

**Village of Winthrop Harbor  
President and Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Village Board Meeting**  
October 21, 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  
Timothy Neargarder  
Richard Robards  
Eugene "Gene" Swindle

Also Present: Jana J. Lee, Clerk  
Attorney Robert Long

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Josh Williams delivered the prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1 - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve the October 7, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None reported

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**2** - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Robards to accept the resignation of Trustee Ronald Molinaro. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

Mayor Leech announced that if there were any mayoral or trustee candidates that would like to serve in Trustee Molinaro's place to please contact him as he will be setting up interviews.

The VFW Post 7448 presented the Police and Fire Department with a check in the amount of \$250.00 each. The Women's Auxiliary presented the Police and Fire Department with a check in the amount of \$50.00 each.

Mayor Leech announced that the Third Annual Corporate Spelling Bee would be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

**3** - A motion was made by Trustee Bruno and seconded by Trustee Robards to extend the portable sign requirement from 30-days to 18 months. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Mayor Leech read the requirement for portable signs. He stated that a permit should be issued for 30 days at a cost of \$30.00 per permit. Mayor Leech stated that the village has looked the other way for many years with regards to the sign ordinance. Mayor Leech noted that in paragraph B, it states that any requests for additional permits must be approved by the President and Board of Trustees.

Mayor Leech suggested that due to the fact the village has looked the other way and the economic times, he would entertain a motion to extend the time from 30 days to 18 months.

Trustee Nearingard stated that if we are going to allow it then why have it if the village isn't going to enforce it.

Mayor Leech stated that the 18-months gives the village more time to look at the sign ordinance.

Trustee Swindle stated that he had no problem extending it to 18 months.

Trustee Lopez suggested that the permit requirement be suspended until which time the village board could meet together to come up with something reasonable.

**Ayes: (3) Bruno, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (1) Nearingard**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (1) Lopez**

Mayor Leech stated that Building Inspector Jim Fout had resigned and wanted to publicly thank him for his years of service.

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2008-O-22 An Ordinance Amending §154.086; Adding Motorcycle Sales, Rental and Service as Permitted Uses in B-1 Business Districts Subject to Special Use Permits.**

**PZB recommended approval to the amendment of the B-1 business category.**

4 - A motion was made by Trustee Nearingard 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-22 as approve as presented. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

**DOCKET 05-PZB-08 – Request for Special Use Permit to allow sales, rental and service of motorcycles, ATVs and scooters by John and Theresa Rodenhiser on property located at 811-813 Sheridan Road.**

**PZB recommended approval for the Special Use, with the following conditions.**

5 - A motion was made by Trustee Nearingard and seconded by Trustee Bruno to approve Docket 05-PZB-08 as presented with conditions. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

6 - A motion was made by Trustee Swindle and seconded by Trustee Robards to approve **Accounts Payable Warrant 2008-9** in the amount of \$50,676.34. Mayor Leech declared the motion carried on the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**

**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

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

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ron Kaiser from Stone Creek Grill donated \$500.00 to the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department for their 10 years of support.

Bob Holub thanked the Village Board and the Police Chief for sending Ofc. Michael Bitton to his home. He went on to say that the problem still exists with the school’s garbage waste hauler and the flow of traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Bruno thanked those who helped with the Haunted House/Hayride.

Recreation Board, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works. He also thanked Mayor Leech for driving the hay truck.

Trustee Bruno announced that on October 25<sup>th</sup> there would be a Halloween party at the Schlader Building for those who were 10 years of age and under.

Trustee Bruno also announced the resignation of Robin Ruchti as the Miss Winthrop Harbor Queens Director. For anyone interested in this position, the deadline for applications is Friday, November 14, 2008.

Trustee Robards wished everyone a safe and spooky Halloween.

Trustee Lopez wanted to know if the village would be sending a team to the Spelling Bee. After some discussion Trustee Lopez and Attorney Long volunteered and would be looking for the third volunteer.

**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 7:46 pm on the following roll call vote:

**Ayes: (5) Bruno, Lopez, Nearingard, Robards, Swindle**  
**Nays: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**  
**Passed: (0)**

**APPROVED:**

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**JOE LEECH, JR., MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**Note: This is not a verbatim record.**