

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
July 7, 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, 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

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 **June 16, 2020 Virtual Regular Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **June 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Nays: (0)
Absent: (1) Levin
Passed: (0)

MAYOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE 2020-O-10 An Ordinance Ratifying and Extending Mayoral Declaration of Emergency Relating to Coronavirus

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and Seconded by Trustee Whitmore to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2020-O-10** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Inventory of Property/Land Assets. After reviewing the list, it will be brought to the Board for direction.
- There's a \$120 million in storm water grant money. Looking into what we need to do to secure some of that money.
- Will be speaking with State Representative Mason and Senator Bush on Thursday regarding some of our issues down at the lake front. The beach is one issue due to the lack of maintenance. Westrec is not collecting boat launch fees as incentive to rent a slip. That money was supposed to be for beach maintenance. The Director of Parks in Springfield was informed of this and he is not thrilled about this either. Also, there is an issue regarding the swimming pool. Village residents paid for pool passes and were told they cannot be used because Westrec decided to allow only slip holders access to the pool. The pool is a private entity paid for by Westrec, not tax dollars, so that's why they are taking this position. There are still talks about the public having access to the pool.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

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4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2020-5** in the amount of **\$130,792.06**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

May 2020 Treasurer's Report

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **May 2020 Treasurer's Report** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE 2020-O-11 FY 2020-21 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss 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-11** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

FY 2020-21 Budget

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **FY 2020-21 Budget** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Village Administrator, Greg Jackson, provided a breakdown of the department totals from last year and this year and gave actuals.

Trustee Whitmore asked if there was any way to bring the Police Department budget down any further. Administrator Jackson said he would be talking to Chief Brumlik and take a strong look

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at staffing to see where it is or isn't viable to make reductions. Trustee Whitmore asked if there was any way to move money from the Police Dept. to the Fire Dept. This is a discussion for the Board to have.

Trustee Hargett said that we need to be careful of assuming that a higher percent of the budget means that there are extra funds. The numbers with the Police Dept. is trending down each year. They always do a great job of being involved in the community and keeping us safe. In almost every municipal budget you will see the largest percentage in public safety.

Trustee Weiss said that the monthly budget analysis that Greg puts out every month is a great tool for the Department Heads to keep an eye on their budgets.

Trustee McCarthy said he understood where Trustee Whitmore was coming from. If we take more from the Police Dept. it may leave a huge hole. We need to have discussions on how to rectify this.

Trustee Whitmore said public safety is important. The Police Dept. is heavy in salaries at the top. Asked if there was anything we could do to off-set this. Was wondering if there was any equipment they could sell.

Trustee Marabella said we are always open to suggestions and as a Board we can discuss it. We need to have options, look through everything and not be rash.

Administrator Jackson strongly suggested that at minimum, on a quarterly basis, given the current fiscal condition, the Board review the budget so they can get a strong feeling of where we are and the decisions they may have to make.

Mayor Bruno and Administrator Jackson have worked for the last 2 months to try to make cuts. If revenues don't come in, we may have to cut more. We are in better shape than some municipalities because we furloughed and laid-off people early on. We will need to discuss the budget as the time goes on.

ORDINANCE 2020-O-12- FY 2020-21 Annual Wage Policy Ordinance

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and Seconded by Trustee Marabella to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2020-O-12** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Request to Accept a Notice of State Award for a Grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Board (ILETSB) for Police Squad Car Cameras for up to \$21,549.00.

9 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Request to Accept a Notice of State Award for a Grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Board (ILETSB) for Police Squad Car Cameras for up to \$21,549.00** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-R-14 A Resolution for FY2020/21 MFT General Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2020-R-14** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- The guys in Public Works are doing a great job. They've been helping Recreation due to the lack of personnel. A job well done by all departments.
- Thanks to Greg for all of his efforts and everyone else that worked on the budget.

Trustee Weiss – Finance Department

- The staff has done a wonderful job. Public Works has done a phenomenal job. We've gotten a lot of good responses from residents.
- Greg, the Department Heads and staff have done a phenomenal job on this budget.
- Thank you Greg, for your leadership and to all the Department Heads for their hard work.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Echo's the same. This was a difficult budget and unprecedented times. Kudos to Greg, Lisa and all of the Department Heads for the difficult decisions that had to go into the budget. We were positioning ourselves and trending towards a strengthened economy and budget before COVID. We will recover together.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Echo everything that's been mentioned. Managing our finances will be a work in progress. We need to keep asking the tough questions. Thanks to everybody who put into the budget and will continue to put into it.

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Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Appreciates all the time, energy and effort it took to put this budget together. No one got raises, people were let go, obviously these are not ideal decisions, this is not an ideal time. Unfortunately, COVID threw a wrench into what we were hoping and planning for this year. Appreciates those who had to take necessary cuts to make this year work. Hopefully things will turn around and we will come back stronger next year.

Mayor Bruno

- Agrees with everything the Trustees said. Public Works is working hard. Scott at Parks and Rec has been doing everything on his own to make sure the parks look great.
- Thanks to Police and Fire for all they do.
- It saddens me to see some familiar faces leave this Village due to cuts.
- Sure we will be stronger when the COVID ends. Hope there isn't a resurgence in cases.
- Thanked Greg for all he has done.
- Appreciates all Trustee/Board Members and what they do in their individual departments.

ADJOURNMENT

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m. on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.