

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2022**

(Approved: August 2, 2022)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Robert Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, Kim Mancini, and John Swierk Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Interim Executive Assistant Stephanie Wells, Finance Director Tim Sloth, Director of Engineering Jim Bernahl, Police Chief Marc Hornstein and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Rintz led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) July 12, 2022 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff stated he will not be in attendance.
 - b) July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Apatoff stated he will not be in attendance.
 - c) August 2, 2022 All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Dalman stated she will not be in attendance.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - a) Scott Myers thanks Village staff for their assistance with the Winnetka Music Fest.
 - b) Warren James informs council of the rescinded request regarding the Elder/Centennial plan. Mr. James invites members of the community to the upcoming workshop session on Monday, July 18th and the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, July 21st for the Winnetka Park District Board.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Dearborn states that Village staff and members of the Lakota Group met to walk the Green Bay Trail and discuss what the next steps will be regarding a draft report for upcoming renovations.
 - ii) Trustee Apatoff commends Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas for exceptional work as acting Village Manager.
 - iii) Trustee Dalman questions if there has been an update from Metra on the Hubbard Woods Station. Village Manager Bahan confirms that the Village is currently waiting for Metra to submit final plans for the zoning process.
 - b) Attorney. None.

- c) Manager. None.
- d) Village President. None.
- 6) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Resolution No. R-73-2022: MOA Winnetka Park District - Cherry Street Beach Security Monitoring Agreement (Adoption)

Chief of Police Marc Hornstein informs Council that residents have expressed ongoing concerns at Cherry Street Beach such as trespassing, littering, unsafe activities. After evaluating the situation and working with the Winnetka Park District, it has been suggested that a memorandum of agreement be implemented. Chief Hornstein confirms that this has been an effective measure that has reduced the number of calls due to concerns of activity at the lakefront access area.

Trustee Dearborn questions the procedure for conflicts that may arise for Park District employees on duty and the involvement of the Police Department. Chief Hornstein confirms that officers will be sent to the scene.

Council discusses signage and overall access to Cherry Street Beach throughout the year.

Park District Executive Director John Peterson commends the Park District and Village staff for their work.

Trustee Mancini, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-73-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe.

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

Engineering Director Jim Bernahl states that with the successful completion of Phase I, II, III, & IV Streetscape Improvements in the Elm Street Business District, the next phase of Streetscape Improvements will occur within the East Elm District on Elm Street between Lincoln Avenue and Maple Street. Jim Bernahl indicates that the replacement of an existing water main that needs to be upsized is the primary cause for the project and provides an overview of the design scopes, proposed hardscape and landscaping, signage, and aesthetic of the overall Streetscape Design. Mr Bernahl also indicates the engagement between Village staff and private utility companies, contract documents, cost estimates, and regulatory permitting with the Illinois Environmental and Protection Agency.

Council discusses the fee comparison with the West Elm Business District and the familiarity that the Ciorba Associates has with the Village streetscape projects given their previous work in the Village. Trustee Dearborn suggests that Village staff provide a historical breakdown of fees for the previous Streetscape projects for the consulting aspect with Ciorba Associates.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Mancini, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-71-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe.

c) Resolution No. R-74-2022: Award Contract - North of Willow Road Stormwater Project (Adoption)

Director of Engineering Jim Bernahl states the Village has reached a milestone with providing a critical long term permanent solution to the management of stormwater within the Village from when it had adopted the stormwater alternative study for western and southwestern Winnetka in 2016.

Mr. Bernahl informs Council of the project elements regarding the placement of the largest above ground storage tanks located at the Skokie Playfields, the placement of the below ground components located at Duke Childs/Little Duke Field, and the intergovernmental agreements between the Winnetka Park District and New Trier High School.

Mr. Bernahl reviews the upcoming bid summary, identified cost reductions, and the contract costs that would be covered by the Winnetka Park District.

Finance Director Tim Sloth provides an itemized breakdown of current cost estimates of the total stormwater project summary including the analysis by Village staff for the different metrics that were considered regarding project costs. Mr. Sloth also reviews the escalated costs of the project, costs related to the John DiMeo Brothers, Inc. contract, committed spendings and what the Village has spent to date, and sources of funding. Tim Sloth confirms that should the Winnetka Park District elect to move forward with alternatives, the cost of those alternatives will be covered fully by Park District.

Council discusses various aspects of the project: DiMeo Brothers, Inc qualifications, escalation calculations tied to the CPI, the overall budgeting and cost components, and additional funding for cost fluctuations. Additionally, Council discusses opportunities to lower costs and grant opportunities.

Trustee Apatoff commends the vision but believes that it is critical to stay true to what is conveyed to the residents.

Trustee Dearborn suggests that information regarding the project be communicated via the Winnetka Report.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-74-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe.

d) Resolution No. R-75-2022: Construction Engineering Contract for North of Willow Road Stormwater Project (Adoption).

Director of Engineering Jim Bernahl states that the contract with Strand Associates is to perform the construction observation services for the North of Willow Road Stormwater Project. Due to the size and complexity of the project, as well as limited staff, staff is suggesting utilizing a qualified consulting firm to assist and oversee the scope of the project. The consulting firm will assist in coordinating activities, reaching project milestones, meeting schedule deadlines, and project communications.

Jim Bernahl states that he is confident that the engineering design team from Strand Associates will be beneficial due to their approach and experience level.

Trustee Mancini questions liability issues regarding Strand Associates due to the amount of oversight on the project. Village Attorney Peter Friedman confirms that the contract is an extension of the professional services agreement that the Village entered into in 2017 with Strand Associates and includes all of the standard indemnifications.

Council discusses budget funding matters, accountability regarding project conflicts and fees, and the cost breakdown regarding the project.

Trustee Mancini, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-75-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe.

e) Resolution No. R-78-2022: Stormwater Engineering Contract for Conveyance (Adoption).

Director of Engineering Jim Bernahl states that in order to begin construction in the projected years for the West and Southwest Winnetka Stormwater Management Conveyance projects, the Village will need to begin the design and permitting for these next phases of stormwater projects.

Staff is currently finalizing the engineering designs prior to obtaining the necessary permits needed, seeking grant funding, and preparation of bidding documents.

Jim Bernahl informs Council of the remaining conveyance projects and the estimated cost savings to advance design as one project versus in phases.

Council discusses project cost spendings and savings, overall budget matters, design documents, and the bidding process with contractors.

Public Comment.

Tom Brown commends the cost savings but indicates that it is not hardwired in the project costs. Mr. Brown questions what will happen if the savings are not realized.

President Rintz explained that the project budget is balanced, and the project level tracking spreadsheet will be updated to track all costs for the five year Stormwater project.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-78-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Mancini, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Andy Cripe.

7) Old Business. None.

8) New Business. None.

9) Appointments: None.

10) Closed Session. None.

- 11) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Mancini, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary