

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**September 18, 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,

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 Robards and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **September 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards**

**Nays: (0)**

**Absent: (1) Weiss**

**Passed: (0)**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2018-R-33 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Leonard F. Walker and Jonathan Triplett – Part-Time Police Officers**

**2** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-33** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes:** (4) **Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards**  
**Nays:** (0)  
**Absent:** (1) **Weiss**  
**Passed:** (1) **Levin**

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2018-R-34 A Resolution Approving Five Variances Allowing Construction and Occupancy of a Commercial Building (File Nos. 03-PZB-18 and 04-PZB-18) 825 Sheridan Road**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-34** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**A Discussion About Docket #05-PZB-18 the Petitioner, The Village of Winthrop Harbor, Request to Amend the Text of the Village of Winthrop Harbor Code of Ordinances, Chapter 154: Zoning, Sections 154.003 and 154.010 Related to Accessory Structures and Uses**

Trustee Hargett quickly ran through the changes that were requested. After some discussion, the Board asked Attorney Long to draft an Ordinance with all of the new changes.

**4** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2018-9** in the amount of **\$101,815.78**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**A Discussion About Complaints Involving the Southern Retention Pond in Covenant Courts Subdivision and Whether There is Adequate Basis to Conclude That This Pond Constitutes a Public Nuisance Justifying Expenditure of Village Resources or if This is a Private Dispute Between a Limited Number of Landowners.**

Bob Johnson from 214 Danbury Cove presented the Board with an information packet complete with pictures. He went on to explain how this pond floods his back yard when there is a heavy rain. He didn’t want to file any complaints against anyone or make any trouble, he just wanted the Village to enforce some of the Village’s Ordinances or for the Home Owners Association to

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maintain the pond and grounds around it. Attorney Long explained what we, the Village, are allowed to do and not to do, seeing that this is a Home Owner’s Association. It was decided that we would send letters out to the 29 homeowners in the HOA and try to get them to take care of the problem. If the Village has to get involved, we would have to hire someone and pay them prevailing wages which would cost the 29 homeowners even more.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$5,000.00 FROM CIP TO FORESTRY**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the **Request to Transfer \$5,000.00 From CIP to Forestry**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None Reported

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Robards – Fire Department

- Everyone received the Fire Dept. report. They are ahead of last year again. Every year we get more and more.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- I appreciate the Department Heads putting together the information for Sheri Jesiel.
- Coffee with a Cop is on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-11a.m. Agenda free conversations between residents and cops. It’s great that the Chief came up with this to connect people especially since the dispatch won’t be here. Knowing who the officers are makes them feel safer
- Thank you to the Fire Dept. for being at the Back to School Event. It was a lot of fun. The Fire Dept. donated a ride to school in a fire truck.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Mentioned the Back to School Event also. The Fire Dept. lost a tug-of-war to a bunch of elementary kids. There are a lot of fun pictures. It was fun to watch them auction off the ride to school in a fire truck.
- Coffee with a Cop, is great idea Chief

Trustee Levin – Recreation Department

- This Saturday, at Village Par, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6pm is the Touch a Truck Event. Afterwards, at 7pm, they will be showing a movie inside the Schlader Building, “Turbo”

Trustee Marabella – Public Works

- The guys went out early and picked up branches from the storm. There was a lot.
- The W.H. Queens are at Zion’s Board Meeting tonight collecting their trophy

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- The Kiwanis Dinner to recognize first responders, He wanted to let everyone know that the Police Officer that was recognized was Chris Willets and the Firefighter personnel were, Brandon Martin and Joshua Trice
- Went to the Community Character Walk and it was very good.
- He attended the PZB and the EDC Meetings last week to meet everyone and thanked everyone that sits on the boards
- Thanked Joel for Coffee with a Cop. He hopes to be there.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01pm on the following roll call vote:

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