

Village of Winthrop Harbor
President and Board of Trustees
Regular Village Board Meeting
May 6, 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
John Hogan, Public Works
Neal Wollert, Fire Chief
Ron Levin, Deputy Fire Chief
Pat DiPersio, EDC Director

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Prayer was led by Pastor Corley, which was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Molinaro and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the April 15, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None reported

MAYOR’S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2008-R-12 Annual Appointment Resolution

2 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Resolution 2008-R-12 as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Lake County request permission to sell raffle tickets from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

3 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Molinaro to waive all fees and grant permission to sell raffle tickets for the Boys & Girls Club of Illinois. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2008-R-13 A Resolution Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with LM Development Partners, LLC and a Consulting Contract with Nexgen Toward Redevelopment of the Triangle.

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Neargarder and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve Resolution 2008-R-13 as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

A Petition to Annex Certain Territory to the Village of Winthrop Harbor.

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Neargarder and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the Petition to Annex Certain Territory to the Village of Winthrop Harbor. 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)

Will Goldstein – Harbor Plaza/Request exemption from Ordinance 95.18; Requiring screening of commercial garbage containers

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Nearingder and seconded by Trustee Molinaro to grant the request by Will Goldstein exempting him from Ordinance 95.18; requiring screening of commercial garbage containers for Harbor Plaza only. 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)

7 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 2008-1 in the amount of \$236,610.39 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)

ORDINANCE 2008-O-9 2008-2009 Annual Wage Policy Ordinance

8 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle 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-9 and approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

2008/09 BUDGET

9 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and Seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the 2008-2009 Budget. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Trustee Molinaro felt the village board missed the mark on the budget and was not willing to vote in favor of the budget at the taxpayers expense.

Trustee Swindle stated if the funds were there, then the village board could've done more.

Trustee Molinaro stated he had different priorities and the board could've done better.

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

10 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the Amended 2007 Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

11 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2008. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION 2008-R-14 A Resolution Vacating Part of Second Street

12 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve Resolution 2008-R-14 Vacating Part of Second Street. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2008-O-10 An Ordinance Amending Water Billing Procedures of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor

13 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Robards to Set Aside the Rules of the President and Board of Trustees and Waive the First and Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-O-10 and approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Trustees Molinaro and Nearingard were not in favor of the \$100.00, but would agree if it were \$70.00-\$75.00.

Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Molinaro, Robards, Swindle

Nays: (1) Neargarder
Absent: (0)
Passed: (0)

ORDINANCE 2008-O-11 An Ordinance Amending 50.027 of the Municipal Code of Winthrop Harbor Increasing Water Rates to Reflect Delivery Price Increases

14 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle 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-11 and approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

15 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Robards to make a pay-out to Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC in the amount of \$74,252.48 for the 2007 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Molinaro felt that this was a tough budget and felt that many services were cut for the residents.

Trustee Lopez stated that the village board did not cut any services to it's residents.

Trustee Lopez asked for a committee meeting to discuss the Explorer Program, and was scheduled for May 15th at 7:00 PM.

Sergeant Vela explained that he would be going to Washington DC for the Wounded Heroes event and with the help of Trustees Swindle and others he was able to make the \$1,000.00 mark needed to participate.

Trustee Swindle thanked those who donated to the cause.

Trustee Bruno announced that on Monday, May 26th, the annual Memorial Day Parade would begin at 10am with the line-up and the parade would start at 11am. He also

reminded everyone that on Thursday, May 29th the "Pie Throwing" contest would be held at 38-Acre Park, starting off four days of "Summer Fair".

He also announced that the Miss Winthrop Harbor Queen Pageant would be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 3:00pm at North Prairie Jr. High.

Trustee Robards announced that the Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast would be held on Sunday, May 25th from 7am-1pm.

Mayor Leech announced that for the months of June, July, August the Village Board would only meet on the first Tuesday of each month. (June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th).

ADJOURNMENT

16 - A motion was made by Trustee Robards and seconded by Trustee Molinaro to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Leech declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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.