

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 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, Hartmut
"Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Attorney Robert Long
Deputy Clerk, Julie Rittenhouse
Scott Fuller, Recreation Director
Tim Neargarder, Superintendent of Public Works
Joel Brumlik, Chief of Police
Justin Stried, Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Loy and Pastor Doug Carlson from Grace Missionary Church let the invocation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the August 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss

Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Robards

Passed: (1) Hargett

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PHYLLIS WEISS – REQUESTS PERMISSION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL SSEE0 RUN/WALK ON SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 2016.

Phyllis Weiss requested that the annual SSEE0 Run/Walk change their date from September to May 14th, 2016. She thanked all of the Village Board and Village employees for their help with the run/walk held in August 2015. She also explained that this event brought people from all over and raised a lot of money for the cause. Mayor Loy and the Board agreed to grant her permission to hold her Annual SSEE0 Run/Walk on May 14th, 2016 and Scott Fuller, Recreation Director, already has it marked on his calendar.

A DISCUSSION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL PROVISIONS

A discussion was held regarding an Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections of the Liquor Control Provisions. Several of the Local Business Owners with Liquor Licenses were in attendance to voice their opinions as to why the Ordinance should **not** be passed. Darlene Newman from Other Place at Lighthouse Pub told the Board that she has always followed the rules, never has had fighting at her place and feels that it's not fair that everyone else should be punished because of one person. Frank Falcone from The Tropics said the same thing. He said that a couple of months ago all of the establishments sat down and agreed to work together. One person decided to do their own thing and go against what they *all* had agreed upon. Mayor Loy said that they would leave the Ordinance as is except for the 100 foot for the outdoor beer garden. If need be they would address it at a later date.

LIONS CLUB – REQUEST PERMISSION TO SOLICIT DONATIONS

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to grant permission to the **Lions Club** to solicit donations on two corners: Lewis Avenue/Russell Road and Sheridan Road/9th Street on October 9th & 10th, 2015 from 9am-2pm. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Robards
Passed: (0)

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to accept **The Annual Distribution of Buddy Poppies by the VFW** Proclamation as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Robards
Passed: (0)

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Robards
Passed: (0)

Trustee Weiss said that looking at the difference from last year on the General Fund page, we were a negative \$405,000.00 less this year than we were last year. He read from the State Comptroller, with the money being spent for year 2015 rates and State revenues coming in for 2016 rates, cash out flow is exceeding cash in- flow and they expect to not pay any bills for a month for an amount of 8.5 million dollars if they don't get this budget impasse done. We are losing \$75,000.00 a month from the state.

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve ***Ellis Avenue MFT-Chicagoland Paving, Inc.*** – Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$189,223.18. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Robards
Passed: (0)

INTRODUCTION OF THE WH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Trustee McCarthy introduced Mrs. Villalobos and Mr. Johnson and asked them to explain what the baseball/softball committee has done. Mr. Johnson explained that he grew up playing ball in Winthrop Harbor. Their goal is to try and make improvements to the fields. He said that the staff does a good job, but they still need work. They aren't asking the Village for money, just their support. Mrs. Villalobos said that she grew up here and wants to make it nice for their kids. They've had several fund raisers and have raised about \$7,500.00. They need at least \$20,000.00 to make the improvements. They're still getting quotes. They help getting the word out about the fund raisers and also selling their T-shirts. The businesses that were there for the Liquor Ordinance discussion all offered to help by posting the fliers for the fund raisers and also help sell the T-shirts. Mayor Loy also reminded them that the News Letter is Free.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Mrs. Owen from 421 Ravine Drive wanted to thank the Village for installing the new bike rack at the Village Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works

- Baseball/Softball Fall Leagues are going on – please drive careful.

Trustee Braden – Community Development

- Thanked everyone for coming and giving their opinion
- Thank you to the Baseball/Softball Committee
- Thanked the Departments for their reports

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Thanked Department Heads for keeping their costs down
- Thanked the Police Dept. and Air One for being in Fox Lake.

Trustee Hargett – Police Department

- Thanked everyone for their support in the Fox Lake matter
- Glad that Air One clarified who they are and what they do

Chief Joel Brumlik added that there were so many different entities that helped and the 911 audit was done and he doesn't think we will lose our dispatch because they saw that we do a lot more than just dispatch

Trustee McCarthy – Recreation Department

- Echoed everyone's thanks for their help in Fox Lake
- Ladies Volleyball starts October 1st
- W.H. Youth Basketball sign-up starts Sept. 28th and goes until October 30th for 1st through 8th grade

ADJOURNMENT

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Loy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m.on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Robards
Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, DEPUTY CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.