

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
May 18, 2021
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: 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 Pastor Bycroft from North 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 Weiss to approve the **May 4, 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)

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Bruno - Swearing in of Fire Chief, Rocco Campanella
Chief Campanella – Swearing in of Brandon Martin, Assistant Fire Chief
Swearing in of Kelly Stone, Fire Lieutenant
Swearing in of Ayman Reffat, Fire Lieutenant

ORDINANCE 2021-O-14 An Ordinance Amending §30.10 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Changing the Regular Meetings of the Village Board

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-14** 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-15 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing §30.03 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Modernizing the Village Board Committee Structure

3 - 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-15** and approve as submitted. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Mayor Bruno then assigned the following people to the following positions:

- **Public Works and Parks (Streets, Water, Sewer, Parks)**
Chair Person: Trustee Marabella **Sitting Trustee:** Trustee Whitmore
- **Public Safety (Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Special Police Details)**
Chair Person: Trustee McCarthy **Sitting Trustee:** Trustee Weiss
- **Administration and Community Development (Administration, Planning, Zoning, Finance, Community/Economic Development)**
Chair Person: Trustee Hargett **Sitting Trustee:** Trustee Levin

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Basecamp has completed the website. Mike Sheedy is receiving the last of the content to be uploaded. The website should be up and running in the next week.

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- Information was sent out, and I have received most of the Boards responses, on the Committee of the Whole for the second review of the budget. Based on the Boards direction to bring the budget down to the baseline number. The Senior staff were aggressive in meeting those objectives of the Board.
- Wage Police Ordinance is complete, pending the approval of the draft budget, as well as the Appropriation Ordinance and the completed draft budget for adoption by the Village Board.
- Ordinance Reviews, I will defer to Trustee Hargett's report on those.
- There's a new committee spearheading the 4th of July Parade. We are working out logistics with Virginia Lopez. It will be either Saturday or Sunday.
- The Mayor and State Rep. Mason have worked to bring in mobile Driver's services for Seniors in Winthrop Harbor in the month of August through the Secretary of State's Office. It will allow Senior's to get ID cards and renew driver's licenses.
- SWALCO - the Mayor, Attorney Long and I are entering into discussions with GFI regarding the expansion as well as the tipping fees.
- Haven't received everyone's response yet about June 5th Vision Strategy Session.
- We are tentatively scheduled for the Police Chief interviews starting May 25th.

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 Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2021-2** in the amount of **\$145,720.67**. 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 for Engagement of Industrial Appraisal Company for Appraisal of Village Capital Assets

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Engagement of Industrial Appraisal Company for Appraisal of Village Capital Assets** 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)

PZB Recommendation to Approve Docket #04-PZB-21 and the Petitioner's Request for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Place of Amusement in the B3 Zoning District

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to **Approve Docket #04-PZB-21 and the Petitioner's Request for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Place of Amusement in the B3 Zoning District.** 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-16 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Lazer Tag Business

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett 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-16** 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)

PZB Recommendation to Approve Docket #05-PZB-21 and the Petitioner's Request for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Place of Amusement in the B3 Zoning District

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to **Approve Docket #05-PZB-21 and the Petitioner's Request for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Place of Amusement in the B3 Zoning District.** 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-17 An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for an Indoor Skate Park Business

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett 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-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)

Request Approval of Automatic Fire Mutual Aid Agreement Between First Fire Protection District and the Village of Winthrop Harbor

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **the Request of Automatic Fire Mutual Aid Agreement Between First Fire Protection District 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)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Coombe – V.F.W. – Why does there have to be a new Ordinance on outside seating when there’s been businesses doing this way before the pandemic? I asked what I need to do to be able to have outside seating and was told I had to wait on a new Ordinance. Mayor Bruno told him that certain licenses allow outside seating. Village Administrator Jackson explained that you have to have a “G” (60/40 food) license in order to have an “H” (beer garden) license. Trustee Hargett said that those would remain the same and what is being discussed is to allow bar/tavern licenses, that were allowed during the pandemic, to obtain an “H” license as well. Mr. Coombe also said he has a problem with the Planning and Zoning Board. He has 1 piece of property that is taxed. He doesn’t understand why the Village can’t change the zoning. He was told that the Village can’t just change the zoning due to the State Law. He would have to go before the PZB and request a zoning change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Whitmore

- Addressed a recent letter mailed out by the Village Attorney to Ms. Pam Gray, with the IDNR, voicing her opinions and expressing her concerns.
- Congratulated everyone that was sworn in

Trustee McCarthy

- Congratulations to Chief Campanella and the other Officers promotions
- Thank you for putting the work together to allow us to meet in person again
- Congratulations to Trustee Hargett on his Birthday

Trustee Hargett

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- Official welcome to Chief Campanella and congratulations on the promotions in the Fire Department
- In the next newsletter, please make sure the new meetings are reflected there
- We've been looking at various Ordinances that need updating. At the June meeting we will be bringing new Ordinances forward (beer garden, mobile food vending, special events). Later this year, sign code, sheds.

Trustee Weiss

- Congratulations Trustee Hargett.
- Congratulations Rocco Campanella and the other promotions

Trustee Levin

- Congratulations Chief Campanella and the other promotions at the Firehouse. They're much deserved

Trustee Marabella

- Congratulations to Chief Campanella. Nice to see the support. Glad for the promotions. Appreciate all of the hard work
- Road work – patching – is starting
- There is 1 more Monday of Branch pick-up
- Fire hydrant work
- Baseball season, please watch for the kids, slow down.

Mayor Bruno

- Congratulations Rocky and all of the Firefighters who came
- June 5th the Garden Club will be planting flowers. The Garden Club is donating the flowers and volunteered to do the planting.

ADJOURNMENT

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05p.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

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Note: This is not a verbatim record.