

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**September 4, 2018**  
Village Hall Council 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:

Geoff Wexler, 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 Weiss to approve the **August 21, 2018 Appropriation Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (6) Hargett, Levin, Mirabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss**

**Nays: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**Passed: (0)**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2018-R-31 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Robert Onan PZB Board Member**

**2** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-31** 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 2018-R-32 A Resolution Granting a License to the Owners of Record of 1319 First Street to Install a Drainage Pipe Under Oakdale Avenue Upon Certain Conditions**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee Mirabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-32** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**PROCLAMATION – Annual V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Sales September 21, 22 and 23, 2018**

**Representative Sheri Jessie** – told the Board that there is Capital Funding available to the 61<sup>st</sup> District and if the different departments would compile a list of projects from our Capital Improvement Plan that need to be done, maybe we would be considered to receive some of the funds available. We would need to get the list to her by this Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration of a Motion Waiving Village Fees for an Additional Proposed Variance from the Restrictions on the Height of the First Story in the Building Proposed for 825 Sheridan Road PZB Docket 04-PZB-18. The Petitioner Will Remain Responsible for all Costs for Publication and Notifying the Neighboring Properties Required by Village Code**

**4** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Mirabella to approve the **Waiving Village Fees for an Additional Proposed Variance from the Restrictions on the Height of the First Story in the Building Proposed for 825 Sheridan Road PZB Docket 04-PZB-18**. 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)**

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5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2018-8** in the amount of **\$252,152.77**. 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)**

**JULY 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Mirabella to approve **July 2018 Treasurer's Report**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**A Motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to Discuss the Approval of Repairs to a GMC Canyon in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500.00 or Recommend Other Alternatives.**

The GMC Canyon is a 2007 with 66,000 miles on it and the engine sounds like it is gone and will cost at least \$6,000 to repair. This vehicle is 11 years old and the blue book only offers about \$4,000. Trustee Weiss said that he talked to Finance Director, Lisa Shaw, and she suggested we purchase a new vehicle, maybe lease it. We got a quote from Lynch Chevrolet for \$23,137.00. The Mayor suggested to shop around and get at least 2 more quotes. Trustee Robards suggested the board look at the amounts saved on the two projects that were bid on for the fuel storage tanks and fire hydrants for Public Works. Both bids came in \$10,000 under budget so maybe there's money that can be used. The consensus of the Board was to purchase a new vehicle and they would like to see 2 more quotes.

**Approval of Stafstrom Petroleum (the lowest responsible bidder) to Replace Both Fuel Storage Tanks at Public Works not to Exceed their Bid of \$29,500.00**

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Mirabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Stafstrom Petroleum's bid to Replace both Fuel Storage Tanks at Public Works not to Exceed \$29,500.00**. 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)**

**Approval of Nyssen Excavating, Inc. (the lowest responsible bidder) to Replace fifteen (15) Fire Hydrants and Fire Hydrant Valves at Various Locations Throughout the Village not to Exceed their Bid of \$45,450.00**

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Mirabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **approve Nyssen Excavating, Inc.'s bid to Replace Fifteen (15) Fire Hydrants and Fire Hydrant Valves at Various Locations Throughout the Village not to Exceed \$45,450.00.** Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (6) Hargett, Levin, Mirabella, McCarthy, Robarts, Weiss**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Kim Braden – 931 S. Park – She and the Harbor-Que committee were there to touch base with the Board about Harbor-Que. She feels everything is on schedule. They have prepared the map that they will email it to everyone. She just wanted to make sure that we were all on the same page and it looks like we are. She checked with Chief Brumlik regarding security and that's been all taken care of. She will have some documents and insurance ready in a few days. Everyone here has been wonderful. If you have any questions, please let us know. We need volunteers and sponsors so if you know anyone please let us know. Thank you Mayor for the letters of recommendation to the businesses to sell beer. They have more food vendors and competitors.

Richard Butler – 2808 13<sup>th</sup> Street – He said that he had been challenged by one of the Trustees to attend Board Meetings. He said that he has and would continue to attend and also would attend the meetings on Home Rule. He only asked that the Board Members speak up because he has a hard time hearing them and if he couldn't hear them, why would he attend?

Mikael Jacobson – New Director of Zion-Benton Public Library – Just wanted to introduce himself. He is also a resident of Winthrop Harbor. He's looking forward to working with us and partnership opportunities with all of us and the adjoining communities.

Marty Butler – 2808 13<sup>th</sup> Street – She inquired about the increase in her Groot Bill. Trustee Robarts told her that he called Groot and was reminded that when the contract was re-negotiated and then Amended, it was Amended to put yard waste back in because residents wanted it included. That is what the \$2 a month increase was.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Levin – Recreation Department (He turned it over to Rec. Dir.-Scott Fuller)

- We received a donation check from Lynch Chevrolet in the amount of \$750.00 for our baseball program. This is the second year that they have given us \$25.00 for every Winthrop Harbor resident that test drove a vehicle up to \$750.00. This ran for May, June and July.
- First Teen Dance of the 2018/2019 school year is Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 7-9pm.

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Trustee Mirabella – Public Works

- Thanked the Harbor-Que folks
- We had a lot of rain and not too many issues/complaints.
- Our Queens were in the Labor Day Parade and won “Most Beautiful Float”. They all did a good job

Mayor Bruno

- I went to the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on Labor Day morning at Zion-Benton High School cafeteria. It was a good presentation.
- I was in the Labor Day Parade.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm 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.**