

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 2022**

(Approved: xx)

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, October 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Pro Tem Andy Cripe called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Village Manager Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Andy Cripe, Tina Dalman, Robert Dearborn, Kim Handler, and John Swierk. Absent: President Chris Rintz. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Ben Schuster, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Community Development Director David Schoon, Water & Electric Director Brian Keys, Assistant Village Engineer Emily Grimm, and approximately 15 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Apatoff led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) October 11, 2022 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend. Trustee Dalman stated that she will not be in attendance.
 - b) October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) October 28, 2022 Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
- 4) Public Comment.
 - i) Mary Garrison indicates her concerns regarding the proposals for upgrading Elder Beach.
 - ii) Susie Schwiber briefs Council on the history of Winnetka's shoreline and urges Council to work cooperatively with the Park District and work together to achieve the goals listed in the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan.
 - iii) John Root indicates his concerns regarding the design for relocation of the stormwater Pipe at Elder Beach.
 - iv) Mike Games expresses his concerns regarding the incident that occurred at Dwyer Park on September 23, 2022. Trustee Cripe assures that the Winnetka Police Department and members of Council prioritize the safety of the community.
 - v) Irene Smith encourages Council to consider working with the Park District regarding the planning Elder and Centennial Beach.
 - vi) Warren James, President of the Park District, confirms that the Board has worked thoroughly with staff and the community to develop the Lakefront Master Plan.

- vii) Katie Stevens encourages Council to jointly work with the Park District to develop a project that will meet the communities needs regarding the proposed plans at the lakefront.

5) Reports:

a) Winnetka School District 36 Presentation

Winnetka School District 36 President Emily Rose, Vice President Dan Waters, and Superintendent of Schools Kelly Tess present the 2022 Referendum.

Kelly Tess provides information regarding the Superintendent and Caucus Surveys, assessment data including changes within the school system, goals towards the overall curriculum, and the upcoming presentations to the Board for the District improvement plan, school improvement plan and strategic plan.

District 36 President Emily Rose informs Council regarding the need for the referendum, not only to support the way that improved education is delivered, but to also provide overall updated schools that can be utilized by the students. Emily Rose presents the improved changes from the 2019 Referendum compared to the 2022 proposed Referendum, projected total project costs including health and safety improvements, critical repairs, and priority additions and renovations.

Dan Waters briefs Council regarding financial matters pertaining to the 2022 Downsized Capital Plan included costs covered by the School District and the decrease of taxpayer contributions. Dan Waters presents the individual school improvements including new classrooms, building updates, and the infrastructure improvements to the buildings, and the proposed construction and renovation timeline.

Trustee Swierk enters meeting at 7:59 pm

Emily Rose confirms the working partnership between the Winnetka Park District and encourages the community to vote and work towards making positive changes within the community.

Council discusses financial matters related to the referendum, contributions by the taxing bodies and taxpayers within the Village, and the overall improvements that the referendum will have to not only the educational system and schools, but to teachers and the community as a whole.

Members of Council commend the rescale of the referendum.

b) Trustees.

- i) Trustee Dearborn commends the work of the volunteer group for the Green Bay Trail.

c) Attorney. None.

d) Manager. None.

e) Village President. None.

6) Approval of the Agenda.

- a) President Pro Tem Andy Cripe states that there was a clerical error on the agenda for Resolution No. R-103-2022. The contract is for the purchase of three transformers, not two transformers. A revised Resolution noting the correct quantity has been provided. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.

7) Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Warrant List dated September 16, 2022 – September 29, 2022 in the amount of \$1,942,829.18.
- a) Resolution No. R-103-2022: Rejecting all Bids, Waiving Bidding Requirements and Awarding a Contract to Resco for Three 75 kVA Pad Mount Transformers (Adoption)
- b) Resolution No. R-104-2022: Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Design - Strand Change Order (Adoption)

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Ordinances and Resolutions. None.

- a) Ordinance No. M-12-2022: 644 Pine Lane - Variation (Introduction)

Community Development Director David Schoon presents the proposed request for the approval of a variation to allow garage space on the Subject Property to exceed the maximum permitted garage capacity of four vehicles in the R-2 Single Family Residential District. The variation request was granted approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the request by a vote of 4-2.

Council discusses the limitation of the number of cars permitted on the property, concerns regarding Village Code, and variation circumstances assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The applicant indicates his interest in preserving the façade of the property and the overall intent of the proposed coach house.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to introduce Ordinance No. M-12-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- b) Ordinance No. M-13-2022: 1122 Gage - Variations (Introduction/Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon informs Council of the variation requests to allow front yard setback and rear yard setback in order to allow construction of an addition to the existing residence on the subject property.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to waive introduction Ordinance No. M-13-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-13-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Cripe, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

c) Resolution No. R-79-2022: Approving A Contract With The Progress Group, Inc. For Services Related To The Repair Of The Unit #4 Rotor And Generator (Adoption)

Water & Electric Director Brian Keys informs Council of Generator #4, a 1953 Westinghouse unit, experiencing electrical failure. Village staff has issued a request for proposal for the repair services associated with the repair of the rotor, suggesting awarding a contract to the Progress Group to determine the extent of the required repairs.

Brian Keys confirms while the full extent of the repair will not be known until the rotor is disassembled, however, Council may consider various options regarding the repair of the rotor.

Village Council discusses financial matters related to budget costs and repair costs, reimbursements pertaining to the rotor repair, contract terms, and concerns regarding the discovery of unplanned repairs for the rotor due to its lengthy lifespan.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-79-2022 and provide authority to repair the rotor at a total cost not to exceed \$528,800. By roll call vote, the motion carried Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Cripe, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

d) Resolution No. R-105-2022: Purchase of Property MWRD Grant (Adoption)

Assistant Village Engineer Emily Grimm states that as part of the Crow Island Stormwater Project, the Village was approved for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program granting the Village \$900,000 to purchase the property along Sunset Road that would be directly affected by the construction of the project.

Emily Grimm briefs Council regarding the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program financial matters, construction plans, and an intergovernmental agreement that must be established between the Village and the MWRD and its stipulations.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-105-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Cripe, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments: None.

12) Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act and to adjourn the Open Meeting automatically and immediately upon the conclusion of the Closed Session without the conduct of any further business or comments. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Cripe, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 9:31 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary