

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees Meeting
October 19, 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, Dana McCarthy, Hartmut "Fritz" Weiss

Absent: Robert Marabella, Alanna Whitmore

Also present:

Robert Long, Village Attorney/Interim Village Administrator

Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk

Michael Sheedy, IT Director

Tim Neargarder, Superintendent of Public Works

Edward Mohn, Police Chief

The Invocation was led by Pastor Tim 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 McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2) Marabella, Whitmore

Passed: (0)

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2 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve the **October 5, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve the **October 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

First Reading of a Draft Ordinance Amending §110.31 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Modifying the Hours and Size Regulations for Package Liquor Sales

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to accept the reading into record of **The First Reading of a Draft Ordinance Amending §110.31 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Modifying the Hours and Size Regulations for Package Liquor Sales**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Trustee McCarthy asked if we had data on the airplane size bottles being sold for immediate consumption. He doesn't want to change something for businesses if we don't have a good reason. Trustee McCarthy said he definitely agrees with the hours. Chief Mohn said there is no data. We have found the bottles continuously outside on the ground. Multiple times we have stopped people under the influence of alcohol. It's what we (the Police) have encountered on a regular basis. Trustee Hargett said the point was brought to light during the Vision Meeting. Trustee Hargett said Attorney Long indicated, when we talked about revising the code, having the hours slightly changed, it makes sense. Trustee Hargett said it's a positive change to make to the liquor code. Mayor Bruno said other municipalities around us, stop selling alcohol at midnight. Mayor Bruno would like to be in compliance with other communities. Mayor Bruno said he supports this ordinance.

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

Oath of Office for Jonathan Triplett – Promoting him to the Position of Police Sergeant

Police Chief, Ed Mohn, gave a short description of Jonathan Triplett’s, bio.

Mayor Bruno then gave the Oath of Office to Johnathan Triplett, promoting him to the Position of Police Sergeant.

Jonathan Triplett’s son then pinned his Sergeants badge on him.

Mayor Bruno said that Sergeant Triplett is taking Sergeant Willet’s spot on the Police Pension Fund. Thanked him for taking on that spot and hopes he’s there for many years to come.

RESOLUTION 2021-R-18 An Appointment Resolution Appointing Jenna Sanchez as Recreation Advisory Board Committee Member

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **Resolution 2021-R-18** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

- On Tuesday, October 26th we will be having the interviews for the next Village Administrator. There are 4 in-person candidates and 2 Zoom candidates, which will be done on Thursday, October 28th. There is a panel doing the interviews. They are, Mayor Bruno, Marc Huber (Village Administrator from Beach Park), Trustee Hargett and Trustee Whitmore. It will be an open meeting and will be posted. Tuesday will be 8-9, 10-11, 12-1 and 2-3. Residents are welcome to come and listen. The panel will be asking the questions but it will not be open for the residents to ask questions.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Interim Village Administrator, Bob Long, said the Vision Meetings took up a significant amount of time. Working with Staff to give you presentations about where we are and a whole range of services the Village provides as well as it’s needs and where the future is taking us. Bob said he’s working on his version of a financial vision, that he will be bringing to the Board on November 2nd at 6pm. Pat’s been helping him to work through the numbers. Bob said he thinks the information will be insightful and a picture of the Village in a way you’ve never looked at it.
- The Departments are doing an absolutely excellent job helping the citizens with some interesting problems.

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Rittenhouse announced the Trick or Treat Hours as October 31st, 2021 from 4-7pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable Warrant

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2021-7** in the amount of **\$282,860.54**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Parthiv Sheth – Harbor Food & Liquor – 644 Sheridan Road – Received the letter regarding changing the Ordinance for the Liquor License Hours. We are fine with the Liquor hours. This will not affect us. We are a family business with 4 liquor stores and 2 bars in Lake County. We think it should be safe, so we are ok with the hours. Eliminating the 50ml and the 200ml would be 15% of our business. We’ve never had an underage sale or intoxicated person. Mr. Sheth asked the Board to reconsider looking into the Size Matter one more time. In Waukegan they have only eliminated the minimum sizes at the gas stations. The issue that the Police Chief was saying about the bottles being thrown out, if you come to the parking lot now you will see soda cans. It’s just a habit of people not cleaning up after themselves. He would like it to be considered by type of businesses not across the board. Attorney Long said Waukegan has a separate classification of license which we do not have. Mr. Sheth said if you give a time frame of only 2 months, we will be sitting on more than at \$25K-\$40K worth of inventory. Just wanted to bring this to the Boards attention.

Jairose Pathiyil – Mobil Gas Station – 847 Sheridan Road – We don’t have a problem with the hours. The issue is with the small bottle stock. 2 months- time is not enough time. The supplier will not take the stock back. We are requesting that the Board gives us 3-4 months to sell the stock we have. After that we are ok with it. We also want the gas station to be safe.

Rich Coombe – V.F.W. – 1112 Sheridan Road – Mr. Coombe said the V.F.W. sells small bottles of wine. Will this affect us? Attorney Long told Mr. Coombe that it only affects the sales of “spirits” (distilled products) so wine and beer do not fall within “spirits”.

Trustee Hargett asked the Police Chief if he had any concerns on the PD side. Chief Mohn, said no. Chief Mohn said as far as letting them deplete their stock, I think that’s just good business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Trustee McCarthy

- Congratulations to Sergeant Triplett on his promotion.
- Thank you to all Department Heads for their presentations at the Committee of the Whole Meetings.
- Thank you to Mr. Long for the work he did in putting the Vision Sessions together.

Trustee Hargett

- Thank you to all of the Department Heads. There were a lot of meetings, information they pulled together and a lot of questions. It was incredibly helpful.
- Prayer's to the Marabella Family and to Trustee Marabella.

Trustee Weiss

- Congratulations Jonathan Triplett. He's also a great CCW teacher.
- Thanked the Department Heads for their presentations. It was very informative.

Trustee Levin

- Congratulations to Sergeant Triplett
- Prayers to the Marabella Family.

Mayor Bruno

- Told Mrs. Marabella the prayer tonight would be for Rob.
- The Department Heads had amazing presentations. Very impressed.
- Congratulations to Sergeant Triplett

Superintendent of Public Works, Tim Nearing

- Update on the Street Rehabilitation Project. Concrete should start being poured this week.
- Patching Program that NP Paving did, is complete. Also included was the Fire Station apron.
- LCDOT is doing their ADA Ramp project on 9th Street.
- Resurfacing Project on Russell Road is almost done.
- LCDOT is hosting a virtual public information meeting to discuss the proposed study of Russell Road intersections at Kilbourne, Kenosha Road and Lewis Ave. Through the planning phase, it is determined the preferred design includes installing round-a-bouts. The virtual meeting is Thursday, October 21st from 5-7pm. You can get the link to the meeting on the Lake County web-site.
- IDOT's project on Sheridan Road is in the final stages.

ADJOURNMENT

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m. on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Hargett, Levin, McCarthy, Weiss

Nays: (0)

Absent: (2) Marabella, Whitmore

Passed: (0)

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APPROVED:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.