

Town of Winfield

April 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Howard Marsh, Michael Peo, Robert Royce, Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Guest present was Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star, Ken Roberts and Joe from National Building and Restoration.

General Fund claims #58 - #77 and Highway Fund claims #32 - #36 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. The motion was carried unanimously. The Supervisor and Town Clerk's report for March 2014 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these reports as audited. The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the Bid Opening and Regular Board meeting held March 19, 2014 were read by each member. Councilman Marsh stated that he had some additions and corrections he would like to make to these minutes. He stated that no mention was made that he had stated that the building project would not get any less expensive and Councilman Peo agreed with that statement. He also had stated that even though the price was higher than expected that we would have to do as we did with the outside of the building and pay the price. A motion was then made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these minutes as amended. The motion was carried.

Town Clerk's Report:

She is filing for an extension on the Workplace Violence Abatement because of the building project and hoping for the extension date to be at least June 1, 2014. Several of the issues that were on the information sheet have been done and she will address this in the paperwork that will be submitted.

Codes/Zoning Report:

Mr. Donley sent a written report stating that he had finished his annual training. He has received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals to issue and building permit to Casler Flower Farm for a new greenhouse and pole barn. The court date for the Taylor property has been postponed again due to the weather. He also spoke to Attorney Quinn about the Hazard property and was informed that no provision was in the decision by the court for future problems with Mr. Hazard's property and that future problems should be easy to enforce due to the history of this property.

Old Business:

Ken Roberts informed the Board that Joe was here for the signing of the contract for the Office Space at the Highway Garage. Once the contract is signed the company will have 10 working days to start and 45 days to complete the project. The Board table is to be left in the building as there will be no way to bring the table back in once all the new walls and doorways are installed. Councilwoman Smith and Clerk Jones will choose the paint color and the floor tiles. The Town computer will go to the Clerk's home for the time of construction so that it is not damaged by dust, etc. Supervisor Osborn will install the check depositing machine on his personal computer for the time being. Joe then stated that if all of the material comes in on schedule the project should be completed in 30 days. Joe will be in contact with Rick as to the definite timing of the project. Questions concerning the piping for the heating system and some electrical issues were addressed with Joe by the Board. The contract was then signed by Supervisor Osborn and National Building and Restoration. Mr. Roberts informed the Board that under the contract one third of the total contract was to be the down payment at the time of signing. Supervisor Osborn will address this. Joe then discussed the dates that he would be looking to start the project, those being approximate April 24-29, 2014. He will discuss the final start date with the Highway Superintendent so that he is aware of when they will start. The Board informed Joe that they would encourage him to purchase the paint at Davis Hardware as this was a local business. Bill Kwasniewski asked how any change orders would be handled and who would be the Clerk of the Works. These will go through Ken Roberts who will act as Clerk of the Works.

Councilman Marsh then had a list of old business that he wanted to review.

1. He wanted to know what will be done with the junk in the rear of the Highway Garage and whether the metal could go for salvage. Supervisor Osborn stated that he would talk to Rick about this.
2. Also, the old snow plow by the salt building. Should that also be taken in for salvage? Again, Supervisor Osborn will discuss this with Rick.
3. Had the Clerk done anything about the dog license application certificates? Answer – no waiting for list from Rick.
4. Has the roof leak on the Highway Garage been checked? Supervisor Osborn will check with Rick.
5. What is left of the salt and sand from the winter? Supervisor Osborn stated that Rick had told him that they are to

the back wall of the salt barn.

6. He would like a complete full explanation of the state retirement figure that the Town has paid (the number the payment covers as well as the amount credited to each person receiving the benefit eventually). He feels that we are paying too much for this.

Councilman Peo then asked the Clerk to contact Jeff Barrett, Chairman of the Planning Board, to ask him what he has outstanding with the Planning Board that the Board has asked him to do.

Reminded everyone that Trash Day is April 26, 2014.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held May 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones