

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**November 19, 2019**  
Village Hall Council Chambers

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## **MINUTES**

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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, Dana McCarthy, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss, Alanna Whitmore

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney  
Greg Jackson, Village Administrator  
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk  
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 Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve the **November 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

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

Village Administrator, Greg Jackson, said he had put a copy of the Annual Audit in each Board Member's mailbox. It was approved at the last Board Meeting. If anyone has any questions, please get in touch with him. As part of the IPRF Grant, we are getting new ergonomic chairs, at

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no cost to the Village, for the conference room and all Board Members. With the extra money there is a potential to get an extra sewer cam based on the list.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2019-R-27 A Resolution Appointing Mark Stevens to the Special Event Committee**

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Resolution 2019-R-27** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

**V.F.W. – Request for a One (1) Year Raffle License (January - December 2020)**

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **V.F.W. – Request for a One (1) Year Raffle License (January - December 2020)** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

Rich Coombe from the V.F.W. thanked the Board.

**Mayor announced Mayor's Select Committee on Sustainability Member – Rebecca Kinnavy**

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accounts Payable Warrant**

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-13** in the amount of **\$90,265.28**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

**A Request to Accept a Proposal from Kern Heating in the Amount of \$6,345.41 for HVAC Unit at the Schlader Building (Approved Capital Expense for FY 19/20, Fund 15-550)**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Whitmore and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **A Request to Accept a Proposal from Kern Heating in the Amount of \$6,345.41 for HVAC Unit at the Schlader Building (Approved Capital Expense for FY 19/20, Fund 15-550)** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None Reported

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone

Trustee Hargett – Community Development Department

- There was a PZB Meeting last week. There was a request for an Eagle Scout Project to raise funds and put in an electronic sign at the First Baptist Church. It came before the PZB because our current sign Ordinance prohibits electronic signs. Part of the discussion was to look at our sign Ordinance. It's been a while since it has been updated. We are looking to modernize the sign Ordinance. The Variance in question was approved by the PZB but was approved under a Federal Legislation specific to churches. We cannot prevent a church from doing their core mission which is sharing their message and signage is part of their sharing that message. This does not have to go before this Board. Just wanted to make this Board aware of it.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Little Miss Taylor Gergely and myself are hosting a coat drive. We are donating to the Midwestern Veterans Closet. We are collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves, men's socks, shoes and boots. We are also collecting donations and reimbursing for the entry fee for the Gym Night and Teen Dance. Between those two nights, we collected 32 coats. Thank you to everyone who donated. UNO donated a couple gift cards for collecting men's black socks for PAD'S. We got two big boxes full.

Mayor Bruno

- Last Tuesday, I was a Mystery Reader at Westfield School for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders. Trustee Hargett let me know that they were looking for Mystery Readers. It was a lot of fun.
- Thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

**Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (1) Marabella,**  
**Passed: (0)**

**APPROVED:**

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**DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK**

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