

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
October 6, 2020
Village Hall Council Chambers

ZOOM 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, John Levin, 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
Justin Stried, Fire 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 **September 15, 2020 Virtual 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

ORDINANCE 2020-O-17 An Ordinance Ratifying and Extending Mayoral Declaration of Emergency Relating to Coronavirus

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2 - 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-17** and approve as submitted. 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-16 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Thomas Dvorak as a Part-time Police Officer

3 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Resolution 2020-R-16** 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)

PROCLAMATION – For Red Ribbon Week – October 23 – 31, 2020

The Sustainability Committee has been working on a tree preservation ordinance. Mayor Bruno asked Trustee Hargett and Trustee Whitmore to run with this project.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Moving forward with the CARES funding. The Treasury Department changed the terms of the funding so we can add expenses the Village incurred in combating COVID-19. Now we can add some of the payroll costs of our first responders. This is due on October 15th.
- Putting together a watershed grant to hopefully secure funding for an engineering study to look at ways to mitigate the flooding on Cavin.
- About beer gardens - we’ve had some requests about accommodating outside beverage and dining service. We have a beer garden ordinance, if we comply with that and combine the guidelines of IDPH it will accommodate businesses in the community who are looking for an opportunity to stay alive with their businesses as long as possible. Working with a couple of the businesses, Harbor Brewing being one, The Tavern being another, being able to comply with the code as it relates to beer gardens as well as the IDPH guidelines. There may be an issue of cost for a beer garden license. We need to talk to the Board regarding the cost.
- Interest in Food Truck Service within the community. Had conversation with a couple of the Trustees in regards to this. Have been pulling ordinances from other communities to give it a look. Our concern should be to not desert our brick and mortar businesses in this community, who pay taxes in the community. Trustee Marabella’s opinion on this is

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the businesses that are established in the Village should get first dibs on the revenue because they need it. They are the ones who have been here and suffered.

- Today was Lisa Shaw's last day.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2020-10** in the amount of **\$463,412.00**. 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)

Approval of Services Agreement Between the Accounting Firm of Lauderbach & Amen and the Village of Winthrop Harbor

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Service Agreement Between the Accounting Firm of Lauderbach & Amen and the Village of Winthrop Harbor** 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)

A Request to Accept and Sign a Multi-Year Agreement with Blackboard Inc., for the Blackboard Connect Product

6 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **the Request to Accept and Sign a Multi-Year Agreement with Blackboard Inc., for the Blackboard Connect Product** 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)

ORDINANCE 2020-O-18 An Ordinance Declaring Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof – 3 Vehicles

7 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy 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-18** and approve as submitted. 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)

ORDINANCE 2020-O-19 An Ordinance Declaring Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Disposal Thereof – Misc. Equipment

8 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy 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-19** and approve as submitted. 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)

Request Approval of the Seventh Amendment to the Water Supply Contract

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **the Request of the Seventh Amendment to the Water Supply Contract** 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

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Trustee Whitmore– Recreation Department

- Friday, October 30th is our first glow-walk. It will be at night and we will be practicing social distancing. There will be small groups walking around 38 Acres track.
- Saturday, October 24th is the annual costume contest as well as trunk-or-treat. Everything will be on Facebook.

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- A reminder, Saturday will be the burn-down of 101 Sheridan Road.

Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- It's been great to see so much going on at the Parks. Thanks to the Recreation Department for everything. Everyone is being safe and having a great time.
- Thank you Village Administrator, Jackson for all of the work you are doing with the transition due to Lisa leaving. It's been a lot of work and I appreciate all he's been doing as well as all of the Department Heads and Village workers.

Trustee Hargett – Community Development Department

- Congratulations to Lisa for retiring. I know she leaves big shoes to fill. It will take a collective effort across the other Department Heads and Greg. Excited for her to move on to this next chapter of life.

Trustee Marabella – Public Works Department

- Thanked Julie. She's going to have to take on a lot and she's going to do it. I have faith in her.
- Baseball season has gone good. There were a few things with COVID but Greg took care of all of that.
- The baseball batting cages are going up.
- Branch pick-up is going on. It's Tim's birthday – "Happy Birthday". We are trying to do our best with the branch pick-up.

Trustee Weiss

- Thanked Greg for all of his hard work on this transition with Lisa leaving.
- Congratulations to Lisa on her retirement.
- Thank you Julie, for all of the hard work and effort that you've been putting in and the Department Heads, doing a great job.
- Talked to Tim and he told him that he talked to the guys that were working on 173 and got them to do Park Ave. at a discounted price. That's creative thinking to get it done.

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulated Lisa today. She's an amazing person. Really going to miss her.
- Thank you Greg, for all that you do. Julie as well.
- It's amazing how packed the park has been. Very nice to see. Scott has done a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m. on the following roll call vote.

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

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Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.