

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
February 4, 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 Pastor Doug Carlson from Grace Missionary Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT OFFICIALS WISHING TO ATTEND REMOTELY

No Absent Officials wanting to Attend Remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **January 21, 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)

MAYOR'S REPORT

None Reported

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Received information from Baxter Woodman and IDOT. They are moving forward with the next step of narrowing Sheridan Road.
- Census Bureau is coming to do a program on February 22nd at the Schlader Building. The Library is hosting. They are looking for people to work on the census. Starting pay is \$29.50 an hour. We are part of a three-unit Government Grant which we were awarded for census count. It was us, Beach Park and Zion Benton Library District.
- Lake County Municipal League Legislative Breakfast is this weekend to talk about our issues.
- Congressman Schneider is hosting a Town Hall meeting this Saturday from 2:30-3:30pm here in the Village Hall Council Chambers.
- Budget Calendar – I am meeting with Department Heads on February 7th. Their budgets will be to me by the 21st and complete by the 28th. By the week of March 2nd, adjustments to those budgets will be made and ready to present to the Board.
- Springfield Trip Last Week
 - We attended the State of the State Address
 - Met with State Representative Mason to discuss legislation Capital Projects and Funding, including phases of the street rehab program as well as our sidewalk program.
 - Regarding legislation, we discussed House Bill 4098, which was introduced at our request requiring greater set-backs to the landfills. Also talked to members of the Lake County Delegation, asking them sign on as co-sponsors to the legislation.
 - Met with the IDNR to discuss the RFP for a hotel. It was stalled. We now have an RFI, which will give them more latitude. Communication was sent out today to move forward with this.
 - Met with the Deputy Director of the State Historic Preservation Agency regarding 101 Sheridan Road. Thanked Director Rubano for his efforts in moving the photo archive project along. We are now in the finalization of having the paperwork signed so we can proceed.
 - Met with the Illinois State Police Legislative Affairs regarding additional funding for the E911 Consolidation Grant. I was asked to provide testimony before the State E911 Advisory Board regarding the request and the fiscal impact on consolidation on smaller communities.
 - Met with the IEPA Compliance Division and their Director regarding activities at the landfill, including under reporting of waste tonnage, odor and noise mitigation as well as working with the Illinois Pollution Control Board on litter issues in the areas surrounding the landfill. They were supportive of our efforts on trying to see mitigation efforts through and our efforts to hold the current owner's feet to the fire. They gave us some very strong suggestions and ideas on how to proceed.
 - Met with members of the Environmental Council regarding supporting efforts to bring ADS to the table for discussion on issues related to the current landfill activity and proposed expansion. Had communication with them today and they are in full support of our efforts and asked how we wanted them to participate.

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- Going to ask for a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 18th, 2020 to discuss the completed Wage Analysis.
- Mayor’s Select Committee on Sustainability is currently studying locations for a community garden that they are hoping to launch this spring and summer. They will have a report to us on suggested locations for approval. They are also working on a plan to gain “Tree City” recognition status for the Village.

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2019-17** in the amount of **\$97,058.78**. 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-4 An Ordinance Formally Adopting the Zoning Map for the Village of Winthrop Harbor

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and Seconded by Trustee McCarthy to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2020-O-4** 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)

Request to Approve the Sixth Amendment to the Water Supply Contract

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin the **Request to Approve the Sixth Amendment to the Water Supply Contract** as presented. 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)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lenette Van Haverbeke – 1427 West Drive – spearheading the project to get the 911 Memorial in the park. Just got an artist rendering of how the memorial will look and it is absolutely beautiful. Very proud this monument will be placed in our Village. The Gardella-Wood family have gotten a piece of the World Trade Center, which will be part of this monument. She has been talking with Scott Fuller. This monument will be placed at the park in the area of the V.F.W. Memorial. Just wants to make sure that she has everything in order with the Village as far as permits or permission. We are looking to have a big ceremony the Sunday before Memorial Day. The memorial will be installed sometime in the middle of May. Just want to make sure if they need anything from the Village, they can take care of it and get this done. This monument has a hefty cost and we have 3 months to raise the funds. In less than 24 hours we have already raised \$5,000 and are on our way to raise the second \$5,000. The total cost is right around \$27,000. It will be a 3-foot square piece of granite and is absolutely beautiful. The name of the unit is “Gold Star 11”. Our goal is to get \$4,000-\$5,000 sponsors and have their names somewhere in the vicinity of the memorial. We would like everyone in the Village to be a part of this and will be accepting personal donations.

Rich Coombe – 2120 11th Street - wanted to know what changes were made to the Zoning Map and wanted to know why they couldn't change the Zoning for the piece of land at the V.F.W.? He wanted to know why he had to go to the Zoning Board because whoever zoned it years ago was wrong. He was told that all he needed to do was bring a petition and they would be willing to help him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Two pillars of community are hope and nostalgia. Thanked the Mayor, Greg and Trustee McCarthy for going to Springfield and all of their efforts in setting up the meetings. It's exciting. Thank you for serving our community. It's good to see these things moving along. Nostalgia – last year we had a guest speaker come and present to the Board, after she did her 4th grade presentation, on the History of Winthrop Harbor. The Mayor and I have been talking about, how do we take some of these things that are out there and preserve them and share them with the community? When the March newsletter comes out, we will be kicking off a preservation project. We have bins of photos that have been donated to the Village over the years. We are looking for volunteers to help preserve them. We will need someone to scan and someone with knowledge of the Village to tag the photos with descriptions. If there is anyone who comes to mind, have them send me an email or pass along their information and I can reach out to them.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- As a former History Teacher, I am excited for the preservation project.

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- Very excited to see some of the projects that are being worked on and the positive relations that we are building, especially with the Marina. Not just with the people here, but also with the people in Springfield.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Thank you Greg, for all that you've done.

Mayor Bruno

- Thanked everyone for coming tonight.
- Going to Springfield was huge. Talking face to face, sitting down to talk with them, really does open their eyes. It really does work. The more we can get for the Village of Winthrop Harbor, the better.

ADJOURNMENT

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30p.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

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.