

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
April 6, 2021
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
Alicia McCoy, Interim 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 **March 16, 2021 Virtual Regular Board Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE 2021-O-8 An Ordinance Ratifying and Extending Mayoral Declaration of Emergency Relating to Coronavirus

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2 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella 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 2021-O-8** 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 2021-O-9 An Ordinance Declaring Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale Thereof – One (1) 2001 Ford F450 Shuttle Bus

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and Seconded by Trustee Levin to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of **ORDINANCE 2021-O-9** 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)

Mayor Bruno said we needed to cancel the Memorial Day Parade due to the virus numbers being high. We had conversations with Virginia Lopez, who chairs the event, as well as Julie Rittenhouse. It takes a long time to plan a parade so we had to cancel. However, we are planning on a July 4th parade. I asked Greg to coordinate with Virginia Lopez and the Special Events Committee. It's totally dependent on the positivity rate, which I'm hopeful will come back down. Trustee Hargett suggested having a parade that is not on a holiday and having an all holidays parade. Trustee Whitmore suggested a "Summer parade".

On June 12th, Community 365 is looking to do a scavenger hunt. More information will be coming.

Linda's did expand. The Sweet Stop wanted to expand into the space next to them but couldn't afford it. The landlord agreed to reduce the rent for a year. They are in the process of expanding.

Greg is in conversations with the Members of the Sustainability Committee and Tom King, to have a Community Garden. The space will be on the North Point Church grounds.

We don't know if we will have a Farmer's Market. The farmer that I dealt with last, said they were doing something different.

At the next Village Board Meeting, April 20th, I will have a Proclamation to support the Monarch Pledge. It says the Village will work to increase the number of Monarch butterflies with planting of milkweed and will be a youth driven initiative. I've asked Trustee Hargett and his daughters

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to lead this initiative. Trustee Hargett said, whenever there's an opportunity to engage kids, it's a good thing. So much of what people love about Winthrop Harbor, is the nature.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to the Board Members who got back to him about the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Thursday, April 15th at 7:00pm. Information, to discuss the budget only, will be sent out.
- Two businesses have requested the Boards consideration on Beer Garden licenses. The two businesses are, Harbor Brewing and the V.F.W. The request is to amend the current Liquor Ordinance to allow "H" licenses to applicants that don't currently have a "G" license. "G" licenses require food sales, which is the only way we've allowed a "H" (beer garden) license. Due to COVID, the Mayor allowed outside dining and liquor sales to keep the business open. A letter was sent to all of the businesses saying, that once the Mayor's declaration was no longer in effect, they would have to revert back to whatever their license permitted them to do. This is when Greg received the response from the two businesses. They believe, even in a post COVID, vaccination, immunity, people are going to still want to be outside. The question is, if they are not selling food, does the Village want to open the door for those type of amenities? The question is, does the Board want us to begin looking at what other municipalities are doing with beer gardens and what type of beer gardens, what layouts would be required? There's a whole lot of items that would have to be considered as we move forward with this. Trustee Hargett said he wasn't aware of any significant problems that we've had during the COVID with businesses being allowed to serve outdoors. He did not see any issue with allowing this. He wasn't sure where the two businesses would put the beer garden, if there was a space for it. Greg suggested that when the Board looks at the Ordinance, to make sure we put in all of the requirements that we think are necessary to make it fit with the image of what we are trying to do downtown. The consensus of the Board is to look at the Class "H" license. Trustee Hargett would like the "BYOB" and "Fine Dining" Licenses to also be looked at while they are looking at the type "H" license. Greg and Attorney Long will be taking a look at the liquor license Ordinance.

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 Levin to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2020-18** in the amount of **\$97,558.32**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Request Approval to Expend Funds for the Server Room Relocation Project

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **Request to Expend Funds for the Server Room Relocation Project** 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 2021-O-10 An Ordinance Adopting by Reference of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett 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 2021-O-10** 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)

Renewal of an Agreement with the Lake County Board of Health for the Animal Control and Care Program

7 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **Renewal of an Agreement with the Lake County Board of Health for the Animal Control and Care Program** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Trustee Marabella –Public Works

- The new baseball net went up.
- Kids are out and about, drive slow please.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Thanked everyone who came out to the Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt. There were two events. The Glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt was a huge success for the older kids. The Saturday morning Easter Egg hunt was really huge. We had 50 tickets per age group and were out of tickets for almost all age groups.
- If you drive past 38 Acres, east of Veterans park, you will see the Exchange Club pin wheel that represents 110 years for the Exchange Club, April Child abuse awareness month. Stop by and take a look. It will be out for most of the month of April.

Mayor Bruno

- The Mayor said he was walking around 38 Acres and saw the batting cages. He noticed a trench and asked Scott if that was the power. Scott told him no, that is a drain tile. He asked Scott if it had power because the pitching machine is run on power. Scott told him that the coaches would have to pitch to the kids. The Mayor asked Scott what it would cost to have electric put in. Scott is checking on that. If it isn't too expensive the Mayor may donate it.

ADJOURNMENT

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48p.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.