

**Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees
Regular Village Board Meeting
March 4, 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. Deputy Clerk Wollert called the roll.

The following were present:

Mayor: Joe Leech, Jr.

Trustees: Michael Bruno
Virginia Lopez
Timothy Neargarder
Richard Robards

Also Present: Jean Wollert, Deputy Clerk

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Prayer was led by Pastor White, 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 29, 2008, Committee of the Whole as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Neargarder and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the February 5, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None reported

MAYOR’S REPORT

Elena’s Mexican Grille – 1707 7th Street / Elizabeth Sachnoff-Requesting Liquor License.

Elizabeth Sachnoff explained to the board her hope in obtaining a full liquor license.

Trustee Nearingard stated that he had concerns with adding another liquor license.

Mr. Sachnoff explained that with the Mexican type food, the menu calls for margarita’s to be served. The hours would be from 7:00 am to around 9:00 pm.

Trustee Robards stated that even though the board had discussed limiting liquor licenses, he felt that this restaurant would be a good fit.

Attorney Long suggested that a new class be created, which might help with the concerns the community has with regards to liquor establishments.

Mayor Leech read the Proclamation for “***Women’s History Month***”.

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the “***Women’s History Month***” proclamation. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**The Salvation Army – Fund Raising Programs
Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th, 2008
Christmas Kettles Nov. 21, 08 – Dec. 24, 08**

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Nearingard and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the request by The Salvation Army. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Nearingard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 2007-18 in the amount of \$222,625.20. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Nearingard and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2008. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE 2008-O-2 An Ordinance Amending §76.25 and §76.26 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Lopez and seconded by Trustee Bruno to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-O-2 and approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE 2008-O-3 - Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Nearingard to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-O-3 and approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Milt Jensen asked the following questions:

- a. New garbage contract - What did the village gain by making the change?
- b. Advertiser – Do we have an ordinance similar to Zion?
- c. Pot Holes – When would potholes be repaired?

Mike Springer asked since the village can no longer use the Veolia dump, will the village have a spring clean-up?

It was noted that the village would look into a spring clean-up.

Brent Paxton invited the village board to attend the meeting where the long term goals for Lake County will be discussed. There will be six different forums. It will be held at the Lake County Building on March 20, 2008. Social begins at 6pm and program starts at 7pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Bruno announced the following dates:

- a. Baseball/Softball sign-ups – March 8th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- b. Baseball/Softball sign-ups – March 15th 1-6pm
- c. Teen Dance – March 14, 2008 7-10pm for grades 5th thru 8th
- d. Lunch With Bunny – March 22nd – noon to 2pm.

Trustee Bruno stated what a great job the Police Department and Fire Department did at Skipper Buds with the recent fire and he also pointed out the Public Works has done a good job snowplowing.

Trustee Robards echoed Trustee Bruno’s comments on.

ADJOURNMENT

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Bruno to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Leech declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm on the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVED:

JOE LEECH, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLORIA JEAN WOLLERT, DEPUTY CLERK

Note: This is not a verbatim record.