

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
May 19, 2020
Village Hall Council Chambers

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno at 7:00 PM

The following Elected Officials **Attended Remotely**:

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
Michael Sheedy, IT Director
Joel Brumlik, Police Chief
Tim Nearing, Superintendent of Public Works

The Invocation was led by Mayor Bruno

ABSENT OFFICIALS WISHING TO ATTEND REMOTELY

All Officials attending remotely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **May 5, 2020 Regular Board 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)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Approval of Clean & Green Cleaning Services Agreement

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2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Hargett to approve **Clean & Green Cleaning Services Agreement** 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)

RESOLUTION 2020-R-9 A Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus’ Greenest Region Compact

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2020-R-9** 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)

Nomination for a Mayor Pro Tem – Trustee Robert Marabella

4 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **The Nomination for a Mayor Pro Tem – Trustee Robert Marabella**. 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)

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Regional Conference call with the 4 neighboring Municipalities, 2 Townships, 4 School Districts, Zion Park District and the Zion Library to talk over Tax distribution payments. The recent legislation passed by the County Board allows one-time quarterly payments of property taxes. We also discussed various other revenue streams that have been impacted by this pandemic. Payments will not be coming as we have previously known in past practices. There is discussion in Springfield about a potential 2% reduction in local government distribution. IML and Congressman Schneider will be advocating against this.
- The Reduction of local Government distribution was shared with Representative Mason and Senator Bush last week. So as they make their way to Springfield, they are totally aware of our opposition to reduce monies going to local units of Government.
- Met with Staff today regarding developing plan for potential impact of the pandemic on housing. How it would relate to potential evictions, foreclosures and abandoned property.

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- Finalizing Budget numbers after some final staffing adjustments were made.
- LPA Funds – a discussion on funding various road repairs between the Mayor, Tim and Greg. Discussion on a project happening all at once, rather than spread out over 3 years. That would require a commitment from the State of Illinois stating the funds would be coming to us over the next 3 years guaranteed. Greg is reluctant to recommend to the Board, taking any kind of loan out without having some kind of guarantee.
- Currently looking at the refinancing of existing debt, consolidating all current loans and debt. Especially with the low interest rates.
- Tomorrow Mike Sheedy and Greg have a conference call with our Web Developer. We will have the final contract before the Board in June.
- Greg had a conversation with the owners of The Tavern today, about their redevelopment project. Greg will be meeting with them virtually to help them put a variance package together to move forward with their project.
- We are in the process of developing a plan to reopen. Our doors will open 3 – 5 days a week. There will be cleaning and sanitizing of common areas. We will provide hand sanitizer and require masks as they enter the facility
- Parks and Rec will be able to have programs outside as long as there are 10 or less people and social distancing is maintained. Scott was directed to look into classes such as Zumba, Tae Kwan Do and any other programs that could be conducive of those requirements.
- On Friday, May 29, 2020 at 5:00pm there will be a First Responders Parade/Caravan that will begin at the Schlader Building Parking lot, proceeding down 9th Street, up Whitney, to salute our Fire and Police personnel for everything they have done. This was arranged by Laura Gergly and Cindy Graham, who felt the W.H. Pageant Queens wanted to find a way to give back to the community and the First Responders who are putting themselves on the front lines every day.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2020-2** in the amount of **\$195,690.36**. 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)

RESOLUTION 2020-R-10 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (BLR 14220) for \$33,000 of MFT Funds

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2020-R-10** 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)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works

- Branch pick-up is going well. Impressed how the 2-man crew dealt with the clean-up. They were very efficient
- The same 2 guys used the Vac truck to do a clean out.
- Bruce McLain retired. We will do something for him when we can.
- Appreciate the Mayor Pro Tem nomination. I will have the Village's best interest at hand.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Thanks to everyone for the support for the Village and the adapting throughout this pandemic. Tracking to move into Phase 3 very soon. Lake County is benefiting from being included in a region. If we weren't, we would be failing still. We seem to be seeing a plateau in cases and is being more contained to the long term care facilities and other hot spots around the County. Thank you to all of our staff for helping us move through this.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Continued thanks to all of the Staff.
- Miss seeing all of you in person and doing this work together.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Looking forward to moving into Phase 3 eventually. Would love to get some classes started at Parks and Rec.

Mayor Bruno

- Really appreciates all of the Department Heads, Police and Fire Departments for all they do to stay safe and represent our Village. Prays everyone stays safe. Can't wait until we get back to the normal way of doing things.

ADJOURNMENT

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7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m. 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.