

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**December 20, 2022**  
Village Hall Council Chambers

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## MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno at 7:00 PM

The following Elected Officials were present:

Mayor: Dr. Michael Bruno

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

Also present:

Robert Long, Village Attorney  
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk  
David Alarcon, Village Administrator  
Michael Sheedy, IT Director  
Sanjay Singhal, Community Development Director  
Ed Mohn, Police Chief  
Tim Nearingard, Superintendent of Public Works  
Rocco Campanella, Fire Chief  
Nick Narducci, Finance

The Invocation was led by Pastor Doug Carlson from Grace Missionary 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 Hargett to approve the **November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**ORDINANCE 2022-O-18 Tax Levy Ordinance - 4.99% increase**

**2** - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the Second Reading of **Ordinance 2022-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)**

**Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal – effective date 1/1/23**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal** 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)**

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-48 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Anthony Leo, Miguel Quiroz and Rikki Wiley as Firefighters**

**4** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Resolution 2022-R-48** 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)**

**Swearing in of Officer's Jayson Geryol and Rick Brown** – Mayor Bruno swore in both Officers. Chief Mohn said a few words about each Officer and gave a little bit of background on each of them. Sergeant Bogdala also said a few words about Officer Geryol who he's known for long time and recommended. Officer Brown had his wife and son pin his badge on. Chief Mohn also said Chris Szafranski serves in the US Navy and was promoted to Petty Officer, First Class, E6. The Chief then congratulated him.

**Approval of the Settlement Agreement Between Village of Winthrop Harbor and Commonwealth Edison Company**

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5 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **the Settlement Agreement Between Village of Winthrop Harbor and Commonwealth Edison Company** 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)**

- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, we had a Santa Clause Day. Mayor Bruno thanked everyone on the Board, Village Staff and community volunteers for their help with the breakfast with Santa, the Santa Run toy collection drive, light parade and tree lighting. It was a series of great events for our community. We collected lots of toys that will stay here in the Village. The Mayor also thanked Santa and Mrs. Clause.
- Mayor Bruno wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy New Year.

**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 Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2022-8** in the amount of **\$419,589.10**. 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)**

**October 2022 Monthly Financial Report** – Nick Narducci gave a quick overview on the financial report for October 2022.

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-49 A Resolution Adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan**

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Resolution 2022-R-49** 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)**

**K9 Grant Awarded** – Sergeant Bogdala said the DAS Grant is a Grant that we were able to get the last few years. They have gone away but before they did, they gave the Village \$40,000.00. Hopefully this will last through the years of Hondo’s service plus some additional years.

**ComEd Light Installation at the Police Operations Building (EMA)** – Chief Mohn turned it over to Michael Sheedy because he did all of the work and deserves the credit. Chief Mohn said it was a sizable Grant and we saved a lot of money. Michael said that an LED assessment was done Village wide. The install cost for the EMA Bldg. was about \$4,900.00. With the Grant it cost us about \$500.00. ComEd did all of the work.

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-50 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022)**

8 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Resolution 2022-R-50** 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)**

**Adoption of Line-of-Duty Death and Catastrophic Injury Policy**

9 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **Adoption of Line-of-Duty Death and Catastrophic Injury Policy** 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)**

**Adoption of New Policy for Our Smoke Alarm Program**

**10** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve the **Adoption of New Policy for Our Smoke Alarm Program** 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 Discussion on a New Ambulance** – Fire Chief, Rocco Campanella, gave a presentation on why they need a new ambulance and the cost, order and delivery of a new ambulance. In 2007 the ambulances (#1741 & #1742) were purchased. One is gone and the other (#1742) he isn't sure is repairable yet. In 2016 #1741 was taken out of service due to engine issues and one was borrowed from the Fire Protection District. In September of that same year, an emergency purchase of a new ambulance was made (new-#1741). Once the purchase was made, the old ambulance #1742 was repowered with a new motor from Pfeiffer's Auto Service. It was guaranteed for 5 years. Ambulance #1742 is at Pfeiffer's again with some major issues. 1742 is our back-up ambulance and there have been several times we have had to rely on Mutual Aid due to the ambulance being out of service. There is a supply chain shortage for ambulances due to COVID-19. The delivery of an emergency has more than doubled. In 2019, the standard delivery was 12-24 weeks. Now, we are at 96-104 weeks out. If we order one now it's 102 weeks. In the past, we talked about a Metro Lease. They would buy the ambulance and we would lease it from them. They would handle all maintenance. Now they buy the ambulance and pay taxes on it, which would add \$18,000 to the price, which would make our price go up. Financing has come in at 4.8-5% and payments wouldn't be due until after delivery. If we wait, and do not order now, the availability would be pushed further out. Mutual Aid is only for emergency back-up, not to cover due to equipment that is not being replaced. Salesperson, Kevin Hunter from American Response Vehicles was here and told the Board that the price is guaranteed until the last day of December. The price was quoted 4 months ago and won't be guaranteed any longer due to increases. The price of a new ambulance, guaranteed through the end of December, is \$314,559.00. We got together with Beach Park and Zion to get this price.

Since this was just a discussion and the offer would no longer be good by the next Village Board Meeting (January 17<sup>th</sup>), it was agreed the Board will have a **Special Meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm** to vote on whether or not to sign a contract to purchase a new ambulance.

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-51 A Resolution Ratifying the Part-time Police Union Contracts**

**11** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2022-R-51** 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)**

**Request Approval for 2022 Water Loss Study by Baxter & Woodman not to Exceed \$11,000.00**

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **Request for 2022 Water Loss Study by Baxter & Woodman not to Exceed \$11,000.00** 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**

Justin Stried - 518 Roberts Road – Proud life time resident of Winthrop Harbor, Fire Chief for 7 years. Wanted to say “hi” and wished everybody a Merry Christmas. Wanted to support the ambulance project. The engine was replaced on the ambulance 6 years ago, knowing it would only buy a few years and the subject of needing a new ambulance would come up. Just wanted to support the project as a Village tax payer. This has been in the works and necessary for a long time. Just wanted to voice his support for moving forward with this.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Whitmore

- Thanked everyone for coming out on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for Santa Clause Day. Breakfast with Santa had almost 200 people. The Santa Run filled almost half of the van with toys.
- We had a great turnout for the wrapping of the Toys for Our Tots. Each family were able to get several additional gifts because we collected so many.
- The Tree Lighting was probably the biggest we’ve ever had. Liked the added band, choir and Razzle Dazzles. Lots of people praised the event.
- Hopes everyone has a great Christmas
- Christmas decorating contest: Business that won, Sweet Stop and the residence, 410 Calvin. Will be delivering awards tomorrow and sharing pictures on the website.

Trustee McCarthy

- The Santa Run was a great addition. Loved the idea and it went well. It was awesome and we did it without taking away from anything else. A great day that will continue to grow. A special shout-out to Santa and Mrs. Clause who were in the cold sleigh. Thank you.
- Thanked David and the Admin team for everything they’ve been doing with the Facebook page. Everyone’s loving the Twinkle pictures. We’ve hit over a thousand followers.

Trustee Hargett

- Merry Christmas

Trustee Weiss

- It was a real privilege to escort the Mayor and the Clause’s. The great part was watching the kids run up to the sleigh.

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- Wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Trustee Levin

- Wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Marabella

- The new Public Works building will be starting soon.
- The events were very good. It bonds our community. It was great.
- Merry Christmas to everybody.
- Glad to see a big turnout tonight.

Mayor Bruno

- The activity reports from the Departments are amazing. He likes the reports.
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave will be here a year. He's done a phenomenal job and put us in a better place. I'm sure we're going to continue to move in the right direction. Congratulations.

Rocco Campanella

- Thanked Assistant Chief, Shauna Haske, for all of her work on the Tree Lighting Ceremony. David too, who put a lot of work into this. Thank you. It was a well-attended event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**13** - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. on the following roll call vote.

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

**APPROVED:**

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**DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**Note: This is not a verbatim record.**