

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21, 2020
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, 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 Rob Jasinski from North Point Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **January 7, 2020 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

- Wage Analysis – writing up the executive summary as well as the recommendations. Hope to have it completed for the first part of budget packages. There are 65-70 pages

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- We will be in Springfield next week for the State of the State Address. Meeting with some of our Legislators to move our agenda forward, especially when it comes to additional financing.
- We have 3 grants ready to take action, 2 from IDNR, 1 for parks and park equipment and 1 for trail fund activity. ComEd has just given us communication that they have grant money available for a number of projects, including Parks and Rec.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE 2020-O-2 An Ordinance Amending §30.13, 30.20 and 32.04 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Adding Rules for Remote Meeting Attendance by the Mayor, Trustees and Also Members of the Planning and Zoning Board

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and Seconded by Trustee Weiss to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2020-O-2** and approve as submitted. 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)

Kyle Wenzel's Request for a Liquor License for Harbor Brewing Company's Lakefront Craft Biergarten

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to **Approve Kyle Wenzel's Request for a Liquor License for Harbor Brewing Company's Lakefront Craft Biergarten** 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)

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 W2019-16** in the amount of **\$132,275.97**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

December 2019 Treasurer's Report

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

ORDINANCE 2020-O-3 An Ordinance to Extend a Water and Sewer Recapture Ordinance for Chuck Nelson for an Additional 5 (five) Years.

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and Seconded by Trustee Levin to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2020-O-3** and approve as submitted. 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)

Acceptance of a Grant from IDCEO for Bridge Construction at 3rd Street and Holdridge

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss the **Acceptance of a Grant from IDCEO for Bridge Construction at 3rd Street and Holdridge**. 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)

Request Approval to Amend the Snow Removal Contract with Johnson Landscaping to Add Village Hall Complex

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve the **Request to Amend the Snow Removal Contract with Johnson Landscaping to Add Village Hall Complex**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore

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Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) **Marabella**
Passed: (0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Leigh Gardella-Wood – 628 College Ave. – She has a concern. She and her husband are seeking a variance for parking on their property from the PZB. On Tuesday, December 10th she and her husband spoke and answered answers at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting. It was continued until the next meeting. On Friday, January 10th, four days before the next meeting, Leigh received a phone call from a close friend, saying Margo Nelson was at a local establishment openly discussing their variance. She was also discussing questions that had been asked, from vehicles in their garage, to unlicensed drivers to Shriner’s trailers that are kept on their property. Leigh believes everyone has a right to their opinion, however, Leigh feels like Ms. Nelson has her mind made up and that’s a huge concern. Leigh feels like Ms. Nelson put her family in jeopardy by telling people what she has in her garage and what they keep on their property. Leigh feels that any information provided at the meeting, should not be given out. On February 11th, Leigh gets to plead her case to the PZB Board and Leigh feels that due to Ms. Nelson’s actions, she should not have a seat on this board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- Chief Stried provide a statistics report. They ended the year with 1,074 calls. With the manpower that they have, they’ve done a great job. Thanked the Fire Dept. for the great job, with a short staff

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- The Fun Fair is going to be February 29th from 11am-4pm. There will be about 30 games.

ADJOURNMENT

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m. on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.