

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
December 4, 2018
Village Hall Council 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, Hartmutt "Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk

The Invocation was led by Rob Jasinski from North Point Church, 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 **November 20, 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

ORDINANCE 2018-O-20 An Ordinance Repealing and Readopting a New Chapter 126 to Title IX of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code Regulating and Licensing Tobacco and E-Cigarette Dealers

2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and Seconded by Trustee Weiss to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the Second Reading of **Ordinance 2018-O-20** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Continued Discussion of the Covenant Courts Ponds

There is a new HOA President, Jeff McCartney. He is also the new Superintendent of Winthrop Harbor Schools. He has recently purchased a new home in Winthrop Harbor. He attended a HOA meeting after getting a letter from the Village regarding the ponds and the HOA's responsibility of maintaining them. He has spoken to the former President of the HOA and he will be turning everything over to Jeff. Jeff is optimistic that they will be able to get everything back on track. There is about \$1,300.00 in the account right now but in the Spring, bills will go out to collect HOA fees. The maintenance of the ponds will come out of that. It's a work in progress and we're going to address everything. There is a new Secretary and Treasurer as well. Attorney Long offered to help them get any documents or plat of surveys that they may need. Mr. McCartney will keep the Board updated.

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2018-R-37 An Appointment Resolution Appointing William K. Abington – EMA Member

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-37** 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)

RESOLUTION 2018-R-38 An Regarding the Release and Non-Release of Certain Minutes of Closed Session

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-38** 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)

V.F.W. – Request for a One (1) Year Raffle License (January-December 2019)

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5 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **V.F.W.'s Request for a One (1) Year Raffle License (January-December 2019)**. 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)

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2018-O-21 An Ordinance for Establishing an Enterprise Zone in the City of Zion, the Village of Beach Park and the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Subject to the Enterprise Zone Act of the State of Illinois

6 - 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-21** 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)

ORDINANCE 2018-O-22 An Ordinance Enacting a Policy Statement Expressing a Commitment to Encourage the Development of Business Entities and the Hiring of Individuals Defined as Minorities, Women and Persons with Disabilities Within the Zion Benton Enterprise Zone

7 - 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-22** 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)

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2018-13** in the amount of **\$177,814.94**. 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)

2018 Tax Levy Ordinance

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **2018 Tax Levy Ordinance** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion **failed** on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (3) Robards, Weiss, Bruno
Nays: (3) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy
Absent: (1) Marabella
Passed: (0)

Following that vote, and by consensus, the Board agreed to put this on the next agenda for further consideration when the entire Board would be present. Attorney Long advised the Board that a levy of some amount would have to be adopted then or the Village would receive no property taxes for the coming year. Finance Director Shaw added that such an event would be a catastrophe since the property tax levy constitutes about half of the Village's entire revenue annually.

Request to Enter into a Fee for Service Agreement with the Lake County Health Department, Animal Care and Control Program

10 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the **Request to Enter into a Fee for Service Agreement with the Lake County Health Department, Animal Care and Control Program**. 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)

Request to Pay Axon for the Capital Improvement Project Previously Approved for the Replacement of the Police Department Squad Cameras

11 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the **Request to Pay Axon for the Capital Improvement Project Previously Approved for the Replacement of the Police Department Squad Cameras**. 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-39 A Resolution Affirming Village Policy with Respect to Snow Removal Operations

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-R-39** 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)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rich Coombe – V.F.W.- Thank you for approving the Raffle License for another year. On December 22nd the Board is invited to the Sailors Party. There will be 110-120 Sailors there that day. He also provided the Village with 3 new flags and asked that they be put up tomorrow.

Marty Butler – 2808 13th Street- asked what had been submitted to the Village regarding 18 acres that are being cleared near her. She was told that the people that owned the property came into the Village and asked if they could remove a few trees. They were told that it was their property so yes, they could remove a few trees. Pat DiPersio told her that he had received no plans for development on that property. He has had no contact with the owner directly. The only contact that he has had has been with the tree company. The Village does not have a tree preservation ordinance so they are allowed to remove the trees. Once Mr. DiPersio found out what they were doing, he contacted Lake County Storm Water Management and they determined they need require a water shed development permit. Lake County Storm Water issued a stop work order. As far as development, we have not received anything. Mrs. Butler said that they are not an adjoining neighbor but lived a couple doors down. She then asked if when the work begins and if they need a variance, would the neighbors be notified. She was told that for notification you would have to be an adjoining neighbor. She was told that for a hearing it would need to be published for general circulation. Mrs. Butler asked if the whole Agenda Packet with all documentation could be posted on line. She would like the Village be more transparent. They told her it could.

Richard Butler – 2808 13th Street – Winthrop Harbor Public Works could be an example to other communities on how to plow snow. You do a fantastic job. Whatever you’re doing, you’re doing it right. Keep it up!

Kim Braden – Harbor Que – even though it rained they made connections and they made the best of a bad situation. It’s still a success for the community. We still have a little work to do with the park. Overall it was a success. We bring the community together as a private group of citizens. We appreciate all who pitched in to help. It’s a lot of work and takes the entire year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Trustee Robards – Fire Department

- The Fire Department had a very big event. Chief Stried explained that a car was on their way to the hospital because the wife was having a baby and they didn't make it. They made it to the Fire Dept. front apron just in time for the crew to help deliver the baby. The baby was born in the backseat and mom and baby are doing fine.
- Fire Department monthly report

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Great job to the staff who delivered the baby
- Thank you to all the Department Heads and staff for the doing a great job on the Tree Lighting. Thank you to the Recreation Department and Recreation Board for the Parade. It was great!
- Update on the 911 consolidation- we asked for another extension until March 31st

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- At the next meeting we will be updating the Board with new laptops. We will be getting rid of the paper Packets and save money. We will be signed agreements stating that the laptops will be used for Village use ONLY and will be returned at the end of terms

Trustee Levin – Recreation Department

- Thanked the Recreation Department and Volunteers Lunch w/Santa and the Light Parade.

Mayor Bruno

- Thanked the Recreation Department and Department Heads for putting together the Tree Lighting and refreshments after.
- Thanked the Fire Department for the great job delivering the baby. It was amazing.

ADJOURNMENT

13 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm 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

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Note: This is not a verbatim record.