

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting

March 7, 2017

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
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk

The Invocation was led by Tom from North Point Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the **February 21, 2017 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

2017 Health Insurance Renewal

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the **Switch to United Health Care** as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Finance Director/HR Director Lisa Shaw explained that Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates had gone up almost \$40,000.00. United Health Care plans were a much better deal. Also, because we will

be saving so much on the United Health Care Plan we would be able to offer the employees Vision Insurance at \$1,500.00 per year and still save money.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2017-R-5 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Westrec Marinas NPM LLC and to Negotiate a Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Establishing a Long-Term Plan for the North Point Marina

Attorney Long thanked Westec for working with the Village. There are a lot of parts to the Agreement but the two most important parts are the Slip Tax, on a sliding scale, that will provide enough funding to cover the necessary public safety aspects of running the Police, Fire and Rescue down to the Marina. Also, going out to bid on the Hotel Package so we can get some additional revenue.

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2017-R-5** 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)

ORDINANCE 2017-O-3 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 102 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor

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 2017-O-3** and approve as presented. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

This adopts the sliding scale of the Boat Slip Tax

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

Phyllis Weiss Request to hold a Raffle during the SSEEO Walk/Run for Stroke Event on Saturday, May 6, 2017

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Phyllis Weiss Request to hold a Raffle during the SSEE Walk/Run for Stroke Event on Saturday, May 6, 2017**. Mayor Loy declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported

NEW BUSINESS

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2016-18** in the amount of **\$104,907.44**. 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 2017-R-6 A Resolution between Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. and the Village of Winthrop Harbor to Purchase 2 (two) New Squads for the Police Department

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and Seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2017-R-6** 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

Darcy Green wanted to introduce herself and let everyone know that she is running for Benton Township Supervisor. She's been a resident of Winthrop Harbor most of her life and she and her husband are raising their family here. She wants to work together in the community and encourage others to work together. She thinks serving in this capacity will allow her to engage with residents and have a better understanding of the needs in their community. She wants to continue the current services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Robards – Fire Department

- He found it amazing that the people who bad mouthed the Board on Facebook and disrespected the Board at the last meeting, aren't here tonight to say to the Board "thank you and congratulations for coming to the agreement with Westrec". I felt very disrespected at the last meeting. It amazes me that people will reach out on Facebook and different social medias and not have the grace to come here and admit that maybe they were wrong about the Board.

Trustee McCarthy – Recreation Department

- On behalf of Scott and the Rec. Department, thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help with the fun fair. It was a great event and a great turn out. Thank you for all of the hard work.
- Teen Dance on Friday, March 10th and Gym Night is on Friday, March 17th. Both at the Schlader Building.

Trustee Hargett – Police Department

- The Fun Fair was an amazing event with a really good crowd.
- Westrec, welcome again to Winthrop Harbor

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Agreed with Trustee Robards about the way we were treated on Facebook, but thank you Westrec for coming to the table and negotiating with Mayor Loy, Attorney Long and Trustee Robards. You guys did a phenomenal job and it's going to be a great partnership, we're looking forward to it and many more years of having that partnership with Westrec. It's going to be great for the community and Westrec too.

Trustee Braden – Community Development

- Thanked Westrec, Mayor Loy, Attorney Long, Trustee Robards and Pat DiPersio for the hard work. This means a lot to our community. We appreciate all that went into making this work out.
- Thanks for the Fun Fair. She had a good time. Another great event!

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- Thanks again to Westrec. He and his family have gone to the Marina a lot. It's a great place to go with kids. He's really excited. It's going to really bring the community together.
- Basketball is winding down. There's play-offs this weekend.
- We have on-line Baseball sign-up. There haven't been as many but it always happens. There's going to be an open gym each weekend to try to get people ready for baseball.
- We have a lot of Salt in the Barn because it was a very good year. We have a lot in reserves and kept the over-time down.

Mayor Loy

- Thanked Bob Long. He puts so much into the Village. He's been here for 20 years and he's really helped us. It's remarkable what he does for us.
- Pat way to go. Your job is really just beginning.
- We did what's right for the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Board Meeting Minutes 02/07/17

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Loy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm 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, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.