

Village of Winthrop Harbor
Virtual Committee of the Whole
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
June 23,2020

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno at 6:00 PM.

The following Elected Officials **attended remotely**:

Mayor: Dr. Michael Bruno

Trustees: Buddy Hargett, John Levin, Dana McCarthy, Robert Marabella, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss, Alana Whitmore

Also present:

Greg Jackson, Village Administrator
Bob Long, Village Attorney
Michael Sheedy, IT
Debra Melesio, Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to discuss the following items.

2020-21 Budget

The Board was given the following recommendations in order to balance the deficit of \$578,486 from the original draft budget:

- 1) Heroes Act.
- 2) Further Staff reductions – This would be near impossible.
- 3) Refinancing of existing loans. Consolidation of loans.
- 4) Cell Tower Lease or Sale.
- 5) Significant Money owed to us from Landfill, however should not be considered a guarantee.
- 6) Sale of Assets.
- 7) Outsourcing and/or intergovernmental agreements. Greg urged the board to tread lightly with any decisions regarding Fire or Police Departments, because coming back from that would be very difficult or impossible.

The Board had discussion as follows:

- 1) Trustee Marabella stated we should not be too radical and tread lightly with any decisions.
- 2) Trustee Weiss asked what type of savings we would get on a refinance. Also stated we could do creative financing like a "Hybrid" loan.

- 3) Trustee McCarthy stated he did not want us to dig in deeper with additional loans if we did not have to.
- 4) Trustee Hargett Liked going with anticipated revenues and monitoring it consistently.
- 5) Trustee Whitmore agreed with the possibility of selling assets.
- 6) Attorney Long discussed what Antioch and Waukegan were doing and stated we just have so many uncertainties. Also, worried about the recovery time.
- 7) Mayor Bruno discussed anticipated revenues, the monitoring and managing closely. Discussed consolidating loans and did not want to do anymore cuts if possible.

The Board gave Greg the direction to use Anticipated Revenues and funding with options to fill the line. Along with Annual Wage Policy, Public Hearing Appropriation and Balance Budget

ADJOURNMENT

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (6) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Marabella, Weiss, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Melesio, Deputy Clerk

Note: This is not a verbatim record.