

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2016**

(Approved: April 5, 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 Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Greable called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees Andrew Cripe, Carol Fessler, William Krucks, Stuart McCrary, and Marilyn Prodromos. Absent: Trustee Scott Myers. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant to the Village Manager Megan Pierce, Village Attorney Peter M. Friedman, Community Development Director Mike D'Onofrio, Water & Electric Director Brian Keys, Public Works Director Steve Saunders, and approximately 15 persons in the audience.

President Greable congratulated the newly elected trustees Kristin Ziv, Chris Rintz and Penny Lanphier, adding that he looks forward to working with them. President Greable also acknowledged outgoing Trustees Fessler and Prodromos as outstanding professionals who will hopefully stay involved with the community.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Greable led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated they expect to attend.
 - b) April 12, 2016 Study Session. President Greable announced the April 12 Study Session has been cancelled; the final Strand Stormwater Alternatives Study workshop will be held in its place. Village Manager Robert Bahan noted the workshop starts at 7:00 p.m. at Washburn School Theater.
 - c) April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated they expect to attend.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda. President Greable announced he would advance discussion of Agenda Item 10(a): One Winnetka Planned Development, to take place at this time. The developer has requested this item be deferred to April 5, 2016.

Trustee Fessler seconded by Trustee Krucks, moved to defer consideration of the preliminary One Winnetka Planned Development application until the April 5, 2016 Regular Council meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, Krucks, McCrary, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Myers.

- 5) Consent Agenda. President Greable announced that Item 5(d) would be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed at a future date.

Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Krucks, moved to approve the Agenda as amended. By voice vote, the motion carried.

- a) Village Council Minutes.
 - i) March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.

- b) Warrant List. Approving the Warrant List dated February 26 – March 10, 2016 in the amount of \$295,795.55.
- c) Resolution No. R-10-2016: Approving 2015-2018 Agreement between the Village of Winnetka and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 54 (Adoption). A Resolution approving an agreement between the Village of Winnetka and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police.
- d) Resolution No. R-12-2016: Amendment to Rules Regarding Public Comment (Adoption). As noted at Item 4, this item was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion at a later date.
- e) Resolution No. R-31-2016: Trenchless Relining of Sanitary Sewers (Adoption). A Resolution awarding a contract for 2016 sewer relining to Hoerr Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
- f) Resolution No. R-14-2016: 2016 Parkway Tree Planting Program (Adoption). A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to St. Aubin Nursery and Acres Group, pursuant to the terms of Bid #016-005.
- g) Resolution No. R-15-2016: Purchase of Utility Truck Replacement (Adoption). A Resolution awarding a purchase order to EJ Equipment in the amount of \$119,870 to purchase a 2016 Ford F550, as specified in Bid #016-006.
- h) Change Order for Primary Cable, The Okonite Company. An authorization for the Village Manager to award a \$96,566 change order to the Okonite Company for the purchase of primary cable subject to the terms of Bid #015-026.
- i) Annual Outdoor Seating Permits. Approval of the 2016 Outdoor Seating Permit applications, pending final insurance certificate and table layout approval by the Village.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee McCrary, 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, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Myers.

6) Stormwater Monthly Summary Report.

Director Saunders reported that the Village and Strand Associates hosted two public Open Houses in March to present conceptual alternatives for flood risk reduction. He said a video of Strand’s presentation is posted on the Village website, and invited comments from the community. The next public workshop will be held April 12 at Washburn Middle School Theater at 7:00 PM. A full report from Strand is anticipated to be ready in late April.

Trustee Cripe noted the work the Village and Strand has been doing is excellent.

7) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. M-3-2016: 523 Hoyt Lane, Variations for Air Conditioning Units (Introduction/Adoption).

Director D’Onofrio addressed the Council giving the context and history of this request for variation. He reported the units were below grade and not visible from the street and that while a complaint was ultimately received, it was not related to noise. The Zoning

Board has approved this request and the applicant and attorney are present to address any questions. He added that the neighbors were notified of this request for variation.

Trustee Krucks disclosed that he is a former member of the Zoning Board and would prefer to abstain from voting on this item.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Fessler, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-3-2016. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, McCrary, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Abstain: Trustee Krucks. Absent: Trustee Myers.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Prodromos, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-3-2016. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, McCrary, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Abstain: Trustee Krucks. Absent: Trustee Myers.

b) Resolution No. R-11-2016: Approving an Agreement with Utility Financial Solutions LLC, Inc. for Professional Services (Adoption).

Director Keys gave a review of the of electric fund rate studies. He reported Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) was selected from five other applicants who responded to the Village's request for proposal. Mr. Keys stated UFS will have their analysis completed in 90 days at which time it will come before the Council for consideration.

Trustee Krucks inquired about the consultant's involvement with the capital needs of the electric plant going forward. Mr. Keys responded the role of the consultant is to evaluate financials and not create any technical priorities. The funding for capital projects has already been identified, and the scope of this project is to forecast the next 5-10 years.

President Greable complimented the Water & Electric Department on their work thus far. Mr. Keys noted that upon the Council's consideration of the UFS study, discussions can advance to actual plans during the budget meetings.

Trustee McCrary stated this cost accounting is very valuable and promotes rational policies, and Trustee Fessler voiced her approval of this study.

Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Fessler, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-11-2016. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Fessler, Krucks, McCrary, and Prodromos. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Myers.

8) Public Comment.

Marc Hecht, Spruce Street. Mr. Hecht expressed his displeasure with regard to the proposed policy on public comment at Village meetings. He noted free speech and First Amendment rights will be sacrificed with a policy that allows the President to silence commentators he does not agree with. Mr. Hecht inquired about the rationale for such a policy.

Attorney Friedman explained that the impetus for this policy was an opinion issued by the Illinois Attorney General aimed to protect public comment. He noted that this policy was designed to apply to Council and lower board meetings, and added that his recommendations are consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, and procedures in other municipalities.

Penny Lanphier, 250 Birch Street. Ms. Lanphier expressed her gratitude for the recent Trustee election results and congratulated Trustees Prodromos and Fessler on the work they

did informing the public about the Village. She also apologized for any unintended negative tones that may have arisen during the campaign.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business.

a) One Winnetka Planned Development (To Be Deferred). This item was moved up and addressed at Item #4.

11) Appointments. None.

12) Reports.

a) Village President. President Greable invited the community to attend the Strand Workshop on April 12.

b) Trustees.

i) Trustee Prodromos reported on economic development matters and welcomed two new businesses to Winnetka.

ii) Trustee Fessler commented that over 50% of the Winnetka electorate voted in the March 15 election, breaking all previous voter turnout records.

c) Attorney. None.

d) Manager. None.

13) Closed Session. None.

14) Adjournment. Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Prodromos, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Deputy Clerk