

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago met on July 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with President Eubank presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Chief Jeff White, Sergeant Nick Haff, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Isaac Guerrero, Janna Bailey, Hailey Blanchard, Melissa Henricksen, Guy Cunningham, Chief Dave Loria, Mike Marsh, Charlie Cunningham.

A quorum was established.

No public comment requested.

DISCUSSION

- a. Melissa Henricksen from Northern Illinois University made a presentation on their Strategic Plan Proposals. If the long-term proposal is accepted it would take six to eight months and would cost less than \$20,000.
- b. Isaac Guerrero from Region 1 Planning made a presentation on a federal grant opportunity for an EV charging station. If the Village wanted to participate with R1 the Federal Government would pay eighty percent of the cost and Blink would pay twenty percent and the cost would be minimal or nothing to the Village. The Village would allow an electrician to estimate the cost of installing the station. The upfront cost would be paid by Blink. Mr. Guerrero also provided information on state grants awardable from OSLAD and ITEP.
- c. Guy Cunningham, on behalf of the Win-Bur-Sew Fire Department and its Board, talked about the revisions to the sprinkler requirements through the UDO; the safety to the citizens as well as remaining competitive with the neighboring villages. There will need to be a public hearing before the UDO is amended.
- d. The Personnel Policy was discussed with regard to:
 - Vacation – change to two weeks for the first five years of employment with the addition of one day per year up to a maximum of twenty-five days with no accrual.
 - Holidays – remain at ten.
 - Paid lunch – remains open and will be discussed in the future.
 - Comp Time – will be made available at the direction of the department head.
- e. Driveway Permit – Public Works will inspect the driveways.
- f. The income and expenses were provided compared to the budget for six months. So far the Village is in good shape compared to the budget for 2024.
- g. The Burning Ordinance is being updated for fines. It was suggested when the Village burns storm wood that the fire should have supervision at all times. It was also suggested the wood could be chipped and made available to the public. Also, big logs could be made available to the public.
- h. The Pedal Bus Ordinance was amended to add the change from the liquor ordinance accepted at the July Board Meeting.
- i. The UTV ordinance is amended to make helmets recommended not required for children under eighteen.
- j. It was agreed to accept an ordinance for maximum and minimum set back zones.

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- k. Upgrading the basketball area at Memorial Park will remain open to get quotes for cement. It was also suggested the court could possibly be turned to make more room. Also, a quote for a pavilion should be requested.

It was suggested that R1 be contacted for a quote for the strategic plan to compare to the NIU quote.

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. SMITH to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approved: August 28, 2024

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk