

MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2022

(Approved: April 5, 2022)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Assistant Village Manager Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Robert Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, and Kim Mancini. Absent: Trustee Swierk. Also present: Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and approximately 5 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff stated that he would be out of the area for business purposes and may request to participate remotely.
 - b) April 12, 2022 Study Session. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff stated that he would be out of the area for business purposes and may request to participate remotely. Trustee Cripe is stated that he will not be present.
 - c) April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustees Apatoff and Dearborn stated that they would be out of the area for business purposes and may request to participate remotely.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i) A public comment was received via email by Allen Welch expressing concerns about a homeowner who reported trespassing on a private beach. Mr. Welch does not believe the complaint was valid. Chief Hornstein, Chief of Police, is in contact with the complainant to address his concerns.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees. None.
 - b) Attorney. None.
 - c) Assistant Village Manager. None.
 - d) Village President.
 - i) President Rintz met with the president of the Audubon society to help obtain a better understanding of the Village's stormwater project in the Forest Preserve property and to address misinformation that is being reported. President Rintz also indicates that he has met with Jim Bernahl, Engineering Director, and with the Army Corps regarding

their permitting on the Forest Preserve and golf course sites, to discuss financial related matters.

e) Music Fest Presentation

Scott Myers informs Council regarding the Music festival layout in Downtown Winnetka and briefs Council regarding the date of the festival, additional stages that will be added, and the performing bands.

Council seeks clarity regarding cleaning of the festival and measures that have been taken to communicate with residents and businesses that will be affected by the festivals foot and vehicular traffic. Mr. Myers confirms that there has been adequate communication to accommodate the residents regarding parking and adhering by the Village noise ordinance.

Trustee Dearborn inquires the festivals COVID protocols. Scott Myers indicates that COVID measures are being monitored and will be followed pending any new guidelines set by Cook County.

President Rintz commends the hard work and commitment that is dedicated to the music fest and expresses his gratitude for the efforts put forth.

f) Winnetka School District 36 Community Outreach Presentation

Winnetka School District 36 Board Secretary, Emily Rose, and Winnetka School District 36 Board President Dawn Livingston, inform Council that over the last three years, they have met with community members, different groups, and attended organizational meetings to pinpoint why the \$90.6 billion referendum failed in 2019, clarify core community values, and discuss funding regarding various types of capital improvements.

Ms. Rose states that after considering essential needs, in order to maintain the Winnetka public schools and maintain excellence in education, a referendum of \$59.4 million is being proposed.

Emily Rose informs Council of the historic timeline to provide a better understanding of the overall referendum and the improvements that have been thoroughly considered to present a referendum that will be successful.

As part of the referendum, Ms. Rose provides a breakdown of the maintenance, repairs and upgrades planned as well as the additions and renovations for the schools, presenting the capital expenditures and proposed spendings.

Trustee Dalman questions the changes with demographics and if enrollment numbers are projected to change. Ms. Rose informs Council that it is not possible to study changes in enrollment due to the pandemic because of instability in numbers. Ms. Livingston states that a demographic study was done, prior to the pandemic, and the predictions have been fairly accurate.

Council seeks information regarding the availability of financial plans regarding the referendum. Emily Rose confirms that they are currently in the proposal phase and once the referendum moves forward, all financial information will be made available to the public.

Trustee Apatoff commends the effort that has been put forth by engaging with community members, and believes that the community as a whole will support the improvements with the Winnetka public schools.

Trustee Cripe expresses his gratitude for the effort and community engagement and believes that that has brought a sense of honest sampling from the residents. Trustee Cripe believes that the referendum is fair in terms of the values that Winnetka seeks to achieve for their schools and is in support of the referendum moving forward. While stating his support, Trustee Cripe indicates the Village Council's stance on being mindful regarding the overall tax rate that will be impacted by the expenses of the referendum, if successful.

President Rintz praises Ms. Livingston on her hard work, leadership, and the immense amount of work she has done in her position and looks forward to working with Ms. Rose as the new Board President.

- 6) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to approve the Agenda. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn and Mancini. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Swierk.

- 7) Consent Agenda

- a) Village Council Minutes.

- i. February 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
 - ii. March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

- b) Approval of Warrant List dated February 22, 2022 – March 7, 2022 in the amount of \$1,002,720.46.
 - c) Approval of Annual Outdoor Seating Permits (Adoption)
 - d) Resolution No. R- 39-2022 – Awarding a Contract to Weg Transformers USA, LLC for a Pad Mount Transformer (Adoption)

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, and Mancini. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Swierk.

- 8) Ordinances and Resolutions:

- a) Resolution No. R-40-2022: Approval of Street Rehab Program (Adoption)

Staff is requesting that the resolution be deferred to a later date, allowing staff to complete additional planning and analysis for the project. President Ritz confirms that consideration of the resolution is deferred and expresses his frustration regarding unfunded mandates by the State of Illinois.

Village Council and Village Attorney Peter Friedman briefly discuss the legislation that was passed by the State.

- 9) Old Business. None.

- 10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments.

- a) Appoint Andy Cripe as the Trustee Liaison to the Environmental & Forestry Commission - his term will expire 5/1/2022. Andy is filling a vacancy from Kim Mancini's resignation.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to appoint Andy Cripe to the Environmental & Forestry Commission to fill a vacancy for Kim Mancini. His term will expire on 5/1/2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, and Mancini. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Swierk.

- 12) Adjournment. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Swierk. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary