

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2016**

(Approved: September 6, 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, August 16, 2016 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, William Krucks, Christopher Rintz and Kristin Ziv. Absent: Trustees Penfield Lanphier and Scott Myers. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant to the Village Manager Megan Pierce, Village Attorney Peter M. Friedman, Finance Director Tim Sloth, Assistant Finance Director Nick Mostardo, Director of Public Works Steve Saunders, Chief of Police Patrick Kreis, Deputy Police Chief Marc Hornstein, Public Safety Analyst Keri Kaup , and approximately 8 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. President Greable led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Quorum.
 - a) September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - b) September 13, 2016 Study Session. All of the Council members present indicated that they expect to attend.
 - c) September 20, 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 Ziv, moved to approve the Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 5) Consent Agenda
 - a) Village Council Minutes.
 - i) July 27, 2016 Special Meeting.
 - ii) August 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 - b) Warrant List. Approval of Warrant List dated July 29 – August 11, 2016 in the amount of \$1,320,867.12.
 - c) Resolution No. R-43-2016: First Amendment to IGA with New Trier High School Regarding Installation of Water And Electric Utility Improvements (Adoption). A Resolution approving a first amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the Board of School District 203 and the Village of Winnetka regarding installation of Water & Electric utility improvements, as presented in Exhibit A.
 - d) Resolution No. R-44-2016: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with New Trier Regarding the Maintenance of Street Lights (Adoption). A Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement concerning street light maintenance with the Board of School District 203, as presented in Exhibit A.

- e) Village Green Flag Request. Approval of a request to plant flags on the Village Green in commemoration of those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks.

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

6) Stormwater Report.

- a) Sewer Backup Prevention Program – Additional Funding. Mr. Saunders reported that the Village has received almost 40 inquiries about the Backup Prevention Program. He explained the initial \$50,000 in funding allocated at the time the Council resurrected the program will not be enough to serve all the interested residents. He added that a number of homeowners who installed backup prevention systems while the program was on hiatus have asked whether they will be eligible for retroactive cost-sharing. He recommended allocating an additional \$50,000 from the Sewer Fund to finance the program.

After Mr. Saunders answered a few questions, President Greable called for audience comment.

Sue McDonald, 788 Green Bay Road. Ms. McDonald said her townhome development suffered a sanitary sewer backup, and she asked specific questions about how her association could qualify for the Backup Prevention Program. Mr. Saunders explained that applicants must fix outstanding cross-connections before they are eligible for the program.

Sean Pinney, 204 Fuller Lane. Mr. Pinney said he applied for funding one month after the Village Council defunded the Backup Prevention Program, and he requested a retroactive reimbursement in the interest of fairness.

Jeffrey Liss, 1364 Edgewood Avenue. Mr. Liss quoted an article from Scientific American, which forecast more flash flooding as warmer temperatures correlate to more intense rain storms.

Trustee Ziv suggested a different characterization for flood protection, as the current ratings based on probability no longer seems to hold true. Trustee Cripe agreed, proposing a numbering or lettering system from least to worst severe.

The Council discussed the logistics of providing retroactive Backup Prevention Program reimbursements. Mr. Saunders explained he would need to research building permits to find the homeowners who installed backflow prevention systems in the past three years.

Trustee Rintz suggested that homeowners who wish to seek retroactive reimbursement should make the effort to file a request – at that time, Mr. Saunders could verify their installation by pulling their building permit.

The Council was in favor of reimbursing the homeowners already in process with the program at the time the funding was terminated in 2013.

There being consensus to increase funding for the current program by \$50,000, Trustee Krucks, seconded by Trustee Cripe, moved to increase funding for the Backup Prevention Program by \$50,000. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, Rintz and Ziv. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Lanphier and Myers.

Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Rintz, moved to provide retroactive cost-sharing to the homeowners who were in line to receive funding when the 2013 Council defunded the Backup Prevention Program. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, Rintz and Ziv. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Lanphier and Myers.

7) Ordinances and Resolutions.

a) Resolution No. R-45-2016: Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services.

Mr. Saunders explained that Strand Associates has performed additional work at the request of the Council. The Subject Resolution would amend their contract to provide for these additional services, which were not included in the original project scope.

There were no audience comments. After a brief Council discussion, Trustee Krucks, seconded by Trustee Ziv, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-45-2016. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, Rintz and Ziv. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Lanphier and Myers

8) Public Comment.

Linda Kramer, Willow Road. Ms. Kramer said at the previous Regular Council meeting, she distributed a petition asking for reduced speeds and limits on construction truck traffic on Willow Road. She asked what actions had been taken so far.

Mr. Saunders reviewed the results of a traffic study in July, which revealed truck traffic on Willow Road is about the same as truck traffic on other major east-west thoroughfares. He noted that all of these road experience significant truck traffic.

Manager Bahan reported that the Village has learned that New Trier High School's demolition is nearly complete; and the Village has requested that trucks from the upcoming excavation work will be re-routed to Lake Avenue. He explained that local teardown activities necessitate trucks having access to Winnetka's neighborhoods. Lastly, he asked the Chief of Police to comment on speed enforcement on Willow Road.

Chief Kreis noted that the area of Willow Road and Glendale Avenue gets considerable attention from the Police Department, and he added enforcement stops on Willow Road account for 13% of all traffic stops in the Village. He said patrol officers do not report a significant amount of truck-related speed violations, and he described additional measures used to control traffic speed on Willow Road.

Next, Mr. Saunders explained he has asked the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to perform a traffic study to determine if lower speeds are warranted on Willow Road.

Manager Bahan said the Village would contact Ms. Kramer when it hears back from IDOT about the speed limit, and there will be follow-up with New Trier High School about its construction project.

9) Old Business. None.

10) New Business.

- a) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Sloth explained that the Village's annual audit results in a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from the auditor. He noted that Winnetka remains in a very strong financial position overall, and the General Fund continues to provide adequate funds for operating and capital needs. He introduced the Village's auditor, Ron Amen, of Lauterbach and Amen.

Mr. Amen explained that a new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rule does not impact cash flow, bond rating or required pension contributions; however, there will be a change in how pension information is disclosed. He said the change was made to ensure information on pensions will be consistent from an auditing standpoint. He affirmed that the Village is in a strong financial position, has always maintained balanced budgets, and has again achieved an Aaa bond rating.

Mr. Amen answered questions from a few Trustees; there no comments or questions.

- b) Police Communications Consolidation. Chief Kreis explained that the Illinois Legislature has mandated the consolidation of smaller 911 phone centers by July 1, 2017. In order to comply with the new law, the Villages of Winnetka, Northfield, Kenilworth and Glencoe have been analyzing a combined dispatch system. He gave a presentation on the results of their study, which recommends contracting with the Village of Glenview for police dispatching services. He noted that the new model will improve emergency communications and provide significant cost savings.

Manager Bahan stressed that Winnetka will still be served with the utmost care and safety. The Council was in support of the Feasibility Study's recommendation.

Trustee Ziv, seconded by Trustee Krucks, moved to authorize Village staff to pursue a contract for consolidated 911 dispatching. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, Rintz and Ziv. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Lanphier and Myers.

11) Appointments. None.

12) Reports.

- a) Village President. President Greable made several announcements.
- b) Trustees. None.
- c) Attorney. None.
- d) Manager. Manager Bahan updated the Council on the building permit fee waivers for flood repairs.

13) Closed Session. Trustee Ziv moved to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 2c(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Cripe seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Cripe, Krucks, Rintz and Ziv. Nays: None. Absent: Trustees Lanphier 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 9:03 p.m.

- 14) Adjournment. Trustee Cripe, seconded by Trustee Rintz, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Deputy Clerk