

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2015**

(Approved: December 1, 2015)

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Village Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Greable called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: Trustees Andrew Cripe, Carol Fessler, William Krucks, Stuart McCrary, Scott Myers and Marilyn Prodromos. Absent: None. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant to the Village Manager Megan Pierce, Village Attorney Peter M. Friedman, Finance Director Tim Sloth, Financial Services Coordinator Nick Mostardo, Public Works Director Steve Saunders, and approximately 3 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Greable led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - b) December 8, 2015 Study Session. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - c) December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 5) Consent Agenda
 - a) Village Council Minutes.
 - i) October 13, 2015 Study Session.
 - ii) October 19, 2015 Budget Meeting.
 - iii) October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting.
 - iv) October 27, 2015 Budget Meeting.
 - v) October 29, 2015 Budget Meeting.
 - b) Warrant List. Approving the Warrant Lists dated October 16-29 and October 30-November 12, 2015.
 - c) Resolution No. R-33-2015: Stormwater Utility Fee Partnership Credit for Lloyd Park - 799 Sheridan Road – Adoption. A Resolution granting a partnership credit to the Winnetka Park District for 21.0 ERU at Lloyd Park (799 Sheridan Road), for an annual amount of \$5,501.16 based on the current ERU rate.

- d) Public Safety Pension Report. A report on the health and performance of the Police and Fire Pension plans mandated by State Statute.
- e) B-Max Inc., Change Order for Directional Boring Services. An authorization for the Village Manager to issue a change order to B-Max Inc. in the amount of \$499,000 for directional boring services through May 31, 2016.

Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, Krucks, McCrary, Myers and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- 6) Stormwater Monthly Summary Report. Mr. Saunders said the number of active stormwater projects is dwindling, and the Northwest Project is expected to close out by the end of the year. The Village has been reimbursed for half of the \$2 million in funding coming from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; in addition, the final cost accounting for the project is expected to come in slightly below cost estimates.

Mr. Saunders reported that Strand Associates has been evaluating previous stormwater studies and modeling for southern and western Winnetka. Since most of the open space west of the Village is owned by other public agencies, meetings with these stakeholders have been scheduled for purposes of exploring areas where goals for these open spaces might overlap with in a mutually beneficial way.

- 7) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Public Hearing: 2016 Village Budget

- i) Resolution No. R-34-2015: Village Budget for 2016 Fiscal Year – Introduction.

President Greable opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Sloth said the 2016 Budget totals \$66.27 million, with \$55.6 million being expended for operating expenses. He explained it is a conservative, balanced budget, with operating revenues funding the operating expenses. The Capital portion of \$8.67 million will pay for roadway, storm sewer, and facility improvements, as well as upgrades to the water and electric facilities. He noted the 2016 Budget holds the line on property taxes, increases rates slightly for water, electric and sanitary sewer; however all other fees and taxes will remain unchanged.

There being no public comment or questions, President Greable closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Sloth clarified that the Village's portion of the overall property tax bill is 13%. Other local taxing bodies include the park district, library, township and schools, and those agencies could conceivably increase their tax levies. He also explained that the Village's fund balance policy is intended to provide cash flow in the event of emergency or other unforeseen event.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to introduce Resolution R-34-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

b) Updated Fee and Rate Resolutions. Mr. Sloth explained the next four following resolutions reflect the rate adjustments he reviewed during the preceding public hearing. President Greable said the rate resolutions would be introduced with one motion.

- i) Resolution No. R-35-2015: Water Rates – Introduction.
- ii) Resolution No. R-36-2015: Electric Rates – Introduction.
- iii) Resolution No. R-37-2015: Sanitary Sewer Rates – Introduction.
- iv) Resolution No. R-38-2015: Refuse Rates – Introduction.
- v) Resolution No. R-39-2015: Stormwater Rates – Introduction.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to introduce Resolutions R-35-2015, R-36-2015, R-37-2015, R-38-2015, and R-39-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

President Greable explained that the next three Resolutions are not typically introduced with the rate resolutions; however, they are placed on the agenda for possible discussion prior to being scheduled for adoption. Even though no substantive changes were made to any of the three preceding resolutions, they are published every year to provide ease of reference.

- vi) Resolution No. R-40-2015: General Permit & License Fees (Information Only).
- vii) Resolution No. R-41-2015: Building, Zoning & Construction Fees (Information Only).
- viii) Resolution No. R-42-2015: Fire Service Fees (Information Only).

c) Property Tax Levy and Abatement Ordinances. Mr. Sloth said the 2015 tax levy is \$14.42 million, and accounts for over 50% of the General Fund, which funds all core services and functions. Since 2004, the Village has been under the State tax caps, even though not technically required to do so since Home Rule was adopted. The levies of SSAs 3, 4, and 5 were used for roadway improvements in those areas, and are paid by special districts that were created at the time of the improvements. The Abatement ordinances relate to the General Obligation bonds, which were issued tying them to the tax levy in order to get favorable interest rates. However, the debt service on these bonds is paid for out of the Stormwater Utility fund.

- i) Ordinance No. M-19-2015: 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance – Introduction.

Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee McCrary, moved to introduce Ordinance M-19-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- ii) Ordinance No. M-20-2015: SSA #3 Tax Levy Ordinance – Introduction.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Fessler, moved to introduce Ordinance M-20-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- iii) Ordinance No. M-21-2015: SSA #4 Tax Levy Ordinance – Introduction.

Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to introduce Ordinance M-21-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

iv) Ordinance No. M-22-2015: SSA #5 Tax Levy Ordinance – Introduction.

Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee McCrary, moved to introduce Ordinance M-22-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

v) Ordinance No. M-23-2015: 2015 Tax Abatement Ordinance (2013 - \$9.0 Million Bond Issue) – Introduction.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Myers, moved to introduce Ordinance M-23-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

vi) Ordinance No. M-24-2015: 2015 Tax Abatement Ordinance (2014 - \$7.5 Million Bond Issue) – Introduction.

Trustee Prodromos, seconded by Trustee Fessler, moved to introduce Ordinance M-24-2015. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Public Comment. None.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business.

- a) Proclamation Recognizing Small Business Saturday. Manager Bahan explained that Small Business Saturday is becoming a reliable tool to drive customers to small and local businesses during the holiday shopping season. He said the Village is supporting its businesses by promoting the event with a multi-media advertising campaign, with radio and print ads, as well as a promotional video for the Village’s Facebook page and website.

Trustee Fessler said Small Business Saturday is a fun event, and she encouraged the community to support local retailers with their shopping dollars.

Trustee Prodromos, seconded by Trustee Fessler, moved to support November 28, a day nationally designated as Small Business Saturday. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, Krucks, McCrary, Myers and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: None.

11) Appointments. None.

12) Reports.

- a) Village President. President Greable said the Downtown Master Plan (DMP) workshop on Monday was a success, and he reminded residents there is a DMP Steering Committee meeting on Monday, November 30 at Village Hall.

b) Trustees.

- i) Trustee Prodromos encouraged the community to shop locally on Small Business Saturday, adding that for every \$100 spent in Winnetka, about \$68 stays in the Village. She also reported on the most recent Chamber meeting.
- ii) Trustee Myers reported on the last Environmental & Forestry Commission meeting.
- iii) Trustee Fessler reported on the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, where the One Winnetka planned development was discussed. She added that she is near the end of

her series of articles about Winnetka's history in commemoration of Winnetka's 100th anniversary of adopting the Council-Manager form of government in the Village.

c) Attorney. None.

d) Manager. None.

13) Executive Session. None.

14) Adjournment. Trustee Prodromos, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Deputy Clerk