

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting

May 3, 2016

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

Clerk: Jana J. Lee

Trustees:

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

Also present:

Attorney Robert Long

The Invocation was led by Clerk Lee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the April 19, 2016 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)

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the April 21, 2016 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Braden, Hargett, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Passed: (1) Marabella

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2016-R-9; Annual Appointment Resolution

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve **Resolution 2016-R-9; Annual Appointment Resolution** 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)

J. Michael Smith/Cornerstone Grille – Liquor License request for 1039 Sheridan Road

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Hargett to approve the liquor license request as presented by J. Michael Smith. Mayor Loy declared the motion failed on the following roll call vote.

Mr. Smith approached the village board with his updated request moving the proposed business from 644 Sheridan Road to 1039 Sheridan Road. He stated that he would be providing a full service restaurant, which would include seafood and steaks to name a few.

Mayor Loy stated that he didn't need a liquor license to open a restaurant, but Mr. Smith felt that he did in fact need it to be competitive with other establishments. He stated that his main focus would be on the food.

Trustee Hargett inquired as to whether Mr. Smith would be purchasing the business. Mr. Smith answered by saying that he would like to in the future and that it would probably be about 10 years out before he could purchase the building.

Trustee Robards felt that it was a high-end restaurant and was excited to hear that he would be serving seafood.

Trustee McCarthy was torn between yes and no. He stated that at the same time he understood what Director DiPersio had stated previously about not wanting the building to sit empty and that this was really the only type of business that would work at this location.

Trustee Marabella stated emphatically NO!

Trustee Braden asked if in fact he could start the business without a liquor license. Mr. Smith answered yes he could but again felt he needed the liquor license to be competitive with other restaurants.

Mayor Loy was not in favor of adding more gaming machines.

It was asked of Mr. Smith if he was going to do anything to improve the outside of the building. He noted that there would not be any updates to the outside at this time.

Mayor Loy asked what he would be spending for the build out inside the building. Mr. Smith stated approximately \$15,000-20,000 would be spent on updating the inside.

Police Chief Joel Brumlik questioned Mr. Smith as to the hours of operation. How long food would be served. Mr. Smith replied by saying until probably 11:00pm. Chief Brumlik asked how long the establishment would be open. Mr. Smith stated until 2:00-3:00am. Chief Brumlik noted that between the hours of 11:00pm and closing in essence it would be considered a bar. Mr. Smith stated that he would probably serve appetizers of some kind.

Ayes: (3) Hargett, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (3) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacob and Kristy Finn 243 Russell Ave. – Requester wants to install a 5' privacy fence in what is technically his front yard, but in an area that is used as his backyard. Our code requires the fence to be no more than 4' in height and must be 50% open (like a picket fence) when in a front yard.

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the request by Jacob and Kristin Finn of 243 Russell Avenue and to allow them to install a 5' privacy fence. 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 Robards to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2016-1** in the amount of **\$101,250.05**. 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)

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2016. 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 Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2016. 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)

An Ordinance Amending the Parking Schedules of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Thompson between 6th and 7th and Garnett between 6th and 7th

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading and approve as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion failed on the following roll call vote:

Trustee McCarthy felt that it wasn't needed and didn't agree with banning parking in those areas.

The board felt that it could cause problems with residents that live in that area i.e.: if grandma was to visit; where would she park. They discussed a myriad of other problems that could occur from making this area a "No Parking" zone.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Engdahl approached the village board on behalf of the Cub Scouts asking permission to place a "Free Little Library" box either by the Gazebo or by placing it by the Police Dept. It was noted that the Scouts actually built the box. After some discussion Mr. Engdahl presented the box to the village board and it was decided it would be placed near the Police Department. They agreed to place it by the Police Department because there are cameras and it should help alleviate any vandalism. It was also noted that the Cub Scouts would maintain the box.

Mr. John Edelberg announced that he would be running for the Lake County Board District 4.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works

- Reminded everyone that baseball season started and to be careful
- Branch Pick-up had begun

Trustee Braden – Community Development

- After speaking with the Mayor of Wadsworth about their Christmas Tree Bon Fire, Trustee Braden asked if the Village Board would be interested in having a “Christmas Tree Bon Fire and making an event out of it. She noted that it would be one way to get rid of the trees
- Thanked the Fire Department for their monthly report
- Announced that Harbor Foods would be opening tomorrow (May 4th) at noon.

Trustee Weiss – Finance

- Reminder – Budget Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:00pm

Trustee McCarthy-Recreation

- Coming Soon / Summer Fair and Carnival

Mayor Loy

- Announced that he would not be running for re-election

CLOSED SESSION

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to move the meeting into Closed Session citing Personal - Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.. Mayor declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote and the meeting moved into Closed Session at 7:44pm.

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

OPEN SESSION

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to move the meeting into Open Session. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote and the meeting moved into Open Session at 8:20pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Loy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm 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:

JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.