

The Committee of the Whole Village of Winnebago was held on March 19, 2025, at 6:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL: ACKERMAN – LEFEVRE - MCKINNON - present
KIM – PITNEY – SMITH - absent

Guests: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Chief Jeff White, Lieutenant Nick Haff, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Treasurer Dana Novinson, and Deputy Clerk Kellie Symonds.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM – A quorum was established.
5. MEETING GUIDELINES
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – No one requested the opportunity to address the Board.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. A motion was made by MR. ACKERMAN, seconded by MR. MCKINNON to accept the minutes of the March 05, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
8. DISCUSSION
 - a. The Board discussed replacing the 2013 Ford Taurus with a 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor which was included in this year's Police Budget. The old car can be sold or donated. If it is sold as surplus personal property other items in other departments can be included in the ordinance.
 - b. The Board discussed a resolution for authorization of sidewalk discretionary spending. It is important to have the plan in place to repair and replace sidewalks in the Village. Part of the plan is to make safe routes to schools and keep the sidewalks downtown in good repair.
 - c. The Board continued the discussion on the grocery tax.

There was a great deal of discussion of the Community Development Fund and how best to fund it.

It would be best to lay out a plan of what the fund needs to support and where the money would come from.

It was suggested the amount of wages being split to funds needs to be reviewed.

It was noted a decision needs to be made by May or June.

The Board discussed a draft ordinance for the Grocery Tax to be on the upcoming meeting agenda to maintain the current needs and may later be revisited.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. MCKINNON to go into Executive (Closed) Session at 8:25 p.m. pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c) to discuss the Sale of Village Owned Property – Winnebago Highlands. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present. The Board returned from the Executive (Closed) Session at 9:02 p.m.
10. NEW BUSINESS – No discussion.
11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. MCKINNON to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVED 5-7-2025

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk