

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
August 20, 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 Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to ***Deny*** the **Renewal of the Retail Strategies Contract for Another Term**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Passed: (0)

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Greg Jackson told the Board that he has sent each of them, and staff, a Budget Calendar for the 2020/2021 Budget year. We're also going to create new job descriptions for the wage and compensation, so we can figure that into our decision making process and staff can make recommendations in the coming year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nicole & Kim Henderson Request Permission to Have a Medical Benefit/Raffle at Harbor Brewery to Raise Money for Marc Henderson's Medical Bills on August 24, 2019 from 5pm-12:00am

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **Grant Permission to Have a Medical Benefit/Raffle at Harbor Brewery to Raise Money for Marc Henderson's Medical Bills.** 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)

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-7** in the amount of **\$155,055.48**. 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)

July 2019 Treasurer's Report

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **July 2019 Treasurer's Report** 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)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bob Grabnik – 1205 Pennsylvania Avenue – he has 43 signatures of neighbors in the area of 13th, 14th and Monroe that are concerned about the trees removed. The property owner did not obtain the proper permits to remove the trees. Since then the trees are piled up all over the place, making it an eyesore to the neighborhood. He is asking the Village for help getting this cleaned up. Mr. Grabnik also said that one of the neighbors had been in constant contact with the county and was told the county has been working with the Corp of Engineers and that the Corp of Engineers was very close to taking some sort of action. Mayor Bruno told Mr. Grabnik that he had talked to Pat DiPersio and was told that it is now in the hands of Storm Water Management. Pat has tried to get an update from them and hasn't heard back. Mr. Grabnik asked if there was any ordinance for tree removal. Greg Jackson said he went through the entire code and could not find anything. Trustee McCarthy said if Storm Water Management stopped them from any further work on the property, they won't get rid of the trees that were cut down. Attorney Long told of a situation back in the late 90's or early 2000's regarding this property. They wanted to sub-divide the property. Planning and Zoning denied their request for two reasons and one of them is because of the water flow at the far east end of the property. They also did the same thing that the current owner did. They removed several of the trees and moved some of the dirt around. When they did that, they drew the attention of Storm Water Management. The Corp of Engineers got involved and stopped them from doing any further work on the property and made a series of requirements to restore the property to its original state. The idea of the Corp getting involved this time is pretty good. Once Storm Water Management and the Corp gets involved, we have to wait for them to tell us what they are going to do. We do not have a tree ordinance but one was discussed about 20 years ago. The residents came to the meeting and told the Board that they didn't want a tree ordinance. Unfortunately, we have no authority to make them clean up the trees. If the Trustees want an ordinance, Attorney Long said he'd be glad to create one.

Phil Tarpey – 1124 Pennsylvania Avenue - As far as tree ordinances, he feels they go way too far in telling people what they can and can't do. He would like to see an ordinance to help preserve some of the older trees and limit the number of trees removed. We would be doing this for our grandkids.

Louis Hartness – 42071 N. Kenosha Road – He doesn't actually live in the Village but is in the W.H. Fire District. He expressed his concerns about the lack of Fire Department personnel and the slower response times for emergency and rescue calls. If you dial 911 is anyone going to show up? Chief Stried told Mr. Hartness that the response times are within 4 minutes. Chief Stried asked Mr. Hartness if there were any specific instances that he could reference. We rarely have an uncovered shift and when we do we rely on our neighbors for help. Mr. Hartness did not have any instances to give Chief Stried. Chief Brumlik said, now that the dispatch calls go through Mundelein, it is faster due to the fact that they have several dispatchers and we only had one. Greg Jackson said he's confident that both Chiefs do everything possible to keep our

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response times down. Greg said he looks at staffing very closely. We would never want to compromise the health and wellbeing of our community.

Jane Hall – 9600 – 17th Street – she said she also does not live in the Village but knows for a fact that they can respond from the station to the corner of their jurisdiction in less than two (2) minutes. She had a cardiac event a couple years ago and they were there fast and were very professional.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- Fall-ball is about to begin so please be careful driving by the ballfields on W. Broadway
- School Starts soon so please drive carefully and watch for kids
- Road projects are finishing up. The roads are looking good. They will be doing some extra patching

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Northern Lake Shore Trail – from Winthrop Harbor to North Chicago – connectthenorthernlakeshore.com – the kiosk will be here Aug. 27th through the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5 for residents to give feed-back. There will be a public meeting in Waukegan on Sept. 19th to give input as well.
- Reminder: Explorewinthropharbor.com for all of the events that are going on this weekend - boat show at Skipper Buds, Yacht Rock at the dock by the Tropics, and the 20th Anniversary of the Illinois Beach State Park Hawk Watch. They are looking for volunteers.
- The Committee of the Whole meeting last week was really good. I appreciate Greg and Bob's presentation. Just having that conversation and being able to have that working session, felt really good. I suggest maybe having something like that maybe a couple times a year to discuss what's going on.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Thanked Greg Jackson for the Budget Calendar. Really excited about the work that's being done, specifically with the Wage Policy and job descriptions.
- I attended the Rec. Board Meeting last week and I appreciate the presentation regarding the parks and public spaces plan.
- The Police Department is participating in the DUI Enforcement program this weekend. This is through federal funding through IDOT.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Thanked Greg Jackson for the presentation for the Rec. Board Meeting. We had a great turnout and response. Several people came up to me after the presentation explaining their gratitude for the movement forward and what we're trying to do for the department.
- The Hawk Watch also has activities for children. The volunteers are for anyone who wants to take part in the activities.

Mayor Bruno

- Thanked Residents for coming out tonight. Thanks for giving us information.
- Thanked Greg Jackson for everything he does.
- I will be making a couple appointments to the Rec. Board. I will review what we have and contact some of the people on my list.

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- I also will be making an appointment to the PZB Board.

ADJOURNMENT

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm 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.