

**MINUTES  
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 7, 2022**

(Approved: July 19, 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, June 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Pro Tem Bob Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Tine Dalman, Bob Dearborn, and Kim Mancini. Absent: President Christopher Rintz and John Swierk. Also present: Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Community Development Director David Schoon, Water & Electric Director Brian Keys, Engineering Director Jim Bernahl, Fire Chief John Ripka, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and approximately 47 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
  - a) June 14, 2022 Study Session. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
  - b) June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Life Saving Awards Presentation

Police Chief Marc Hornstein recognizes and presents the Life Saving Award to Officers Dan Timmers, Logan Jernigan, and Firemedic Katie Schmidly for their life saving actions on March 18, 2022, rescuing two drowning teens at the Tower Road pier.
- 5) Public Comment.
  - i) Stephanie Heraty informs Council of a petition created around the Winnetka Park District issue, indicates that the residents are not opposed to Elder and Centennial improvement plan, however, they are opposed to the deviated plans including a steel walls that will restrict shoreline access and lakefront.
  - ii) Randy Winchurch requests a withdrawal of the letter of support on behalf of the Village indicating that the letter is a breaking barrier in trust between Village officials and the Village community.
  - iii) Judy Rau thanks the Council for their service and President Rintz's letter to the Winnetka community. However, Ms. Val indicates that the lack of transparency and altered plans is devolving into a lack of trust and restricting the community of access to the shoreline.
  - iv) Jim Rau commends the elegance of the initial designs, however, indicates that he opposed to the final plans.

- v) Lori Peterson expresses her disappointment in proposed final plans and believes that the steel walls will shed national negative light on the Village and the mistreatment of the shoreline. Ms. Peterson urges Council not to support the plans.
- vi) Paul Constant is concerned regarding the forces of nature, the maintenance of the walls, and urges Council to reconsider their stance on the plans moving forward.
- vii) Chris Ailas reflects on a previous owners request for a privacy screen that was brought before the Village and suggests Council consider a similar approach.
- viii) Elaiza Earls expresses her support regarding the initial plans, however, is opposed to the steel walls indicating that they will restrict the natural beauty of the shoreline.
- ix) Beth Kisha believes that the steel walls will set a bad precedent along the shoreline.
- x) Ron White reflects on historic decisions that the Park District Board has made and indicates that he is opposed to the plans regarding the steel walls.
- xi) Tom Brown believes that the Village Council serves as the community guardians that preserve the history, spirit, and community of Winnetka and believes that the steel walls will provide a cage-like feeling.
- xii) Colleen Root commends the number of community members that have taken a stance against the plans. Ms. Root confirms that as a Park District Board Commissioner, she was astounded by the plans when provided for review and urges Council to consider an ordinance that will regulate the height of walls along the lakefront.
- xiii) Park District Board of Commissioners President Warren James confirms that there is no unwritten agreement only an exchange agreement that is posted for the public to access. While Mr. Warren confirms that there has been extensive negotiations, the Park District Board is seeking the best possible outcome and encourages members of the community to join the Park District meetings.

Trustee Cripe enters the meeting at 7:41 pm.
- xiv) Katie Stevens suggests that due to the proposed changes in the plans, the Park District Board has the ability to terminate the deal and indicates that she is not in favor of the steel walls to be place along the shoreline.
- xv) Irene Smith indicates that she does not believe that the letter sent by President Rintz reflects the support of the Village Council. Ms. Smith believes that the plan sets a terrible precedent and urges Council to preserve and protect the shorelines.
- xvi) John Nickels reflects on the trust that the community has instilled in the Council and commends the vision and unity that is stood for and urges Council to stand up for what the community believes is the right thing.
- xvii) John Ruth suggests that Council review the Village ordinance and jurisdictions related to the matter.
- xviii) Suzy Schriber, former Park District Board Commissioner, believes that there should be a thoughtful and respectful approach to the issue and states that the waters of the great lakes are federal property and financial spendings and grants received have to represent the taxpayers of the United States.

- xix) Vicky Apatoff believes that there has been a lack of transparency between the Park District Board and members of the community, indicating that she is opposed to the plans that were released.
- xx) Warren James invites and urges members of the public to the Park District meeting.
- xxi) Theresa Lucas, owner of Good Grapes, expresses her observations regarding the ongoing Streetscape construction, indicating that she has been frustrated with the progress and the revenue loss experienced in combination with Village wide events. Ms. Lucas suggests that Council dedicate a day to chestnut court businesses to celebrate the completion of the project and requests the closure of chestnut court on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Village Trustees confirm their individual letters of submissions to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Army Corps of Engineers stating their opposition to the revised plans proposing steel walls.

6) Reports:

a) Trustees.

- i) Trustee Mancini states that the Plan Commission met in preparation for their presentation of the progress on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Village Council.
- ii) Trustee Apatoff commends the success and vibrancy of opening day at the Farmers Market and thanks the Garden Guild of Winnetka for the beautiful preparation of flowers.
- iii) Trustee Cripe commends the Memorial Day parade.

b) Attorney. None.

c) Village Manager. None.

d) Village President. None.

7) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Mancini, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Consent Agenda

a) Village Council Minutes.

- i. May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting
- ii. May 10, 2022 Study Session
- iii. May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

b) Approval of Warrant List dated May 3, 2022 – May 16, 2022 in the amount of \$1,409,498.87.

a) Resolution No. R-67-2022 – Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of New Trier Township High District No. 203 (Adoption)

b) Resolution No. R-68-2022 – Approving an Outdoor Dining Agreement with Good Grapes LLC (Adoption)

c) Resolution No. R-70-2022 – Liquor License Lakeside Foods (Adoption)

- d) Resolution No. R-72-2022 – Approving a Change Order to a Contract with Northern Divers USA Inc. (Adoption)
- e) Resolution No. R-76-2022 – Advanced Metering Consulting Services (Adoption)
- f) Resolution No. R-77-2022 – Approving an Outdoor Dining Agreement with Paradise Food Italia LLC D/B/A Tocco (Adoption)

Consideration of Resolution No. R-73-2022: MOA Winnetka Park District Cherry Street Beach Security Monitoring Agreement is deferred to a future date.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Mancini, 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.

9) Ordinances and Resolutions:

- a) Resolution No. R-65-2022: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of Line Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. (Adoption)

Water and Electric Director Brian Keys informs Council that due to the extended manufacturing lead times and disruption of supply chain issues for line trucks, Village staff is recommending approval to award a contract to proceed with the purchase of a line truck. Village staff is anticipating a delivery date in early 2025.

Trustee Cripe commends the forward thinking of Village staff to accommodate budgeting and supplies for the Water and Electric Department.

Council deliberates future plans regarding the line truck, cost fluctuations, and compatibility regarding the bidding process.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Mancini, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-65-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, and Mancini. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Swierk.

- b) Resolution No. R-71-2022: Streetscape Phase 5 Design (Adoption)

Consideration of Resolution No. R-71-2022 is deferred to the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Teresa Lucas suggest that Council increases communication regarding the streetscape planning with West Elm Business owners.

10) Old Business. None.

11) New Business. None.

11) Appointments. None.

- 12) Adjournment. Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, and Mancini. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee John Swierk. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk  
Recording Secretary