

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2016**

(Approved: February 2, 2016)

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, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Greable called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present: Trustees Andrew Cripe, William Krucks, Stuart McCrary, and Marilyn Prodromos. Absent: Trustees Carol Fessler and Scott Myers. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant to the Village Manager Megan Pierce, Village Attorney Peter M. Friedman, Public Works Director Steve Saunders, Director of Community Development Mike D'Onofrio, and approximately 7 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Greable led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - b) February 9, 2016 Study Session. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - c) February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda. Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Krucks, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 5) Consent Agenda
 - a) Village Council Minutes.
 - i) January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 - b) Warrant List. Approving the Warrant List dated December 31, 2015 – January 14, 2016 in the amount of \$1,011,423.77.
 - c) Ordinance No. M-2-2016: Authorizing the Disposition of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Winnetka. Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the disposition of surplus Village property.

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

6) Stormwater Monthly Summary Report. Mr. Saunders said Strand Associates, the Village’s non-tunnel stormwater solutions consultant, will host a set of public workshops Thursday evening and Saturday morning. He explained there are no further updates this month.

7) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Public Hearing: Zoning Amendments.

i) Ordinance No. MC-1-2016 – Proposed Modifications to Zoning Ordinance: Semi-Permeable Surfaces: Public Hearing and Introduction. President Greable opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Saunders reviewed current regulations for permeable, semi-permeable and impermeable surfaces. He explained that requirements for impermeable and permeable surfaces are the same for the Zoning Ordinance, Engineering Guidelines, Stormwater Utility and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District’s (MWRD) Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). However, provisions for dealing with semi-permeable surfaces such as pavers and gravel can vary, and the Village desires to bring these regulations into conformity across the board, to reduce confusion and to simplify zoning calculations and engineering reviews.

Mr. Saunders explained that Staff is proposing to amend the definition of impermeable surface so that any patios, driveways, and sidewalks are considered impermeable for Zoning, Stormwater Utility and Engineering Guidelines. Surfaces that are designed and engineered to be permeable are treated as 75% permeable in the WMO, and Staff recommends following the MWRD’s lead. He noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals discussed the recommendation at its December, 2015 meeting, and concurred with the recommendation.

Trustee Cripe suggested a slight change in the wording to allow for the possibility that a design permeable surface could be 100% permeable, in order avoid reducing the incentive for a homeowner to implement these systems.

Mr. Saunders explained that would pit the Village’s regulations against the WMO; he suggested the appeals provision in the Stormwater Utility Ordinance could be used to provide relief in the case a 100% permeable surface was designed. He suggested removing the words “compacted gravel” from the definition of “impermeable surfaces” on page 23 of the Agenda Packet, and to treat driveways and sidewalks as impermeable.

After a few more questions, President Greable called for audience comment.

Two Boy Scouts in the audience asked how the Village would inform people about the changes, and how homeowners would be affected.

Mr. Saunders explained the Village would publicize the amendments on the Village website and email newsletter, and the building permit process would be changed so applicants would know when they apply for one. He noted the only homeowners that will be affected by the changes are those with gravel or paver driveways; however, their uses will remain legal nonconforming under the proposed ordinance.

President Greable closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Saunders said he would bring back an amended Ordinance for the Council's approval.

Trustee Krucks, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to introduce Ordinance MC-1-2016, as amended. By voice vote, the motion carried.

8) Public Comment.

Luke, from the Boy Scout Troop. Luke asked if the stormwater drains go straight into the Lake and how it could be filtered.

Mr. Saunders said all the towns along the Lakefront face this problem and there are no stormwater outlets that treat stormwater going into the Lake. He explained that the ground is a natural filter and reduces runoff and pollution, so the most effective thing to do is clean up after dogs, avoid harsh soaps when washing cars and don't use fertilizer on lawns. He added that the Village also tries to minimize the salt it uses on the roads.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business. None.

11) Appointments. None.

12) Reports.

a) Village President. President Greable invited the community to participate in the upcoming public workshops hosted by Strand Associates, the Village's Stormwater Alternatives Study consultant.

b) Trustees.

i) Trustee Prodromos reported on the first Chamber meeting of the new year, adding that more than 17 new businesses opened in Winnetka last year.

c) Attorney. None.

d) Manager. None.

13) Executive Session. Trustee Cripe moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending, probable or imminent litigation and Executive Session minutes, pursuant to Sections 2c(11) and 2c(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Prodromos seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, McCrary, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Fessler and Myers.

President Greable announced that the Council would not return to the open meeting after Executive Session. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

14) Adjournment. Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Krucks, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Deputy Clerk