intergovernmental Cooperation Between the Village and the Winnetka Park District for Dog Areas and Beaches on Lake Michigan (Introduction/Adoption)
- b. Resolution No. R-54-2026: Approving a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Village of Winnetka and the Winnetka Park District (Adoption)
- c. Ordinance No. M-12-2026: Amending the Annual Budget of the Village of Winnetka, County of Cook, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026 (Introduction/Adoption)
- d. Resolution No. R-55-2026: Approving an Addendum to the Security Services Agreement Between the Village and P4 Security Solutions, LLC (Adoption)

President Dearborn advises members of the public regarding a proposed pilot program permitting a temporary dog beach at Tower Road Beach and addresses matters regarding beach ownership, lease agreement terms, and proposed amendments in collaboration with the Park District. Despite discussions, the Village and Park District do not appear to be aligned on the proposed lease

amendments.

Council discussed the history of the Tower Road dog beach concept, discussed the thought behind the Tower Road dog beach concept as a temporary pilot program, and expressed their hesitancy to move forward under present circumstances. Several Council members expressed support for deferring the agenda items, to allow time to further explore a more developed plan, citing ongoing challenges in reaching an agreement with the Park District.

MOTION: Motion to defer items 4a, 4b, 4c, and 4d regarding the Tower Road Beach dog area to provide additional time and opportunity for additional study.

MOVER: Trustee Apatoff

SECONDER: Trustee Handler

AYES: Trustees Apatoff, Handler, Myers, and Orsic

NAYS: Trustee Dalman

ABSENT: Trustee Albinson

The motion was adopted and the four agenda items were deferred.

Public Comment

- Edward Farmer proposes Council reconsider the dog beach and implement a fence on the North side of the beach.
- Christine Casper addresses matters related to fencing at the Centennial dog beach and does not believe that a passive beach serves in the best interest of the community.

5. Closed Session

MOTION: Motion to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property, the sale or lease and related price for Village property, probable, imminent, and pending litigation, and review of closed session minutes pursuant to sections 2(c)(5), 2(c)(6), 2(c)(11), and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act, respectively. Under the motion, when closed session is adjourned, the public meeting will automatically and immediately adjourn without the conduct of any further business or comments.

MOVER: Trustee Orsic

SECONDER: Trustee Handler

AYES: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Handler, Myers, and Orsic

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Albinson

6. Adjournment

The closed session meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary