



VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 07, 2026 at 6:05 PM

108 West Main Street and Virtually

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1. **RECORDING OF THE MEETING**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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8. **DISCUSSION**

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9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Posted: October 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at 108 W. Main Street, Winnebago, IL

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The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago, September 16, 2026. The online meeting link to GoToMeeting was made available to employees and the public to attend remotely.

1. RECORDING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was recorded.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago met in person on September 16, 2026, at 6:50 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Jason Ackerman, Trustee Jeremy Graham, Trustee Adam LeFevre.
Trustee Mike McKinnon, away on personal reasons, attended virtually.

Guests Present: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Public Works Director Chad Inkso, Chief Jeff White, and Lieutenant Nick Haff.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was established.

5. MEETING GUIDELINES

Discussion and Vote to Allow an Absent Trustee to Vote By Phone or Other Allowable Means.
No absent Trustee attended remotely who could vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be generally allowed for public comment at each meeting.
No one requested to address the Board.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2026
Motion made by Trustee LeFevre, Seconded by Trustee Ackerman to approve the minutes of September 2, 2026. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION

- a. 2027 Construction Project Overview
- Administrator Dienberg gave an overview of the construction projects in three parts: completed in 2026, planned 2027 and those "in the hunt".
- Those completed in 2026 were:
- Main Street widening additional parking
 - Kasch Drive water main loop.

- Swift Street to be completed in October

2027 Projects

- Westfield box culvert – MFT funding
- Production Well 5
- Safe Routes to School -grant funded

In the Hunt

- Elida Street resurfacing
- Kasch Drive Completion
- Cunningham Road water main replacement

There is an issue with the county (who owns the road) denying permits.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)

None needed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Chief White explained the Police Department has lost two officers and is in search of replacements. They have been unable to find any qualified lateral transfers. They have about ten interested in going to the police training if that is in the budget.

Mr. Graham suggested there should be some type of requirement of staying employed for a length of time should the person be sent to the police training.

Trustees Ackerman and LeFevre noted that the budget should be reviewed to be sure there are funds to hire new officers. They questioned whether the public truly wants 24/7 police coverage. Administrator Dienberg noted the water rate study, when completed, will include the cost of the employees presently included in the budget.

What is best for our residents? A public forum to ask the residents could be held.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee LeFevre, seconded by Trustee Ackerman to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

UNAPPROVED

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk



Agenda Item Executive Summary

Item Name

Proposed Operating Budget Preview Presentation

Committee or Board

Committee

BUDGET IMPACT			
Amount:	N/A	Budgeted:	N/A
List what fund:	N/A		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
Staff will provide a detailed presentation at the meeting reviewing the initial 2027 budget submissions for all Village funds. The presentation will provide an overview of projected revenues and expenditures, highlight major changes and assumptions, and identify areas requiring additional refinement as development of the proposed 2027 budget continues. At the beginning of the budget cycle, staff established the following goals to guide development of the 2027 budget. Below is a brief description of the status of each goal based on the initial budget submissions: Balanced Budget: The General Fund is currently close to balanced. These figures represent initial departmental submissions, and additional staff review and refinement will focus on closing the remaining gap before the proposed budget is finalized. Maintain Village Services: The proposed budget maintains current staffing levels across Village departments and is structured to continue existing Village services. Preserve COLA and Merit: Funding for employee COLA and merit increases is included in the initial budget. Fund Contingency: No contingency is currently included in the General Fund. Contingency funding is included within the Water and Sewer O&M Fund. Fund Infrastructure: Utility infrastructure funding remains dependent in part on the pending water rate discussion. Street infrastructure is supported through State-funded MFT revenues and ComEd utility tax revenues allocated through the General Fund. Fund Vehicle Replacement: The initial budget does not include dedicated funding for vehicle replacement. Fund Facility Improvements: The proposed budget will include construction of the planned wash bay using existing reserves. No additional funding is currently being set aside for larger future facility improvements. Overall, the initial submissions provide a starting point that maintains existing services and employee compensation while keeping the General Fund near balance. Additional refinement will occur as staff works toward presentation of the final proposed 2027 budget.	

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE LIST)
None

ACTION REQUESTED

☒For Discussion Only

☐Resolution

☐Ordinance

☐Motion:

Staff:

Joseph Dienberg, Village Administrator

Date:

10/7/2026