

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Winnebago met on April 08, 2024, at 8:01 p.m. immediately after following the Board Meeting with President Eubank presiding.

ROLL CALL

ACKERMAN – MCKINNON – O'ROURKE --present; GRAHAM – LEFEVRE – PITNEY- absent

Guests: Attorney Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Deputy Clerk Kellie Symonds acting Clerk in the absence of Village Clerk Sally Huggins

A quorum was established.

No one stated a conflict of interest.

The compensation of elected officials was discussed. Village Administrator Dienberg provided a survey conducted by Mrs. Windgassen of other nearby municipalities and the ranges of pay for Presidents/Mayors, Trustees, and Clerks.

MRS. O'ROURKE suggested leaving the pay range of the President at the current level as it has been understated for years, MR. MCKINNON and MR. ACKERMAN also agreed. MRS. O'ROURKE stated that if there was not a Village Administrator it should be greater. Attorney Gaziano stated that even though the Village Administrator is on staff he takes his direction from the Village President who is involved in the matters the Village Administrator oversees and the compensation should not be conditional on the current position of the Village Administrator.

The position of the Clerk was discussed. The Village Clerk is an elected position and to change to an appointment a referendum would be needed. President Eubank is not advising that change. The Village Clerk appoints the Deputy Clerk with the approval of the Board. Payroll is currently a duty assigned to the Clerk and should be reassigned. MR. MCKINNON suggested getting Clerk Huggins' feedback on her position before deciding.

MR. MCKINNON said there should also be an increase for trustees and additional compensation when serving as a committee chair. The Chairperson should not oversee staff, but the Village Administrator and Staff should act when needed.

Village Administrator Dienberg will prepare discussion points for the next meeting.

MRS. O'ROURKE made the motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. MCKINNON. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Kellie Symonds, Deputy Clerk  
In the absence of Village Clerk Huggins