

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
May 4, 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
Scott Fuller, Recreation Director
Tim Nearing, Superintendent of Public Works
Pat DiPersio, Community Development Director

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 **April 20, 2021 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)

OATH OF OFFICE

Village Clerk, Julie Rittenhouse, gave the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

Mayor Elect - Dr. Michael A. Bruno

Trustee Elect - Robert Marabella

Trustee Elect - John Levin

Trustee Elect - Dana McCarthy

MAYOR'S REPORT

ORDINANCE 2021-O-12 An Ordinance Ratifying and Extending Mayoral Declaration of Emergency Relating to Coronavirus

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella 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-12** 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-13 An Ordinance Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois

3 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy 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 2021-O-13** 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 2021-R-7 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Julie Rittenhouse as Village Clerk

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2021-R-7** 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 Bruno asked the businesses that display the American flag to take all worn, frayed or tattered flags to the V.F.W. and they will replace them with a new one.

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Mayor Bruno has been in touch with the Garden Club regarding our flowers. We will have 4 planters on 7th Street and Sheridan and 4 planters on 9th Street and Sheridan, for a total of 8 planters, one on each corner. Also, the sign in front of Village Hall and two planters by the front doors. The Garden Club has graciously agreed to volunteer their time to plant all of the flowers on May 22nd.

Mayor Bruno thanked Trustee Hargett for going with the youths on Sunday to plant milkweed at 38 Acre Park. There were 6 youths. Trustee Hargett said they had a good time. Trustee Hargett thanked Greg for helping to put it together. Greg also had journals to give to each girl so they can keep notes on what’s growing.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Greg send out an email about a week ago to the Board Members to give them an update where we are on various Economic/Community Development initiatives as well as a reminder about the Vision session. We were originally going to have it in May. Will be reaching out to the Trustees with a date in June.
- Last week we had a Special Events meeting. Trustee McCarthy is Chairman. They discussed an event that is looking for support from the Village. Trustee McCarthy gave more insight to what the Committee 365 event is.

Trustee McCarthy asked for someone to make a motion to support the Committee 365 event to have a scavenger hunt on June 12, 2021.

Trustee McCarthy explained a bit about Committee 365 and how the committee was created to help and assist the community. This will be their first fundraiser. The Scavenger Hunt will have groups walking and groups that will be driving. They are looking at June 12, 2021 as the date. It will be all outdoors, photos and tasks pre-assigned and awards for the winners. The Special Events Committee met and agreed that it would be a great event with nominal effect to the Village and great rewards for the community. Trustee McCarthy thanked the members of the Special Events Committee.

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to approve **Community 365 Scavenger Hunt on June 12, 2021** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2021-1** in the amount of **\$57,429.33**. 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)

PZB Recommendation Regarding Docket #02-PZB-21 to DENY the Petitioner’s Request for a Variance to the Front Yard Setback Requirements of the Winthrop Harbor Zoning Code for R2 Properties

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Levin to DENY the **Petitioner’s Request for a Variance to the Front Yard Setback Requirements of the Winthrop Harbor Zoning Code for R2 Properties as Recommended by the PZB Docket #02-PZB-21**. 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 Fuel System Repair by Mankoff Industries – Totaling \$7,480.00

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **the Request for Fuel System Repair by Mankoff Industries – Totaling \$7,480.00** 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

None Reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Weiss –Finance Department

- Wanted to know if there was an update on the Firefighter that was in a horrible accident. Mayor Bruno said that he is doing well after surgery. Prayers are helping.

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Trustee McCarthy – Police Department

- Congratulations Mayor Bruno and Trustees, Levin and Marabella on their re-election. Looking forward to continuing to work with all of you.
- Thanked the Special Events committee for meeting. It's important that everyone weighs in and that Village resources are used in the best way possible to keep the events safe. We tabled the possibility of a parade as we realized the parades are staff heavy and we aren't in a position to rely on staff. We will recalibrate what type of parade we can have this summer using volunteers.

Trustee Levin – Fire Department

- Congratulations to Mayor Bruno, Trustee Marabella, and Trustee McCarthy. Congratulations to Julie as well.
- Thanked Trustee Weiss for bringing up the Firefighter. He's in my family's prayers.
- Today's International Firefighter's Day. Thanked the Department for all of their hard work in the tough times they are going through and for keeping our Village safe.

Trustee Marabella – Public Works

- We are all family here. Our hearts go out to the Firefighter and his family.
- Congratulations to everybody on the election.
- Sheridan Road construction. It goes from Winthrop Harbor to Waukegan. It's going to be all summer long. Hopefully people will slow down. Tim Neargarder said Lake County DOT is also doing Russell Road from Sheridan Road to Lewis Avenue this summer. Also Kenosha Road from Stateline to 9th Street.
- Baseball has started so please slow down and watch for the kids.
- Branch pick-up has started
- We are doing some roads. Our guys are working hard.
- Our staff are down and doing a good job with what we have. They do a lot and nobody's complaining. We appreciate everything all departments do. Thank you!

Trustee Hargett – Community Development

- Prayers are with the Firefighter and his family.
- Thanks to the people who came out to do the planting of milkweed at 38 Acres. It was fun.
- Greg sent out an update and one of the things we are looking at are some of the Ordinances such as the Special Events, Liquor Licenses and Food Trucks. More to come.
- Wanted to know if we heard anything about narrowing or on street parking while they do Sheridan Road. Greg said there was a lack of communication from IDOT on the narrowing of the road. The Engineering firm told us that we met the bench mark for potential road narrowing. There has been a breakdown in communication. Tim's exhausted every measure he can to get something done on this. Greg is reaching out to John Ambrose, from Baxter & Woodman, later this week to talk about some concerns he has. He has also reached out to State Rep. Mason. All we are looking for is the striping so we can do some angle parking. It's in progress. Trustee Hargett said this has been in the works for a long time and this seems like the opportune time to get it done.

Trustee Whitmore – Recreation Department

- Congratulations to Trustees Levin, McCarthy, Marabella as well as Mayor Bruno.
- There is a "Go Fund Me" account that was started for the Firefighter.
- Baseball has started and I have had several complaints about people flying through. Kids are crossing. Please pay attention and slow down. Especially on 9th Street and W. Broadway.

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- This weekend, Harbor Brewing celebrated their 3rd anniversary. It was a great turnout. There were food Trucks. They have brought so many fun activities to Winthrop Harbor.
- Happy Mother's day to Julie. Enjoy your day.

Mayor Bruno

- It's an honor to be the Mayor of Village of Winthrop Harbor. Very blessed to have such a strong Village Board. We work at doing what's best for the Village of Winthrop Harbor. Thanked the Village Residents that came out and voted.
- Congratulated everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.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.