

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
September 17, 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
Pat DiPersio, Community Development Director
Tim Neargarder, Superintendent of Public Works
Justin Stried, Fire Chief
Joel Brumlik, Police Chief

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 **September 3, 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 had a meeting today with Chief Stried and the Winthrop Harbor Fire District to negotiate terms for the upcoming contract for an increase in rates.
- Greg was contacted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development yesterday and was told that we will be receiving another \$100,000.00, which we will be applying to the bridge at 3rd and Holdridge. With our efforts for the past year, we've brought in 1.3 million dollars of new revenue to the Village.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Board Approval for the Placement of a 911 Memorial by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7448 at 38 Acre Park

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to **Grant Permission for the Placement of a 911 Memorial by the V.F.W. Post 7448 at 38 Acre Park.** 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)

A PROCLAMATION – V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Sales – September 27, 28 and 29, 2019

Grant Osborne – Presentation of Eagle Scout Project and Request for Approval

Grant explained that his project is a building combining, a pitching/batting cage. The cage would be put in a pre-determined area between the North and middle ball fields at 38 Acres. This project would bring a much needed practice area for the baseball and softball players out of the inclement weather. There would be no cost to the Village. Grant will be fundraising and excepting donations to reach his goal of \$6,000.00. Grant's goal is to have this project completed by 2020. Mayor Bruno told Grant that he was approved.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING AND DISCUSSION OF - An Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Legal Marketing of Recreational Cannabis

Trustee Hargett said the Planning and Zoning Board had a public hearing last week. It was a not a discussion on whether or not we should allow recreational cannabis, but for technical advising regarding zoning and land use. If we were to allow it, in what zones should we allow it? The PZB drafted the Ordinance in the agenda packets. It was voted on 6-1 in favor of sending it onto the Board for review and consideration. What PZB was looking at, was the current zoning and

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where it would make sense to put this type of business. The Ordinance lays out what the PZB recommends with the stipulation that all of them require a special use permit and would have to come before the Board for additional review. Village resident, Marty Butler, asked if the \$5,000.00 application fee or user fee was typical with cities and municipalities. Attorney Long explained that the dollar amount came from him. There's no requisite anywhere, about what we can charge. A group of Lawyers discussed what a reasonable fee would be and came up with this amount, due to the fact that there is quite a process involved.

Accounts Payable Warrant

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-9** in the amount of **\$193,318.36**. 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

Jane Hall – Jane said in the last 2 months she has learned more than the 69 years before that, about personal relations. When you need information, in this day and age, we all grab our electronic devices. One small problem is, it can be manipulated, twisted, written with no voice inflection or emotion. When we have a situation where we need information from someone, let's try to go to them face to face. It takes 5 minutes as opposed to writing back and forth for 2 hours. Maybe we should try a little personal one on one time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- This Friday night is Gym Night for PreK-4th grade. The admission is \$5.00.
- Touch a Truck is this Saturday from 1-3pm. There will be everything from military equipment to tow trucks, heavy equipment, ice cream and bouncy houses
- There is a new kid's fitness class that begins on Tuesday, September 24th for 4-12 year olds.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Thank you Superintendent Neargarder and Public Works for all they have been doing with the flooding and all of the updates. He appreciates all of their hard work
- It was great to see people at the Farmer's Market. It's a great addition to the community

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Thanks to Tim and his crew, the CSO's and the folks directing traffic. The staff worked well together.

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- Thanked Tim, CSO's and Police Department for all of their hard work.

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- Thank you again, Greg, for bringing in more money. I've never seen the infusion of money like we've had and to have senate and the DNR come up here to Winthrop Harbor. That's never happened in the 12 years that I've been on the Board. Thank you for that, starting 2 years ago as a Consultant and now as the Administrator. The revenue is much needed.

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- Greg Jackson was out during the flooding as well as the Police Department and Public Works. Thank you. We have put a list together for our Village Administrator, of the areas that we deem most important and need to take a look at. Everybody worked well together and did a great job
- Last week the 2019 road project was about 90% complete. Tim is waiting on a couple of catch basins that have saved us money. That money will be put towards patching
- 2019 tree planting will be done by the first week of October. We are planting 40 trees.
- 2 valve replacements will take place on Sheridan & 7th and 7th & Ravine. It affects the Business District. The water will be shut off for a short time.
- Branch Pick-up begins in October. It will be every Monday in October
- Fall Ball is starting, please be careful on the roads.
- We've had flooding but I think we handled it well
- Greg, thank you for getting us the Grant to fix the bridge.

Mayor Bruno

- Thanked Public Works, Pat and Greg for their job with the flooding. Would like Tim and Greg to talk to the Engineer.
- Tuesday, September 10th attended the PTO Back to School Bash at Westfield School. It was an excellent event.
- Attended the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on September 10th. The discussion was about cannabis. It was very informative with good dialog.
- Thursday, September 12th we had a meeting with Advanced Disposal for the landfill contract. It was a very positive meeting. We will meet again in October.
- Participated in the Community of Character Walk. It was a great event.
- On Thursday, September 12th was the Mayor's Lunch. Thanked Laura Yates and the Chamber Board for putting the event together. Commented on the Regional Lake County Lake Front Economic Development group meetings, bike trail plan, development of a trail along the lakefront, Springbluff Nature watching tower on the Lake County Bird Watching Sight. Working closely with the IDNR, pressing for ongoing maintenance and improving public spaces as well as pushing for an RFP for construction of a hotel at the Marina. Thanked Senator Melinda Bush and State Rep. Joyce Mason, who were present at the luncheon, for their help locally. Talked ExploreWinthropHarbor.com with a new special events calendar intending to promote events between Memorial Day and Labor Day as well as events year round.
- The Chamber 7th Street Music Series was well attended and a great event.
- Winthrop Harbor Farmer's Market, on Saturday, was well attended and there might be one more in October. The Farmers would like it to be every week next year.
- After the Farmer's Market there were several police cars heading down to the Marina so I went down to "C" dock. One of the North Point employees came and told me what happened. He said a guy collapsed on the dock. One of the boaters started compressions and someone else called 911. When the Fire Department got there, they had a pulse. The guy is doing well and awaiting open heart surgery. Our Firefighters and

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Police were very impressive. I would like to recognize the boater that saved his life.
Greg Jackson would like to recognize our Firefighters as well.

ADJOURNMENT

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm 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.