

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting

April 21, 2015

Village Hall Counsel Chambers

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loy at 7:00 PM.

The following Elected Officials were present:

Mayor: Robert D. Loy

Trustees:

Kimberly Braden, Buddy Hargett, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Richard Robards, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Attorney Robert Long
Deputy Clerk Julie Rittenhouse
Lisa Shaw, Finance Director
Tim Nearing, Superintendent of Public Works
Joel Brumlik, Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Loy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the April 1, 2015 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the April 6, 2015 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

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3 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the April 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Loy Vetoed the Ordinance Adding Chapter 104 to the Municipal Cod of Winthrop Harbor Banning Smoking and Vaping on Certain Public Properties

Mayor Loy stated that he was vetoing the ordinance after it passed because he made a mistake. It banned employees from smoking on Village property and would force the employees to go out on the road, which we don't want.

REVISED – ORDINANC 2015-O-11 an Ordinance Adding Chapter 104 to the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Banning Smoking and Vaping on Certain Public Properties

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-O-11 and approve as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (2) Hargett, McCarthy
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

Trustee Hargett was against vetoing the first Ordinance. Trustee McCarthy agreed with Trustee Hargett. They think it should be banned on all public properties.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant 2014-22 in the amount of \$49,221.37. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2015. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

MFT- Unobligated Balance Audit Update

Finance Director, Lisa Shaw, explained that during the last Village audit it was brought to our attention that the "unobligated MFT balance" was over \$500,000.00. This means that either the Village had to pay that balance back to the State, or provide documentation to show where the funds were spent. With the help of Baxter & Woodman, Director Shaw stated she had to provide years of documentation and provide the proper resolutions to resolve the issue. The Mayor stated that it took a year to get this taken care of because the paper work was not filed. As of this date all proper final resolutions are filed and the unobligated balance is at \$73,000.00 which is in line with what is in our MFT fund currently.

RESOLUTION 2015-R-10 A Resolution Adopting an Updated Training Reimbursement Policy

Fire Chief Stried stated that if we are going to pay for the very expensive training, we want to make sure they stay with the Fire Department. Therefore, they will sign an agreement to stay with the department for 4 (four) years and if not they will pay back the training cost.

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve Resolution 2015-R-10 as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. (Lessor) and Village of Winthrop Harbor (Lessee) and Schedule No. 06 as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

Ellis Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements-A Recommendation to award the contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors in the amount of \$224,900.00.

Superintendent of Public Works, Tim Nearing said that he is sending the residents of Ellis Avenue and the School District a letter inviting them to a Town Hall Meeting on May 4th to explain the project to them and to try and keep the lines of communication open.

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Robards to award the Ellis Avenue Road and Drainage contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors in the amount of \$224,900.00 as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2015-R-11 a Resolution Authorizing the Sale and/or Disposal of 2003 GMC 1 Ton Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader and 2000 GMC Pick-up with snow plow.

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve Resolution 2015-R-11 as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Village resident Bill Standridge expressed his concern with the fact that we accepted the Governor's Turn-Around Program. Mayor Loy said that one of the other options was to raise our taxes and he wasn't for that. Mr. Standridge continued to explain his views on the matter. Mayor Loy and Mr. Standridge had a conversation regarding unions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella asked if they could revisit the Governor's Turn-Around Program Resolution at the second meeting in May.

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Trustee Weiss wanted to thank the Department Heads for doing a tremendous job on their budgets year-to-date. Secondly, About the State, we the voters have been doing the same thing for the past 25-30 years in this state and that's why we are in the shape we're in. The voters are uneducated. It comes down to the voters not the politicians.

Trustee McCarthy reminded everyone of the 38 Acre Park clean-up on Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 am.

Trustee Robards made sure that everyone got a copy of the monthly report for the Fire Dept.

Mayor Loy just wanted to let everyone know that the job that Pam held with the Recreation Dept. has been eliminated because of the tight budget.

ADJOURNMENT

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Loy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (6) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, DEPUTY CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.