

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
February 20, 2018
Village Hall Counsel Chambers

MINUTES

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, Dana McCarthy, Richard Robards, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Douglas Durando, 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 Robards and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **February 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

MAYOR'S REPORT

None Reported

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Nimrod Warda – Request to amend the Winthrop Harbor Housing Code section 151.091 to remove the 1,000sf minimum dwelling unit size for properties in the R# zoning district and section 151.092 to remove the restriction on minimum ceiling height of habitable rooms.

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Robards to refer this to the **Planning and Zoning Board for Public Hearing**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE 2018-O-2 An Ordinance Formally Adopting the Zoning Map for the Village of Winthrop Harbor

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Robards to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **Ordinance 2018-O-2** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2017-17** in the amount of **\$116,094.47**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION-2018-R-9 A Resolution Establishing a 28 Day Work Period for Firefighting Personnel

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Hargett to approve the **Resolution 2018-R-9** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss
Nays: (0)

Absent: (1) Marabella
Passed: (0)

FOR DISCUSSION - The Boards Consideration to Allow the Harbor-Que Festival on October 5, 6 and 7, 2018 and Wave Any and All Fees and Use of the Entire Park

The Mayor started out by saying that he enjoyed working the event last year and hopefully will work it again this year.

The Harbor-Que committee came before the board with facts from last October's event telling them the number of visitors, the number of participants in the BBQ contest, all of the vendors that took part in the event, live music, carnival and the V.F.W.'s beer tent as well as the helicopter rides. They have been asked repeatedly by local businesses that are interested and want to know if they will be having it again this year. The board was reminded that only 2 of the 6 members of Harbor-Que actually live in Winthrop Harbor. The others live in Kenosha and Zion. They spent their own money to fund this event that would hopefully attract positive attention to the Village. They want to help out this community. After the initial investment of \$30,000.00 of their own money, and many of hours of hard work, they are interested in having this event again this year. They are asking the Board to allow them to have this event and to wave any and all fees and the use of the entire park.

Recreation Director, Scott Fuller, then explained the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board. They were concerned because this is a private group and they have never applied for their 501C-3 (not-for-profit status) with the state. The Recreation Board suggested that we charge the full rental fee of \$4,000.00 due to the fact that they are a private group. They agreed that this is a great event for the Village but there is a concern because they are a private group. If they were to apply for the 501C-3 they would be good with the event. The Special Event Committee recommended to allow the event and we will provide staffing as needed as long as the Village is a "Co-Sponsor". It will be at no cost as long as the Harbor-Que Committee files a 501C-3 with the state of Illinois and provides an expense/profit report to the Village. Also Harbor-Que and the Village need to sign a written contract agreement outlining the expectations and guidelines. The Board agreed with the Special Event committee and asked if the Harbor-Que committee would at least start the process of filing their 501C-3, knowing that it takes several months to get and probably won't have it in time for the event. The Harbor-Que committee agreed to start the process. The Board is in favor of this event. All committees will get together and draft an agreement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Eric Mollahan – 514 Kirkwood – just here to observe.

Nimrod Warda – 720 Whitney – I know I will be going before the PZB. I appreciate the opportunity to have the conversation with them and present my opinions and hopefully come back to this board at a later date. He has lived here for 2 years. His experience here has been great so far. He and his family are enjoying the community very much and are trying to encourage others to move here as well. At a later date he will provide more information to the board. He thanked the board for considering his item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Levin – Recreation Department

- The Fun Fair is this Saturday from 11am – 4pm.

Trustee Weiss– Finance Department

- Tuesday February 27th Committee of the Whole Meeting Budget Meeting at 6pm. Let’s stay focused.

Trustee Robards – Fire Department

- Thanked Justin for the monthly report.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- The Hotel Feasibility (RFP) study closed the middle of last week. We ended up with 6 respondents. We are going through those now and anticipate bringing a recommendation to the board in March to move forward.

Mayor Bruno

- Thanked the Police Dept. for Mike Bitton’s retirement party. It was outstanding.
- Last week Pat, Greg Jackson and I went to Springfield last Thursday and met with Senator Bush. It was a very good meeting. We also met with the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Connie Wagner. She was very enthusiastic and excited to see us. She sent Pat a letter which the Mayor then read aloud.

ADJOURNMENT

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.

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