

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**October 17, 2017**  
Village Hall Counsel Chambers

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## **MINUTES**

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

The following Elected Officials were present:

Mayor: Dr. Michael Bruno

Trustees: Buddy Hargett, John Levin, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Richard Robards,  
Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney  
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk

The Invocation was led by Mayor Bruno, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **October 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2017-R-31 A Resolution Ratifying the Appointment of Ed Mohn as Deputy Chief of Police**

**2** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Resolution 2017-R-31** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 2017-R-32 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Paul Krzus as Dispatcher - Part-time**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2017-R-32** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 2017-R-33 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Tyler Strel as Dispatcher – Full-time**

**4** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2017-R-33** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**Recognition of Lieutenant Eric Zack and Firefighter/Paramedic Mitchell Torres for their Quick Thinking Actions During the Dive Rescue on August 30, 2017.**

Chief Justin Stried briefly explained the rescue and how, even though the outcome wasn't good, the victim had a fighting chance due to the quick thinking and actions of Lieutenant Zack and Firefighter/Paramedic Torres. The call was a drowning victim. It took them only minutes to get the boat launched and out to the last seen point of the victim. The victim was approximately 5-10 feet under water and Lieutenant Zack made the quick decision to just dive in and get the victim, not worrying about his dive equipment. If he hadn't, the dive would have been put off about 10-15 minutes. CPR was started right away. Because of these two, the victim at least had a chance. Because of this act, Lieutenant Eric Zack and Firefighter/Paramedic Mitchell Torres deserve recognition.

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Mayor Bruno said a few words of recognition to both Lieutenant Zack and Firefighter/Paramedic Torres, calling them “Heroes”. First Responders down play their contributions. Doing something courageous is a choice. You both were willing to sacrifice yourselves without a moment of hesitation. Your duty runs deep. I am proud and honor to recognize you both. Thank you for your service to our community.

Chief Stried then pinned a valor pin on each of their collars that would typically go on their dress uniforms.

Trustee Marabella said that this is why we need money for a dive team. This just proves that sometimes we have to think beyond the money portion.

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Housing Code Variance Request – Ceiling Height – 1222 Park Avenue – Basement Build Out**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **A Housing Code Variance Request-Ceiling Height-1222 Park Avenue-Basement Build Out** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (6) Hargett, Levin, 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 W2017-11** in the amount of **\$116,343.65**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**2016-17 Annual Audit**

Trustee Weiss said that the 2016-17 Audit is for their review. He suggested everyone read the attached letters from the auditor because this will impact our next budget 2017-18. He suggested that they have a Closed Session to discuss some of the problems that the auditor addressed.

**Request for Payment to Payne & Dolan for 2017 MFT Street Improvements in the Amount of \$233,611.53 and Russell Street Improvements in the Amount of \$21,112.94**

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Payment to Payne & Dolan for 2017 MFT Street improvements in the Amount of \$233,611.53 and Russell Street Improvements in the Amount of \$21,112.94.** Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None Reported

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Marabella– Public Works Department

- Branch Pick-up – we’re working hard on getting all of the branches but they are down some men so please be patient
- Trick or treat is coming up. Police and Fire will be well into this. Police always has a big presence. Likes the hours because it’s light for the young kids and dark for the older ones. Happy that we do trick or treat on Halloween.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Update on the plans for 101 Sheridan Road. The EDC has been working on the marketing for this. The marketing materials are ready to be distributed. Once we get feedback from developers that may be interested in working with us, we can move forward. The RFP document is for reference.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Thanked the EDC for the work they’ve done on the property.
- Thanked all who attended the Surf and Turf fundraiser. Officer Bonano was responsible for organizing it, thank you to him. They’ve raised about \$3,800.00 for warm winter clothing for veterans and their families. People still want to donate. All of the expenses were donated.

Trustee Robards – Fire Department

- Congratulations and thank you to Mitch and Eric.
- Thanked Trustee Marabella for his words regarding the money for the dive team.
- What is happening with Greg Jackson and the grant that he’s trying to get for Public Works Building? Mayor Bruno said that he would talk to him on Thursday.

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulations, good work! Thanks for all you do (to the Firefighters) for the Village and its residents.
- Harbor Que was excellent. Thanked Kim & Adam Braden and Debbie Leable. He will talk to them in person and thank them.
- Surf & Turf was excellent.

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- New Business - Deck of Flavors is now open. I've been there 4 times already and it's excellent!

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm on the following roll call vote:

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

**APPROVED:**

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**DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**Note: This is not a verbatim record.**