

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2022**

(Approved: December 6, 2022)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Police Department on Tuesday, November 15, 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, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Assistant Village Engineer Emily Grimm, Police Chief Marc Hornstein, Finance Director Tim Sloth, and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Apatoff led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend with the exception of Trustee Dalman who stated that she will not be in attendance.
 - b) December 13, 2022 Study Session All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.
 - c) December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting All of the Council members present said they expect to attend.Trustee Handler enters 7:03pm.
- 4) Public Comment. None.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Trustees.
 - i) Trustee Apatoff commends the work of Village staff and the Women's Night Out event at Towne & Oak.
 - ii) Trustee Handler commends Economic Development Coordinator Liz Dechant and the Chamber of Commerce for their work and believes that the Women's Night Out at Towne & Oak was a wonderful event.
 - iii) Trustee Cripe attended the Environmental and Forestry Commission meeting, where Lakeshore Recycling led a presentation and Q&A session.
 - b) Attorney. None.

- c) Manager.
 - i) Village Manager Rob Bahan confirms that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County approved the Stormwater Project Intergovernmental Agreement.
- d) Village President. None.
- 6) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Swierk, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 7) Consent Agenda
 - a) Village Council Minutes.
 - i. October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - ii. November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - b) Approval of Warrant List dated October 28, 2022 – November 10, 2022 in the amount of \$2,451,964.50.
 - c) Village Council Meeting Schedule for 2023
 - d) Ordinance No. M-14-2022: Bertling Lane, Hill Road, and Woodland Avenue Pathway Vacation (Adoption)
 - e) Resolution No. R-102-2022: Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of a Derrick Truck from Altec Industries, Inc (Adoption)
 - f) Resolution No. R-109-2022: Authorizing to Use Motor Tax Fuel Funds (Adoption)
 - g) Resolution No. R-110-2022: Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (Adoption)
 - h) Resolution No. R-111-2022: Safebuilt Contract Renewal (Adoption)

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, 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, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.
- 8) Ordinances and Resolutions.
 - a) Public Hearing – FY 2023 Village Budget

President Pro Tem Cripe opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

Finance Director Tim Sloth confirms that the Village Budget must be adopted before the commencement of the fiscal year and will be posted on the Village website and available at the Library and Village Hall. The public hearing notice was advertised in the December 3rd edition of the Winnetka Talk.

During the October 28th Village Council Budget Review meeting, Council made several expenditure adjustments avoiding an increase in the property tax levy for the ninth consecutive year. Tim Sloth confirms that the Village Budget is balanced and operating expenditures are fully funded by operating revenues, confirming there is no reliance on fund balance or one-time revenue resources.

No public comment.

President Pro Tem Cripe closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 PM.

Council commends Village staff on their work on the FY 2023 Village budget.

- i. Resolution No. R-115-2022: Village Budget Resolution (Public Hearing and Introduction)
Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Resolution No. R-115-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.
 - ii. Resolution No. R-116-2022: General Fees (Introduction)
Finance Director Tim Sloth confirms there are no changes in fees to existing services provided for Village residents and incorporated businesses.
Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Resolution No. R-116-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.
 - iii. Resolution No. R-117-2022: Utility Rate & Fees (Introduction)
Finance Director Tim Sloth indicates the rate increases of the electric, water, and refuse utilities. There are no additional proposed rate increases for other utility funds.
Council discusses projected utility rates related to water main and lead service line replacements, rate studies, and grant funding opportunities.
Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Resolution No. R-117-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- b) Property Tax Levy and Abatement Ordinances
- i. Ordinance No. M-15-2022: 2022 Tax Levy (Introduction)
Finance Director Tim Sloth indicates the total property tax levy proposed is \$15,309,260, confirming that the Village portion of a typical homeowners' property tax bill will remain unchanged. Proceeds from property taxes account for over 50% of the General Fund and contribute to both of the Village's Public Safety Funds.
Tim Sloth confirms that the Village continues to adhere and exceed the requirements of the property tax cap.
Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to introduce Ordinance No. M-15-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.
 - ii. Ordinance No. M-16-2022: 2022 Tax Abatement GO Refunding Bonds – Series 2020 (Introduction)
Finance Director Tim Sloth confirms that the Village is abating the property tax for the 6.0 Refunding Bonds – Series 2020.
Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Ordinance No. M-16-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- c) Ordinance No. MC-01-2022: Update Unincorporated Areas Fire Service Fees (Introduction)
Finance Director Tim Sloth confirms that the Village provides Fire services for the unincorporated areas of Woodley Road and Indian Hill Road. A monthly service fee is

charged as part of the resident's monthly water bill. Mr. Sloth confirms that the fee will be increased from \$1311.64 To \$1377.22, or 5%, annually.

Trustee Dalman, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Resolution No. MC-01-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.

d) Ordinance No. MC-03-2022: Liquor Code Update (Introduction)

Police Chief Marc Hornstein confirms Brittany's Butters & Gourmet Bakery is interested in a Class A-4 liquor license in order to serve wine to customers during reservation only cooking demonstrations.

The Village Attorney has prepared a proposed amendment to update the liquor license class allowing bakeries to obtain such a license.

Council discusses hours of operation and various business models that may apply for the Class A liquor license.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Apatoff, moved to introduce Ordinance MC-03-2022. By voice vote, the motion carried.

e) Resolution No. R-69-2022: 1205 Sunset Contract for Purchase (Adoption)

Assistant Village Engineer Emily Grimm confirms that Village presented a formal offer to the homeowners at 1205 Sunset and have prepared a final contract acceptable to both parties. Ms. Grimm briefs Council on the contract terms including a leaseback to the homeowners until June 2023. The Village's plans to demolish the property to continue work as part of the Crow Island Stormwater Project.

Council discusses MWRD grant related matters, leaseback terms, and insurance policy measures.

While unable to attend the Council meeting, President Rintz extended his personal thanks to the Crones family.

Trustee Swierk, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-69-2022. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustee Apatoff, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, 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 Act and Personnel Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings.

Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Dalman, 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, Cripe, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Swierk. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at 7:41 p.m.

13) Adjournment. The Closed Session meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary