

**TOWN OF WINFIELD**  
**April 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Town of Winfield Board was called to order at 7 p. m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilman William Kwasniewski, Howard Marsh, Michael Peo and Robert Royce. Guests present were Mary Jones from the West Winfield Star and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Keith Watkins.

General Fund claims #56 - #77 and Highway Fund claims #29 - #44 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor's reports for January and February 2016 and the Town Clerk's report for March 2016 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. All motions were passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held March 9, 2016 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

1. He has conversed with Calogero about aspects that have changed since they merged with DB&B. No one from the original staff are still there and the new fee schedule is not acceptable. Supervisor Osborn shared a proposal from Hamilton Accounting Services and stated that he would like to change. The Board gave him approval to pursue this.

**RESOLUTION 2016-03**

On a motion presented by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Royce, the following was APPROVED:

Ayes	4	Kwasniewski, Marsh, Peo, Royce
Nays	0	

The Supervisor is approved to change the accounting firm to Hamilton Accounting Services at the time that all of the necessary details have been finalized.

Town Clerk's Report:

1. Tax collection has ended. Collected: \$773,070.04 - Returned in overpayments: \$3,394.73 - Paid to Town Supervisor: \$384,236.16 - Paid to Herkimer County: (Feb.) \$245,000 (Mar.) \$75,000 and (April) final payment \$63,045.58 - Interest To Herkimer County: \$3.88 - To Town Interest \$3.89 and penalties \$2413.81.

2. Gordon Chafee will not be returning until May or June. Will try to present to plaque at picnic July 10, 2016.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. The salt and sand barn is approximately 1/2 full.

2. One of the Bicentennial signs was taken from Route 51N. This has been reported to the State Police.

3. Plow Truck - Sterlings are no longer made and that means that the trade-in will be lower at \$35,250 bring the cost of a new plow truck to a total to the Town to \$150,950.42. Supervisor Osborn will meet with Mr. Ranger to discuss our options of leasing or buying. A leasing option was requested by Councilman Kwasniewski. Keith Watkins mentioned that he had talked to the Supervisor of Brookfield and questioned him as to how they had obtained al new vehicles. They are leased on a 4 year plan and have almost eliminated their maintenance line item in their budget to cover the leasing.

4. The box on the small truck is in very bad shape. He would like to investigate different options for this.

Codes/Zoning Report:

Mr. Donley submitted a written report:

1. Only 3 permits so far - 2 for Jamie Christian's RV park for which he has issued a permit for 2 bath houses and a store/arcade on the campground property. He also consulted with the County concerning the

gas station at Jamie's rental facility in East Winfield. They had no objections so a permit was also issued for the gas station. The other permit application was for a swimming pool.

2. Cedarhurst Trailer Park: He has had a conversation with Mr. Green and was informed that the problem with the electrical has been remedied and inspected by a third party inspector. He also talked to the people who complained and they seem to be happy that the problem had been resolved.

3. Online training is progressing and will be attending a training in May in Cooperstown for which he will receive 6 credit hours.

4. He will be meeting with Mr. Pustay to discuss their progress at the new building on Route 20.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals:

Chairman Watkins stated that the hearing on Jamie Christians's RV Park has been held and was approved.

#### Old Business:

Councilman Royce reported that the committee working on the Fire Contract has met with Jim Murphy and Mayor Bryce. They discussed proposing a sample contract that would use the actual expenses from the year before rather than a budget presented by the fire department. The committee has discovered that the Town has been paying more than the actual expenses for the fire department and would like this addressed. Councilman Royce also stated that he would like some input from the other Board members as to what they would like in the new fire contract that is being drafted. Councilman Peo reported that he has talked to Attorney Quinn as he also represents the Village as well as the Town. Mr. Quinn stated that he has no problems with handling both as long as there is no litigation.

Supervisor Osborn stated that he is awaiting the spec information for bidding purposes for the roof on the highway garage. Councilman Kwasniewski question whether the company guarantees the warranty and workmanship the same for color.

#### New Business:

1. Attorney Quinn seems to not follow through with items that the Town Board has requested him to do such as the Planning Book which he stated that he would have done by last June and the Barrett property on Wall Street which is very unsafe. Should a new attorney be looked for? Tabled.

2. The Bicentennial entertainment schedule was presented to the Board. Also, the monument donated by Donald Snyder will be on display at the Bicentennial Celebration on April 17.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be May 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. Bids will be opened at that time for the North Winfield Road Cemetery and the regular meeting will follow.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Marsh. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk