

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
September 21, 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, John Levin, Robert Marabella, Dana McCarthy, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss, Alanna Whitmore

Also present:

Robert Long, Village Attorney/Interim Village Administrator
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk
Rocco Campanella, Fire Chief
Michael Sheedy, IT Director
Tim Neargarder, Superintendent of Public Works
William Bogdala, Police Sergeant

The Invocation was led by Pastor Ken Langly from Christ Community 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 **August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Marabella, McCarthy, Whitmore, Bruno
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (3) Hargett, Levin, Weiss

MAYOR'S REPORT

Swearing in of Full-time Police Officer – Robert Jones

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Mayor Bruno swore in Officer Robert Jones as a Full-time Police Officer. After the swearing in Sergeant Bill Bogdala said a few words about Officer Jones.

Swearing in of Deputy Fire Chief – John Lewis

Mayor Bruno swore in Deputy Fire Chief John Lewis. Chief Rocco Campanella said a few words about John Lewis and said he looks forward to working with him.

RESOLUTION 2021-R-15 An Appointment Resolution Appointing John Lewis – Deputy Fire Chief

2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Resolution 2021-R-15** 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)

- The Mayor thanked Peter Brush, from Edward Jones, for the 7th Street Music Series during the month of August. The Event was a great success.
- ARPA is the America Rescue Plan Act. We have received our first check in the amount of \$449,000.00. We should get our second check in September 2022 for another \$449,000.00. This is a Federal Grant that is only allowed for four uses. Out of those four, only two are applicable for Winthrop Harbor. We will be setting up a Vision Session, to discuss the uses, coming up in the near future. The money needs to be spent by 2024.
- Thursday the Mayor will be attending the Kiwanis of Zion's, annual Lee J. Fischer Police and Firefighter recognition dinner where one of Winthrop Harbor's Police Officers and Firefighters will be honored.
- We've begun to compile the resumes for the Village Administrator's position. We are putting together the interview team and once in place, will contact each of the Board Members and indicate how we are proceeding.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Interim Village Administrator, Bob Long, said that he's been trying to find a Saturday to set up the Vision Session and hasn't been able to make it work. He suggests that we proceed with three Committee Meeting nights and one Saturday to wrap it up. The Committee Meeting nights would be for Staff members presenting things to think about and the Saturday session would be for the Board to integrate their thoughts and talk with each other. Tell us what direction you want the Village to go and how you would like to see it happen. His suggestion was, Tuesday, September 28th, Tuesday, October 5th, Thursday, October 7th all at 7pm and follow up on Saturday, October 23rd.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2021-6** in the amount of **\$418,484.85**. 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-16 A Resolution Designating an Auditing Official and Establishing Procedures for Whistleblower Complaints

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2021-R-16** 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-26 An Ordinance Amending Section 133.01 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor (cross-dressing)

5 - 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-26** 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-17 A Resolution Setting Ambulance Fees

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6 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Hargett to approve **Resolution 2021-R-17** 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)

Recommendation to Terminate the Andres Contract and Enter into a New Agreement with Paramedic Billing Services. Effective Switch Date Would be November 1, 2021

7 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to **Approve the Recommendation to Terminate the Andres Contract and Enter into a New Agreement with Paramedic Billing Services. Effective Switch Date Would be November 1, 2021** 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 Motion to Ratify the Retainer with Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. for Fire Department Lawsuit Defense

8 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **Approve the Motion to Ratify the Retainer with Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. for Fire Department Lawsuit Defense** 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 Request to Accept a Notice of State Award for a Grant from IDOT for the 2021/22 STEP Grant for up to \$24,673.12 in Wage Reimbursement

9 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to **Approve the Request to Accept a Notice of State Award for a Grant from IDOT for the 2021/22 STEP Grant for up to \$24,673.12 in Wage Reimbursement** 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Flock Group for Access to the “Flock Service”

10 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Flock Group for Access to the “Flock Service”** 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)

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Winthrop Harbor and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of Traffic Signals on State Highways

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to **Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Winthrop Harbor and the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of Traffic Signals on State Highways** 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 Marabella

- ComEd is replacing all of their street lights with LED lighting.
- 2020/21 Road Project will start in a couple of weeks.
- The 2020/21 patching project should start next week
- Branch pick-up starts in October. Public Works is down a couple of guys so it will take a few days a week to complete.
- Fall-ball started. Basketball will start soon.
- Trunk or Treat event coming up.
- Drive safe. Kids are back in school.

Trustee Levin

- Congratulations to Deputy Chief Lewis, glad to see him back and congratulations to Officer Jones.

Trustee Weiss

- Congratulations to Deputy Chief Lewis. He’s a great asset.

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- Thanked Tim and Public Works for removing a large tree that went down causing a power outage on August 30th and for coming back the next day to clear the rest of the branches. They did a phenomenal job.

Trustee McCarthy

- There is a Blood Drive this Saturday, September 25th from 8am-2pm. at the Fire Department. Spread the word.
- Congratulations to Officer Jones and Deputy Chief Lewis.
- Thank you to Chief Campanella. Appreciate the initiative Chief Campanella has been taking, on a lot of different things. A lot of changes are happening with the department. Appreciate all he's been doing.

Trustee Whitmore

- Congratulations Deputy Chief Lewis and Officer Jones.
- Asked if we have anything regarding Vaccine mandates for Village Employees. Village Administrator Long said we are bound by the Governor's orders.
- For the sake of transparency, are we paying the Bob Long for Interim Village Administrator? Mayor Bruno said that he is being paid \$8,333.00 a month. The same as Mr. Jackson was being paid.
- Fall ball is coming up
- Annual Trunk or Treat as well as a costume contest. This year we are doing something new. We are doing a haunted trail. People sign up for 25 feet sections around the pond at 38 Acres. They will decorate each 25-foot section to do a haunted trail.

ADJOURNMENT

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.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.

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