

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees Meeting  
**August 16, 2022**  
Village Hall Council Chambers

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## **MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno at 7:03 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  
Ed Mohn, Police Chief  
Michael Sheedy, IT Director  
Sanjay Singhal, Community Development Director  
Tim Neargarder, Superintendent of Public Works

The Invocation was led by Mayor Bruno 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 **July 19, 2022 Public Hearing 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)**

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Levin and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **July 19, 2022 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**

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-29 A Resolution Authorizing the Honorary Naming of Runyard Avenue as "William Taft Ave."**

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2022-R-29** 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 PROCLAMATION HONORING LITTLE MISS AVA MARABELLA FOR WINNING THE 2022 LAKE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT**

Mayor Bruno read the proclamation and congratulated Little Miss Ava Marabella. He told her how proud we are of her and told her she is the pride and joy of Winthrop Harbor. Little Miss Ava Marabella then passed out a little treat to each of the Board members.

Mayor Bruno congratulated the Razzle Dazzles Baton Twirling Corp for winning the World Championship Title in the Netherlands. They will be at our next Board Meeting, where we will be formally recognizing them for their great achievement.

Winthrop Harbor 12U Softball Team played in their first softball tournament and brought home 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mayor Bruno congratulated them.

Mayor Bruno thanked North Point Marina for a great Venetian Night show. It was a nice event with a lot of people and a great band.

Touch a Truck is this weekend. It's this Saturday at 38 Acre Park. It's going to be bigger and better than ever, thanks to the Parks and Rec Board and Scott. The Mayor also thanked Michael Sheedy for helping this event grow.

Mayor Bruno mentioned the Parks and Recreation Survey. He said the Village wants to hear from you. We invite you to participate in our Parks and Recs survey. Your input will be used for future planning. The link to the survey is on our website.

The Mayor said he got a call today from our grant manager in Springfield, Alex Fuller, who told him that the 3 Grants, 2 for Public Works and 1 for the Village Hall roof, are 2 weeks out from us actually having the money. It's coming.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Village Administrator, David Alarcon, turned the floor over to our interim Finance Consultant, Nick Narducci. Nick then presented the new banking proposal. This proposal is to reduce the number of accounts the Village has to better know what our cash position is and to better manage cash flow.

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None Reported

**OLD BUSINESS**

None Reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accounts Payable Warrant**

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant W2022-4** in the amount of **\$262,886.79**. 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-30 A Resolution Adopting the Village of Winthrop Harbor Block Party Administrative Policy**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2022-R-30** 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)**

**Review and Discussion of Proposed Revisions of the Municipal Code Section 150.003 Permit Fees**

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Marabella to **direct Attorney Robert Long to draft an update to the Municipal Code Section 150.003 Permit Fees** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes:** (7) **Hargett, Levin, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore, Bruno**  
**Nays:** (0)  
**Absent:** (0)  
**Passed:** (0)

**Approval of the Village of Winthrop Harbor Banking & Treasury Management Proposal**

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Hargett and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve the **Village of Winthrop Harbor Banking & Treasury Management Proposal** 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-31 A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the Village of Winthrop Harbor Fire Department's Standard Operating Policies and Procedures**

8 - A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2022-R-31** as presented. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes:** (7) **Hargett, Levin, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore, Bruno**  
**Nays:** (0)  
**Absent:** (0)  
**Passed:** (0)

**Approval of the Filling of One (1) Vacant Part-Time Police Officer Position**

9 - A motion to was made by Trustee McCarthy and seconded by Trustee Marabella to **Approve the Filling of One (1) Vacant Part-time Police Officer Position** 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)

**Chief Mohn recognized Officer Robert Jones for Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Top DUI Arrests.**

His total arrests this year have been 129, 15 DUI's, 41 suspended/revoked. Chief Mohn then read the Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Commendable DUI Enforcement Officer for Robert Jones by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. Chief Mohn said he wanted to thank him and recognize him publicly.

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-32 A Resolution for FY2022/23 MFT General Maintenance Program**

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**10** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Levin to approve **Resolution 2022-R-32** 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 to Approve the Annual Contract for Winthrop Harbor Lions Club**

**11** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **the Annual Contract for Winthrop Harbor Lions Club** 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-33 A Resolution Adopting a Part-time Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Job Description**

**12** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Weiss to approve **Resolution 2022-R-33** 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 the Filling of One (1) Part-Time Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Position**

**13** - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve **the Filling of One (1) Part-Time Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Position** 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 the Filling of One (1) Parks and Recreation Part-Time Maintenance Worker**

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14 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to approve the **Filling of One (1) Parks and Recreation Part-Time Maintenance Worker** 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**

- 2021 Junior Miss Winthrop Harbor, Ava Fuson, with the Winthrop Harbor Scholarship Program – this year she chose “Feed My Starving Children” as her service project. She has challenged the Winthrop Harbor Board of Trustees to help her reach her goal of 10 groups of 10. Her event will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 7:00pm – 8:45pm at 742 E. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL
- Kenneth Endres – Great Lakes Naval Station – he came to a meeting about 6 months ago. He wanted to give an update that right now Great Lakes will start a 10-week period in which we will be graduating a thousand or more recruits. Hopefully they will come to Winthrop Harbor to enjoy your community. Just wanted to let the Board know that the Navy is still putting out our Sailors to protect us.
- Jane Hall – 9600 17<sup>th</sup> Street – the website is much better. It was very easy for me to direct 2 people. One thought that the State of Illinois had no legal marijuana dispensaries, no license had yet been issued. It was easy to set that one straight because it was on the Village website. The other said that the Village of Winthrop Harbor has 3 dispensaries and were going to open a 4<sup>th</sup>. They thought smoke shops were dispensaries. I clicked on all of the links to all the Village meetings and set them straight. I also let them know how to get in contact with the Mayor and Tim. The rumors run ramped until you set people straight with the facts. It’s getting much easier to direct people because the website is getting easier.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Whitmore

- Saturday is Touch a Truck. There will be a ton of people coming. Vista is bringing their Teddy Bear Clinic. Bring your Stuffed Animals to be seen by the Doctor.
- We are finishing Summer Sports and heading into Fall and Winter.

Trustee McCarthy

- As the Mayor already mentioned, the Razzle Dazzles will be at the next meeting. Thanked Mayor Bruno and Mayor McKinney from Zion, and all of the community for their support. My daughter was one of the members of that team.
- Congratulated Ava Marabella.
- Thanked and commend Officer Jones.

Trustee Hargett

- Commented on the cool bookends of celebration tonight. From William Taft and his lifetime of service to having Queens here and talking about Razzle Dazzle and some of

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the young people here in our community and their commitment to the community. We're in good hands. Very cool to celebrate these bookends tonight.

Trustee Weiss

- Wants to say the same things that Trustee Hargett said.
- Congratulated Ava. It's great to have all of the celebration and to look positive in the community of Winthrop Harbor

Trustee Levin

- Congratulations to Ava, Officer Jones and William Taft

Trustee Marabella

- Mr. Taft is the perfect person to get the first Honorary Street Naming.
- We want to hear from you on the Parks and Rec survey. Thank you to the Parks and Rec Alanna works hard on this.
- We're working hard on a new image for the Parks and Rec. We're trying to tweak the logo a little bit. Dave's worked really hard on the software. We have a new computer and are able to do more things now. Time has been donated to get the website up.
- Touch a Truck is this weekend.
- Our Commander from the VFW is here. At the Commanders picnic this weekend they did a celebration. They acknowledged all of our Queens from both units. They help out with the community and the breakfasts in the Fall months. The VFW does a lot.
- Tim said 9<sup>th</sup> Street work starts tomorrow. They start at Sheridan Road and are supposed to have detours up. Hopefully by the end of the week it will be done.

**CLOSED SESSION**

15 - A motion was made by Trustee Marabella and seconded by Trustee Whitmore to move the meeting into Closed Session for the Purposes of **Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2) and Personnel Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote and the meeting moved into Closed Session at 8:12 pm.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

16 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee McCarthy to move the meeting into **Open Session with no action taken**. Mayor Bruno declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote and the meeting moved into Open Session at 9:00 pm.

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

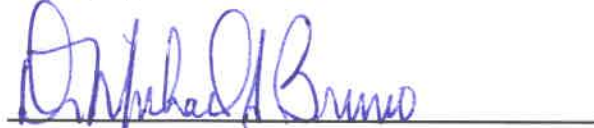
**ADJOURNMENT**

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17 - A motion was made by Trustee Weiss and seconded by Trustee Levin to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bruno declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. 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.