

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
April 16, 2019
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, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Richard Robards,
Hartmutt "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 **April 2, 2019 Public Hearing (TIF) Meeting Minutes** 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)

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **April 2, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** 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)

OLD BUSINESS

Non Reported

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Salvation Army – Request to Allow – Red Kettle Campaign: Monday-Saturday, November 1st Through December 24th, 2019

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **The Salvation Army's Request to Allow Red Kettle Campaign Monday-Saturday, November 1st through December 24th, 2019.** 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)

A Request by Ragnar Events to use Village Park on Friday, May 17th, 2019 for Relay Race and Waive any and all Fees

4 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Ragnar Events Request to use Village Park on Friday, May 17th, 2019 for Relay Race and Waive any and all Fees.** 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)

Permission for Devine Harbor, Inc. (Mr. Jairose Pathiyil) to Allow him to Obtain a New Liquor License for the Mobil Gas Station at 847 Sheridan Road That he is Purchasing.

After some discussion it was verified that they would like to transfer the liquor license from the Mobil Gas Station to Devine Harbor, Inc.. Mr. Pathiyil is purchasing this gas station and has provide the Clerk with all of the necessary paper work and has had his fingerprints and background check done. The consensus of the board was to grant him the transfer.

ORDINANCE 2019-O-8 An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of a Liquor License for the Mobile Gas Station Pursuant to Section 110.17 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code

5 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and Seconded by Hargett to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2019-O-8** and approve as submitted. 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)

Nikunj Patel – 644 Sheridan Road – Requests a Pouring Liquor License for his Existing Business to Allow him to have Video Gaming

Mr. Patel explained that he would like to have a pouring license so that he could have video gaming. He has provided a drawing showing how he would remove an isle and close off a small portion up front for the pouring and gaming. He said that his business has been struggling and this would help to bring more people in. He wants to have wine tasting. He told the board that they have a pouring license in other businesses. Trustee Hargett asked Mr. Patel if he knew what the projected revenue would be for the gaming. Mr. Patel told him about \$4,000 a month on average. Trustee McCarthy asked about parking and if that had any effect on it. Mr. Patel explained that there was extra parking in the back that he has asked the landlord if they could use that for employee parking. Trustee Hargett said that his concern was that other liquor stores, gas stations, laundry mats would ask for pouring licenses for gaming. Trustee Robards asked, at what point do we become inundated with gaming? Trustee McCarthy didn't want to set president for liquor stores to ask for gaming. We've tried to keep gaming at a minimum and he would like to continue to do that. The Mayor told him that we would have to look at the parking and he would get back to Mr. Patel.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2019-O-9 An Ordinance Accepting Title to a Parcel of Land from the County of Lake

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and Seconded by Robards to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2019-O-9** and approve as submitted. 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 2019-R-7 A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Beach Park, Zion, Waukegan and North Chicago, Funding a CMAP Study for a Proposed Lakefront Trail

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Resolution 2019-R-7** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Accounts Payable Warrant W2018-21

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2018-21** in the amount of **\$114,292.20**. 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)

Request to Approve the Purchases of Replacing the Village File Server – Previously Approved in the 2018/19 CIP Budget

9 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **the Purchase of Replacing the Village File Server-\$36,000.00, Previously Approved in the 2018/19 CIP Budget**. 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)

Request to go with NP Paving for 2018/19 Sealcoat Project for \$7,232.00

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **the Request to go with NP Paving for 2018/19 Sealcoat Project for \$7,232.00**. 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)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Jeff McCartney – 102 Old Darby Lane – He came to give the Board an up-date on the HOA for Covenant Courts. He told the Board that they had to start from scratch. They obtained the necessary documents to close the old account that was losing money because of fees. To start a new account, they needed to provide documentation explaining they were an HOA and that they are recognized by the State of Illinois. Unfortunately, all of that documentation is not

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readily available because the State has stopped recognizing us 3 years ago. We have been working with an Attorney to try and get the correct EIN number because the old President was using 2 of them. We are trying to figure which EIN number we should be using. We have obtained 3 bids from lawn care services. Once the bills and past bills have been sent out to the HOA members we can take care of the lawn and ponds. We only received partial fees from 2016 and no fees from 2017 or 2018. We have \$19,000 in fees out and once we get them back we should be able to get the ponds in shape. He will keep the Board up to date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- May 1st branch pick-up starts
- There's been a lot of water main breaks this year and Public Works prepped this week and will be out patching next week
- Public Works went out on Sunday to plow and salt
- It's baseball season so please slow down and watch for kids

Trustee Levin – Recreation Department

- Saturday is Lunch with Bunny from Noon to 1:30pm
- Winthrop Harbor Lions Club's Easter Egg Hunt is at 9:00am Saturday
- April 27th is Village Park Clean-up beginning at 9:00am

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Please look at your electronic budgets. I will be meeting with Lisa and the Mayor on Thursday.
- Check your emails for new dates for the budget

Trustee Hargett – Community Development Department

- We've been recording the meetings. Are there any policies, Ordinances or guidelines we need to follow in order to put them out to the public?
- Attorney Long explained that the whole meeting has to be posted no matter what is said or done. We cannot edit out anything. You need to make sure that you allow the public talk about anything they want. You cannot edit their comments in anyway. Other towns have time limits so you will need to determine ahead of time what you want to do. Right now they want to leave the meetings as they are. If they need to change the rules, they will re-visit it then. We can post the meetings anytime.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- When we set the new Budget dates can we all be part of that conversation due to other commitments we may have?

Mayor Bruno

- I cancelled the budget meeting tonight because I had some questions for Lisa. I will talk to her on Thursday.
- Pat DiPersio, Greg Jackson and I went to Springfield on Thursday. We met with the new director of IDNR, Colleen Callahan. It was an outstanding meeting. They were very interested in what we have dealt with. They are very open to helping us. My feeling is they are going to give us the RFP for the Hotel. Pat said that the meeting that we had, I've been trying to get for 13 years. The Mayor said that the new Director of the IDNR was very shocked at what we've had to deal with. Pat thanked the Mayor and Greg for doing exactly what he has asked in meeting with IDNR, the Senator and State Rep. It felt good to have a voice.

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11 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Weiss to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04pm on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.