

The Committee of the Whole Village of Winnebago was held on February 19, 2025, at 7:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL: ACKERMAN, KIM, LEFEVRE, SMITH – present, and MCKINNON, and LEFEVRE online
Absent: PITNEY

Guests: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, 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

A motion was made by MR. KIM, seconded by MR. ACKERMAN to allow MR. LEFEVRE and MR. MCKINNON to fully participate as they are away on business or at work. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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. LEFEVRE to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION

- a. Mr. Dienberg led a discussion on the Grocery Tax. Presently the state charges one percent on groceries and provides it to municipalities. Starting January 1, 2026, the state will no longer charge the tax. The municipality can by ordinance charge the tax. It was suggested the Village should look for alternatives. It was also suggested the Village hold a Public Hearing to get the residents' opinions.
- b. Mr. Dienberg led a discussion on adopting an ordinance establishing zoning fees to cover the costs incurred by the Village similar to the fees charged by the county. It was suggested the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) be reviewed and a process established for zoning. MR. ACKERMAN feels there should be different rules for residents' verses corporations.
- c. During discussion of a GIS Water Proposal it was suggested WinGis be utilized first.
- d. The SCADA upgrade by Strand Associates was discussed. It was noted the SCADA for the water system started in 2014 and needs to be updated about every five years. The cost will be about \$7,500.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by MR. SMITH, seconded by MR. ACKERMAN to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVED MARCH 5, 2025
Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk