

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
August 6, 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, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss, Alanna Whitmore

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney
Greg Jackson, Village Administrator
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 Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (3) Levin, Weiss, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (3) Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy

2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve the **July 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (2) Marabella, Weiss

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3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Hargett to approve the **July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (2) Marabella, Weiss

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Greg Jackson told the Board the IDNR meeting was in July with the delegation from the Director's Office.
- Greg has had communication with the State Representative's office and Department of Congress and Economic Opportunity about the \$617,000.00 grant we are receiving for the Public Works Building. They are in the process of putting together the language for the notice of funding and we will be notified when that happens.
- The Mayor notified Greg today that he received notice from Senator Bush's office saying that she received an estimate from the Governor's office that the Village of Winthrop Harbor will be receiving an additional \$266,595.00 for roads.
- The Board has agreed to hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 13, 2019 at 7:00pm to discuss the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- Greg met with the Village of Buffalo Grove last week to discuss and get information on wages and compensation data so he can do an analysis.
- The Budget is being reformatted. Greg had discussions with Trustees Levin and Weiss to talk about the information that will be available to the Public, as well as the 5-year history.
- Trustee Marabella gave Greg some information about clean-up on Lake Michigan. Greg reached out to Congressman Schneider's office to talk about Landfill and other things. He will meet with them again next week to talk about Lake Michigan clean-up and erosion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Winthrop Harbor Lion's Club – Requesting Permission to Solicit Donations, by Handing out Candy on the Following Corners: Lewis Ave. and Russell Road, Sheridan Road and 9th Street and Kenosha Road and 9th Street on Friday, September 20th, 2019 from 3:00-6:30pm and Saturday, September 21st, 2019 from 8:30am – 12:00pm

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **Grant Permission to W.H. Lions Club to solicit Donations on September 20th & 21st, 2019.** 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-16 An Appointment Resolution Appointing David McCleary as a Plumbing Inspector

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2019-R-16** 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)

RESOLUTION 2019-R-17 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Raymond Hamilton – Part-time Police Officer

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2019-R-17** 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)

Eagle Scout, Troop 667, Brennin G. Heiny – Service Project Proposal

Brennin thanked the Board for allowing him to tell them about his proposed service project. He wants to add electric and LED Lights to the existing Trentin Heiny Pavilion at 38 Acre Park. He gave the board a packet of pictures showing where he would like to add the electric and LED Lights. He has already talked to John Hucker from Hucker Electric, for his assistance in the initial planning phase. Hucker Electric will be digging the trenches for the electric. Tom Osborne from Osborne Electric will be providing assistance in installation. Brennin is asking the Board to waive any and all fees. Brennin will be presenting his project to local civic organizations seeking their assistance in raising \$8,500.00 in funding. Also he will be working with local businesses and doing fundraising to raise the money. He would like to complete this project by the end of September or October.

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Retail Strategies Contract Renewal – Term; November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020 – TABLED

Accounts Payable Warrant

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-6** in the amount of **\$242,847.28**. 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)

May 2019 Treasurer’s Report

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **May 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)

June 2019 Treasurer’s Report

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve the **June 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)

Request for Approval to Complete Transaction for Land Parcel 04-10-113-001 (7th & Landon)

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Request to Complete Transaction for Land Parcel 04-10-113-001 (7th Street and Landon)** 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)

Approval of a Grant Awarded from the State of Illinois for the 2019-2020 Traffic Safety Program

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11 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve a **Grant Awarded from the State of Illinois for the 2019-2020 Traffic Safety Program** 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 Enter into a Contract with FSS Technologies for Connection of the Winthrop Harbor Village Hall Complex Fire Alarm Panel to the Mundelein Dispatch Center

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **Request to Enter into a Contract with FSS Technologies for Connection of the Winthrop Harbor Village Hall Complex Fire Alarm Panel to the Mundelein Dispatch Center** 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

Rich Coombe – VFW- the lights at the Memorial are being worked on. We are waiting on the Electrician. He’s been working 12 hours a day and is behind. When he has the time, he will be there. Also, Mr. Coombe invited the Board to the Commander’s Picnic at the VFW on Saturday August 10, 2019 at 12:00pm.

Jane Hall said, that because of a Facebook post about the lights at the Memorial, she was ready to ask how she could be put on the agenda so she could give the money and the name of someone that would do the work, just to get it done. She was upset about the person posting on Facebook.

Bob Johnson – 214 Danbury Cove – Mr. Johnson asked what the status is on the Covenant Court Ponds. Attorney Long said the HOA has been re-formed and they have collected some money and are ready to do their end of the work. There are 2 property owners that have fenced off the only way into the pond. Those property owners have been requested to allow access through their yards and they have refused. They’ve been red-tagged and warned that they have to allow access. That resulted in them being irate. Rather than getting into a long legal battle, they have calmed down enough that, as of 2 weeks ago, they were all meeting once more with the HOA and were going to work out an access agreement so the HOA would be able to go through their property to get back to the ponds. That’s the last Attorney Long has heard.

Doug Mills – 1140 Park Ave. – Mr. Mills stated that there is a problem with fences erected across the alley way that butt up to his property. He would like access to the alley way so he

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can remove a tree at the end of his property. It will take a lift to remove this tree. He would like the fences, a chain link and a wooden fence, removed. He said that he talked to Tim Neargarder and Tim told him he would be ok with removing the fences. He also called Trustee Marabella and did not receive a call back. He contacted Officer Sheedy and CSO Simmons and said that they told him to come to a Village Board Meeting. There are 6 properties down the 1100 block of Landon that are using the alley as their property. He just needs access from 12th Street to his property, which is 2 houses in from the corner. Greg Jackson said that he will meet with Mr. Neargarder and Mr. DiPersio and write a recommendation to present to the Village Council after he looks into everything.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Registration for Fall ball will be through Friday 8/9/19. The cost is \$50.00
- There will be a Parks and Rec meeting on Monday 8/12/19

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Chief Brumlik said that there was some K9 training with several other communities to prepare for any situations that may occur in schools. We're trying to follow the Fire Department and work together with the other communities

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Congratulations to Trustee Whitmore on her new baby
- There's a website for the Northern Lakeshore Trail Connectivity Plan. We are working to connect the trails along the lakefront from Winthrop Harbor to Zion, Beach Park, Waukegan and North Chicago. The website is: connecttothenorthernlakeshore.com. They will be bringing iPad kiosks to each of the communities so people can look at plans and have input. There will be open houses in the future as well. It will be here through the extended Labor Day Weekend, 8/27/19 through 9/5/19. It will be rotated between the Schlader Building, Village Hall and down by the marina.
- Thanked the Chamber and Peter Brush for the music series that was held on 7th Street. It wrapped up last Thursday. They were very happy with how the first year went. Residents really enjoyed it.
- The Farmers Market is on Saturday 8/10/19
- Pop-up Beer Garden at the Lakefront Saturday 8/10/19
- Cruise Night, Thursday evenings at Harbor Plaza
- There was a meeting with the new IDNR Director along with 12 of her staff, our State Rep., State Senator, their aides and us for the entire day with Beach Park and Zion joining in the second half of the day. The new director seems very willing to work with us. It was a great day. Thank you Greg for coordinating it.

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Thank you Greg, Mayor and Trustee Hargett for the report on the IDNR. Finally, we're on the map after so many years of struggling. Greg you've been magnificent in getting a ton of information that we have never received in the past along with money.

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- Chief Stried said that he is a couple months behind on his reports because of the new computer reporting system but he will have them within the next month
- Fire Inspector, Bruce Wimer has passed away. Prayers to his family.

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Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- Tim gave everyone a spread sheet showing an update on the road work that is in progress. It is also on the website. The report shows that we are under budget so he is going to do more patching. The Road project is looking good.
- The APWA, Lake County feeding the hungry, food drive that was supposed to go to a certain place, actually went to the new food pantry at North Point Church. They collected between 150-160 pounds of food.
- The culvert installation project-all 5 culverts have been installed by the PW staff, saving approximately \$20,000.00 in labor costs.
- Annual fire hydrant flushing is scheduled for early September
- The Venetian Festival was awesome. There were lots of people and no problems. Trustee Hargett said there was a group there offering free paddling lessons so you could kayak in the marina.

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulations to Trustee Whitmore on her baby
- Thank you Greg for all that you do for the Village
- The meeting on July 26th with the IDNR Director was truly amazing.

ADJOURNMENT

13 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.