

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**June 18, 2019**  
Village Hall Council Chambers

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## **MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno with 2019 Miss Winthrop Harbor, Makayla Geiman striking the gavel at 7:00 PM

The following Elected Officials were present:

Mayor: Dr. Michael Bruno

Trustees: Buddy Hargett, John Levin, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Hartmutt "Fritz" Weiss, Alanna Whitmore

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney  
Greg Jackson, Village Administrator  
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk

The Invocation was led by Pastor Doug Carlson from Grace Missionary Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Greg Jackson gave an update on recent Grants. With the help of Rep. Mason and Senator Bush \$617,000.00 has been allocated to the Village of Winthrop Harbor for the Public Works building rehab and is on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. An additional \$375,000.00 has been

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allocated to North Point Marina to make improvements. This has been signed. We have received almost a million dollars total. Trustee Whitmore and Greg are to meet with the Park Board in August to create a strategic plan for our open parks and what we plan to do. Greg presented the Board with a five-year tax revenue analysis. There has been a downward trend in the amount we are receiving. We are receiving the correct amount from the State but we are not necessarily bringing in as much money as we have in the past. We are not keeping up with inflation. Greg is looking at other opportunities to enhance our revenue stream and reduce our expenditures. There are some ordinances that haven't been update since 2002. There are some ordinances that Greg would recommend the Board dissolve because they are not cost effective. Greg is meeting with Congressman Schneider's staff on Friday to talk about potential funding on a Federal level for water, parks and open space, as well as roads.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2019-R-10 A Resolution Appointing Julie Rittenhouse as Village Clerk**

2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2019-R-10** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**FAREWELL TO 2018 WINTHROP HARBOR QUEENS / WELCOME TO 2019 WITHROP HARBOR QUEENS**

2018 Queens: Miss, Kylie Wright, Jr. Miss, Skylar Schnider, Little Miss, Cecilia McCarthy and Tiny Miss, Ava Marabella. Trustee McCarthy showed the Board a video that Miss, Kylie Wright had made because she was unable to attend the Board Meeting tonight. In the video Kylie thanked the Board for their support and told them about her platform. Her platform was to help raise awareness to honor veterans. Kylie had a fundraiser, spaghetti dinner, to raise funds to repair the Veteran's Memorial by the Schlader Building. Kylie said she was grateful for all of the support, donations and the help to repair the memorial. Kylie wished the 2019 Queens good luck. Mayor Bruno said Kylie raised \$2,250.00 and he matched it so there is about \$4,500.00 towards the new cameras and lights for the memorial. Jr. Miss, Skylar Schnider told the Board a little about her platform, "Be the Change". Her platform was to spread the kindness. Skylar went on to tell the Board what she did to spread the kindness, such as, making cards for "Honor Flight Veterans", working at the welcome home ceremonies, set up for food pantry, delivered treats to Winthrop Harbor's First Responders, took Mayor Bruno out to dinner and collected donations for "A Safe Place". Skylar said she would continue to spread kindness and volunteer in her community.

2019 Queens: Miss, Makayla Geiman, Jr. Miss, Isabella Rodriguez, Little Miss, Taylor Gergely and Tiny Miss, Mileena Jensen. Miss, Makayla Geiman told the Board that her platform was "reach out" to reach out and support the community. Makayla is working with the Director to help the Veterans in our community and to make her year as Miss Winthrop Harbor as positive

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and helpful as can be. Makayla then introduced Little Miss, Taylor Gergely and Tiny Miss, Mileena Jensen. Makayla said that Jr. Miss, Isabella Rodriguez couldn't be here.

Mayor Bruno Presented all of the out-going Queens with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small gift/letter from him and gave the in-coming Queens a little something also. Mayor Bruno then thanked the Queens for representing our Village in such a dignified and professional way and wished them good luck in the future. Mayor Bruno also thanked Cindy Graham for the great job she does with the pageant.

**A DISCUSSION ON THE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS**

Attorney Long briefly went over the local rules and regulations of the new Cannabis Act. Attorney Long said there are things the Board will *have* to do. Things that the Board won't make a decision on but it will happen anyway. There are things that will have to be considered by the Board with appropriate decisions made. We will have to change the local Ordinances regarding cannabis and the expungement of records. We have the opportunity to decide if we want to allow sales in town. We *cannot* prohibit use. If we prohibit sales, we won't get any sales tax. If we allow the sales, we can use the zoning power to select areas, the signage and licensing. We can also add a non-home ruled sales tax of up to 3% at .25% increments. Attorney Long asked, after about a week or so of consideration, if each of the Board members would please give Greg an answer on whether we should ban zoning for dispensaries or if we should allow it.

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fence Code Variation Request – 832 College Avenue**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **DENY** a **Fence Code Variation Request for 832 College Avenue**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 2019-R-11 A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Lake and Accepting Title to a Parcel of Land on the Northwest Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Sheridan Road**

**4** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2019-R-11** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**Accounts Payable Warrant**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-3** in the amount of **\$93,549.80**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**March 2019 Treasurer's Report**

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **March 2019 Treasurer's Report** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**April 2019 Treasurer's Report**

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **April 2019 Treasurer's Report** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**PRESENTATION OF SGT., WILLIAM BOGDALA**

Mayor Bruno did the swearing-in of Sgt. William Bogdala. Chief Brumlik explained that the Police Commission is responsible for the hiring of the full-time Police Officers and they are the ones that promoted Sgt. Bogdala. Chief Brumlik said that Bill has done a good job in the department and with the K-9 unit as well as handling property and evidence. Congratulations!

**Request for Approval for Baxter and Woodman to Proceed with NBIS Compliance**

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Request for Approval for Baxter and Woodman to Proceed with NBIS Compliance** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**Request Approval to Waive the Bid Process and Accept a Bid from Burris Equipment for the Purchase of Kubota Zero-Turn Mower in the Amount of \$13,095.22**

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Whitmore and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Request Approval to Waive the Bid Process and Accept a Bid for Burris Equipment for the Purchase of Kubota Zero-Turn Mower in the Amount of \$13,095.22** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ellie Hargett – Ellie did a project called “Genius Hour” at her school. Ellie decided to research the history of Winthrop Harbor. One of the things that she talked about is how we can preserve the history of Winthrop Harbor. We could do this by making the historical pictures available to the public. There are a lot of historical photos that people have not seen. Ellie said she had a lot of fun studying the history of Winthrop Harbor. Ellie said she thought it would be fun if the schools had different ways to study the history of Winthrop Harbor because there are a lot of interesting things. There used to be some columns lining one of the streets. Ellie thought one of the column toppers could be used as a monument for downtown. Ellie said that she got a lot of the historical information and pictures from Mr. Pat (DiPersio).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Congratulations to Sgt. Bogdala for officially moving into the role of Sergeant

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Congratulations to Sgt. Bogdala. He’s been a great asset for years.
- As of yesterday, W.H. Police Dept. begins the 4<sup>th</sup> of July crack down on impaired drivers and seat-belt violators. This runs from June 17<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to the Queens.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Congratulations to Bill.

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- Thanked Scott and his team for keeping all of the ball fields up.

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Congratulations to the Queens
- Congratulations to Sgt. Bogdala. His partner “Hondo” should have been here.
- Thanked Greg, Pat and the Mayor for all of the hard work in the past 2 years building the relationships in Springfield to get the Grants. It’s finally letting them know that Winthrop Harbor is here.

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- Congratulations to Sg. Bogdala
- Congratulations to the Queens

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- When Stg. Bogdala came here from North Chicago they thought they were taking a risk. I certainly did not when I was on the board then. He’s done a great job.
- Congratulations to the Queens
- It’s Baseball season, so please watch for the kids when driving
- American Public Works Assoc. is making an effort to respond to hunger in Lake County. Tim will be collecting food here and out at the Public Works building. The food that is collected here will go to the North Point Church Food Pantry.
- There will be a Touch-a-Truck event at the Lake County Fair Ground on July 23, 2019

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulations to the 2018 Queens on a phenomenal year. What they do puts the Village of Winthrop Harbor on the maps. I am grateful for your activities and input. Thank you to the Queen’s families for all of their support.
- Congratulations to the 2019 Queens and their families. It will be a great year.
- Thank you to Cindy Graham for all that she does with the pageant.
- Congratulations to Sgt. Bogdala and “Hondo”
- The Garden Club planted the flowers. The person that really communicated with them is Tim. Tim gave them his phone number so they could contact him directly if they needed anything. The Garden Club was thankful for Tim’s support. Thank you Tim, for doing that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm on the following roll call vote:

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

**APPROVED:**

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**DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR**

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**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**Note: This is not a verbatim record.**