

**Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees
Regular Village Board Meeting
February 5, 2008**

- MINUTES -

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Leech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall. Clerk Lee called the roll.

The following were present:

Mayor: Joe Leech, Jr.

Trustees: Michael Bruno
Virginia Lopez
Ronald Molinaro
Timothy Neargarder
Richard Robards
Eugene "Gene" Swindle

Also Present: Jana Lee, Village Clerk
Joel Brumlik, Police Chief
Ron Levin, Deputy Fire Chief

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Prayer was led by Mayor Leech, which was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Neargarder to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2008, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (4) Bruno, Lopez, Neargarder, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (2) Molinaro, Robards

OLD BUSINESS

None reported

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Leech asked for Trustee Molinaro's resignation, due to his recent conviction.

Trustee Molinaro stated that he would not resign.

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to Censure Trustee Molinaro, removing him from the Public Works Committee. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingder, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (1) Molinaro
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

R.O.W. Vacation between 200 & 132 Thompson Avenue.

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the request and vacate the property between 200 & 132 Thompson Avenue with the stipulation that each homeowner donate \$500.00 each to the Recreation Center and that they pay all costs for surveys and recording. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Nearingder, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2008-R-4; A Resolution approving a Village-Wide Waste and Leaf Collection Contract with Jensen Disposal, Inc.

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Molinaro and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve Resolution 2008-R-4 as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Nearingder, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

RESOLUTION 2008-R-5; A Resolution approving the modification of the Part-time Police Officer contract.

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Resolution 2008-R-5 as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Nearingder, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 2007-17 in the amount of \$63,101.06. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Nearing, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

ORDINANCE 2008-O-1 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 78 & 79 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor (Stop Intersections & No Parking Places)

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Ordinance 2008-O-1 as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Nearing, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Salata of 723 Holdridge read a statement in support of Trustee Molinaro. There were other audience members who spoke on Trustee Molinaro's behalf.

Mr. Mike Springer stated that he felt that Trustee Molinaro should resign.

Gene Baker asked if the new contract with Jensen would include yard waste as well. It was noted that yard waste would be included.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Molinaro felt that the censure was a political decision, but what happened to him was a personal issue that did not affect his job as Village Trustee. Trustee Molinaro felt that the decision was a violation of the statute under the terms he had with the State. He thanked all the people who supported him. Trustee Molinaro also stated that he felt the board made the wrong decision by censuring him.

Mayor Leech felt that as elected officials they should be a step above.

Trustee Lopez wanted to recognize that at the SWALCO meeting last month the Village was recognized in a resolution for participating in the Winthrop Harbor electronic collections program. The village collected 8,000 lbs of electronics.

Trustee Swindle noted that he took no pleasure in voting to censure Trustee Molinaro; that it was not political or personal.

Trustee Bruno announced the following events:

- Baseball/Softball sign-ups February 11th – March 16th
- Teen Dance - February 8, 08 from 7-10pm
- Fun Fair – February 16, 2008

Trustee Bruno also wanted to say that Public Works is doing a great job plowing the village streets.

ADJOURNMENT

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Bruno to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Leech declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (6) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Neargarder, Robards, Swindle
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

APPROVED:

JOE LEECH, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.