

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village of Winnebago, October 07, 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 October 07, 2026, at 6:21 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Jason Ackerman, Trustee Jeremy Graham, Trustee John Kim, and Trustee Duane Springer. Trustee Adam LeFevre attended remotely.

ABSENT: Trustee Mike McKinnon

GUESTS: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Public Works Director Chad Insko, 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.

A motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Springer to allow Trustee LeFevre to participate fully while away at work. Motion carried on a voice 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

- a. Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2026.

Motion made by Trustee Graham, seconded by Trustee Ackerman to approve the minutes of September 16, 2026. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION

- a. Proposed Operating Budget Preview Presentation

Administrator Dienberg presented information on the budgets for 2027. At this time the department heads have presented their budgets.

The Administrator has made some minor adjustments.

At this time the General Fund is close to a balanced budget.

There was a question as to whether to include the wash bay in the Operations and Maintenance budget.

Police is budgeted with the normal staff of four officers, the School Resource Officer, the Lieutenant and the Chief. It is hoped the training costs of new officers will be part of the 2026 budget.

Trustee Kim left at 6:57 p.m.

It was suggested the wash bay should be included. The first step would be to hire an architect.

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

None needed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None identified.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Graham, seconded by Trustee Ackerman to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

UNAPPROVED

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk