

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago, August 19, 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 August 19, 2026, at 6:10 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Jason Ackerman, Trustee Jeremy Graham and Trustee Mike McKinnon.

ABSENT: Trustee John Kim, Trustee Adam LeFevre and Trustee Duane Springer.

Guests present: Guests present: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Chief Jeff White, Lieutenant Nick Haff, Deputy Clerk Kellie Symonds, Seth Uphoff, Shantanu Pai, Edward Vock, and Greg Hodges,

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.

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 of August 5, 2026.

Motion made by Trustee McKinnon, Seconded by Trustee Graham to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION

a. TotalEnergies Concept Plan

Mr. Uphoff on behalf of TotalEnergies gave a presentation on a proposed community solar project on a growth corridor presently adjacent to the Village. As it is adjacent the property could be annexed to the Village. It would be limited to 1.7mw at this time because of the

substation limitations. The Board asked if the project could be moved to the north on the same 12 acre parcel. TotalEngeries will get that information back to the Village next week.

b. Peak Storage Letter of Credit Extension

The Board agreed the Peak Storage Letter of Credit should be extended for one year.

c. Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Agreement

The Board left the decision on the Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Agreement open. It was noted that membership would help to get our name out there.

d. Long-Term Village Facilities Direction

Administrator Dienberg stated that he, Mr. Insko and Chief White discussed the long-term facilities with the critical need being a Public Works wash bay.

e. 6-Month Budget Review

Administrator Dienberg presented a six-month budget review and the status of the preparation of the 2027 budget.

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

None needed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Gaziano explained that neither counties or municipalities can say absolute no to solar energy systems per the State legislation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Graham, Seconded by Trustee Ackerman. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk