

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2017**

A record of a legally convened regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Village Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees Andrew Cripe, Robert Dearborn, Penfield Lanphier, Scott Myers, and Kristin Ziv. Absent: Village Manager Robert Bahan. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Megan Pierce, Village Attorney Benjamin Schuster, Director of Water & Electric Brian Keys, Interim Police Chief Marc Hornstein, and approximately 6 persons in the audience.

Public Comment.

Julian Solotorousky, Asbury Avenue, and Steve Gerbel, Oakdale Avenue. Mr. Gerbel distributed a handout containing photographs of the conditions at the Hubbard Woods Metra station while Mr. Solotorousky described conditions at the station as not only an eyesore, but also dangerous. He urged the Village to use money from its Capital budget to improve the crumbling platforms and make them safe for elderly or visually impaired commuters.

President Rintz said that Metra has told the Village that a rehabilitation project for the Hubbard Woods station is on their Capital Plan, and he added that he could not see spending Village funds to improve their property.

Assistant Manager Pierce said Metra scoped the engineering and station improvements as early as 2015, however, funds are held up in the State bond program. She noted that the Village hired an engineering company to inspect the station and after the East stairway was deemed unsafe, Metra made an appointment to visit the site in the next week or so.

The Council discussed different options for dealing with the situation. President Rintz said the Village will engage directly with Metra about the physical deterioration of the station, but he advised caution, as Metra has the authority to close the station rather than rehabilitate it. Residents were encouraged to attend the Metra Board meetings to make their concerns about the station known.