

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
November 21, 2023
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: Kim Braden, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Alanna Whitmore

Absent: John Levin, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss

Also present:

Robert Long, Attorney
David Alarcon, Village Administrator
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk
Anthony Velardi, Police Chief
Rocco Campanella, Fire Chief
Mike Sheedy, Director of IT

The Invocation was led by Pastor, JC from The Point Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSENT OFFICIALS WISHING TO ATTEND REMOTELY

None Reported

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve the **October 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (3) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (1) Whitmore

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023-R-22 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Anthony Velardi as Police Chief

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2023-R-22** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Mayor Bruno then swore Anthony Velardi as Chief of Police and Anthony's wife pinned his badge on him. Tony thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their confidence in him. He also thanked all of the Officers for their support.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHIEF OF POLICE AGREEMENT

3 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve **the Chief of Police Agreement** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2023-R-23 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Darci Green, Taylor Boehmer and Madison Hupp as Parks and Recreation Board Members

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Resolution 2023-R-23** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

WINTHROP HARBOR CAFÉ, LLC – Request approval of a Liquor License to take over the Existing Harbor Brewing Taproom

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to approve **a Liquor License for Winthrop Harbor Café, LLC to take over the Existing Harbor Brewing Taproom** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

- Mayor Bruno congratulated Anthony Velardi on his successful appointment to permanent Chief of Police
- December 2nd has been proclaimed, Santa Clause Day in the Village of Winthrop Harbor. First is breakfast with Santa, then the Police Department will be escorting Santa throughout the Village to collect Toys for Our Tots, then Christmas Lights Parade followed by the Tree Lighting.
- Mayor Glenn Ryback (Wadsworth) passed away. He was a friend and he will be greatly missed.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None Reported

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2023-8** in the amount of **\$597,349.58**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Mayor Bruno pointed out that \$251,137.95 was paid out to Peter Baker for Road Repairs

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

ORDINANCE 2023-O-18 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois – S-31

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to set aside the rules of the President and the Board of Trustees and waive the first and second

reading of **Ordinance 2023-O-18** and approve as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2023-R-24 A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the Village of Winthrop Harbor Employee Handbook and Policies Manual Entitled "A9 Drugs and Alcohol"

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Resolution 2023-R-24** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

ORDINANCE 2023-O-19 An Ordinance Establishing a Policy Involving the Illinois Paid Leave for all Workers Act for Employees of the Village of Winthrop Harbor

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to set aside the rules of the President and the Board of Trustees and waive the first and second reading of **Ordinance 2023-O-19** and approve as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2023-R-25 A Resolution Approving Health Insurance Renewals from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Village of Winthrop Harbor – Effective January 1, 2024

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Resolution 2023-R-25** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Consideration of Proposal of Standard Insurance for Dental, Vision, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Short Term Disability and Life Insurance

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and Seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **Proposal of Standard Insurance for Dental, Vision, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Short Term Disability and Life Insurance** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Consider Entering into a 5-Year Contract with National Testing for Initial Police Applicant Testing

12 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and Seconded by Trustee Braden to approve **Entering into a 5-Year Contract with National Testing for Initial Police Applicant Testing** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Fire Chief, Rocco Campanella thanked Scott Serdar, President of the Winthrop Harbor Fire Protection District, for their donation of over \$31,000.00 to purchase a Power Cot System.

Condolences to former member of the Winthrop Harbor Fire Dept., Pat Michael's family. He passed last weekend.

SWEARING IN of Doug Winston as Assistant Chief – Chief Campanella said a few words about Doug's years of service and handed the pin to Doug's wife to pin on Doug.

Request Approval to Purchase G2 Fire Station Alerting System

13 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **Purchase of G2 Fire Station Alerting System** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Request to Approve Engineering Services for 2023 LMO2 Assistance with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers

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14 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to **Approve Engineering Services for 2023 LMO2 Assistance with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Ratification for Expenditures Related to the Purchase of New Snow Plows for Units 20 & 21 - \$9,144.48

15 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Braden to Approve the **Ratification for Expenditures Related to the Purchase of New Snow Plows for Units 20 & 21 - \$9,144.48**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

Request to Approve the Expenditure of \$2,500.00 to POWW Entertainment to Host a Wrestling Event at the Schlader Building on Saturday, March 23, 2024

16 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to **Approve the Expenditure of \$2,500.00 to POWW Entertainment to Host a Wrestling Event at the Schlader Building on Saturday, March 23, 2024**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Marabella

- The salt barn is full and ready
- Leaf pick up is still happening. People are asking for a route.
- The time change makes it darker, be mindful and watch for kids
- Congratulations to the Chief and the Assistant Chief.

Trustee McCarthy

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- Wanted to give credit to the Village Staff for working at the Food Pantry
- Congratulations to Chief Velardi. When we were without a Chief, we had to move quickly to get someone as interim Chief. It became obvious that we didn't need to do a search. We are very thankful for his service.

Trustee Braden

- Congratulations to Police Chief Velardi. Welcome, thank you for everything you've done.
- Congratulations to Deputy Chief Winston and thank you for all that you do.
- Welcome and thanked all of the new Rec Board Members. We always need volunteers
- Thanks to the Fire District for helping our Fire Department out.
- Condolences to the Ryback and Michael families.

Trustee Whitmore

- Congratulations to Chief Velardi and Assistant Chief, Winston.
- Congratulations to our new Rec Board Members. Much needed. Really excited.
- We are making changes to the Christmas Decorating Contest this year. We are adding a lot of new contest groups. The deadline will be December 11th. The announcement will be at the next Village Board Meeting on December 19th.
- December 2nd will be Christmas day starting with breakfast with Santa, present collection and end with the light parade and tree lighting ceremony.

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulated Assistant Chief Winston

ADJOURNMENT

17 - A motion was made by Trustee Braden and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (4) Braden, Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Absent: (2) Levin, Weiss
Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.

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