

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago met on June 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with President Eubank presiding.

ROLL CALL

ACKERMAN – KIM - LEFEVRE - MCKINNON – SMITH-present; PITNEY-absent

Guests: Attorney Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Chief Jeff White, Sergeant Nick Haff, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Village Engineer Seth Gronewold; Luke Ziegler attended remotely.

A quorum was established.

No public comment requested.

DISCUSSION

- a. First Reading of Ordinances was discussed, and the Board recommended it come to the Board Meeting for approval.
- b. Ordinances modifying Public Comment requirements were discussed. It was recommended the ordinance be written to encourage people to sign up by noon the day of the meeting, however they will be allowed to speak if they sign up at the meeting. They will be called to address the Board in the order they signed up.
- c. The Demolition Permit was discussed. The need for the permit for a small demolition by a homeowner versus a large demolition by a contractor was discussed.
- d. The Cunningham water main project was discussed. This project has been in the works for many years awaiting grant money. Mr. Insko stated the request is now for \$47,100 to have Fehr Graham complete the final engineering design. The project was not included in the June list approved by IEPA. It is hoped the project can be included in the January by-pass funding for the IEPA low interest loan. If approved then, the Village could bid out the project in the February to April time frame for a summer 2025 project. Mr. Insko noted this project has been delayed several times including for an archaeological study. The Board agreed the \$47,100 cost should be rolled into the loan.

The water rates will need to be reviewed. It was noted that the cost (\$47,100) could be taken from the ARPA funds.

- e. Update of Sections one through five of the Personnel Policy was discussed. Paid lunch of one-half hour was discussed and questioned whether that the increased compensation is appropriate. Working remotely was questioned – it was suggested that it be on a case-by-case basis. It is important the public has access to the staff. Section 1-1 was questioned with regard to the wording of equal employment opportunity.

The residency requirements were questioned. Is the mileage restriction needed? Would a thirteen-month move requirement be more reasonable?

Mr. Dienberg noted the section on vacation is being reviewed with a survey being sent to area municipalities to find their policies.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. LEFEVRE suggested the Village start a mosquito abatement program. Mr. Insko explained we presently have a larvicide program with the county. Mr. LEFEVRE then asked the status of the strategic plan. Mr. Dienberg explained he is working with Northern Illinois University on getting information from focus groups. He will bring this discussion to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

MR. ACKERMAN said to Chief White the installation of the basketball hoop donated by a police officer was great. He then thanked Mr. Insko for the new sidewalks.

Mr. Dienberg asked if anyone is going to be involved in the July 4th parade.

Chief White noted the department has a plaque for Officer Randy Smith in honor of his retirement after 23 years. It will be given at the July 8, 2024, Board Meeting.

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. MCKINNON to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approved: August 28, 2024

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk