

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago was held on November 5, 2025 at 6:29 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding. The link for the employees and the public to attend remotely was made available through GoToMeeting.

ROLL CALL: ACKERMAN –GRAHAM – LEFEVRE - MCKINNON – SPRINGER - present  
KIM - absent

Guests: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Chief Jeff White, Lieutenant Nick Haff, Assistant Deputy Clerk Rachel Windgassen, Intern Kyle Okubo, Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM – A quorum was established.
  5. MEETING GUIDELINES
  6. PUBLIC COMMENT – No one requested the opportunity to address the Board.
  7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - a. A motion was made by MR. GRAHAM, seconded by MR. LEFEVRE to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
  10. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the participation with a Community Solar Program with Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy. Mr. Mudge answered questions and explained he works with the Village of Oregon, Mount Morris, Lena, and Ogle County, who participate in Solar Programs. The President thanked Mr. Mudge for his information.
  8. DISCUSSION
    - a. Mr. Dienberg explained compensation ranges were developed from the step pay discussions a couple years ago. He explained all present employees fall within these ranges. The Ordinance will be presented for vote at the next Board meeting.
    - b. The Lexipol Update remains open, awaiting legal review.
    - c. An updated Comprehensive Plan and UDO will be sent out for bid. It is hoped information will be available at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on the costs of this project.
  9. EXECUTIVE SESSION –
    - a. Executive Session Minutes for Release (Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21))
    - b. Village Administrator Contract Discussion (Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1))

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. ACKERMAN, to go into executive session at 7:28pm with the five Trustees, the President, the Clerk, and Village Attorney Mary Gaziano present. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
- The Board, with the same people present, returned to the Committee of the Whole at 9:00pm.
11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. SPRINGER to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

UNAPPROVED  
Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk