

**Town of Winfield**  
**August 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Howard Marsh, Michael Peo, Robert Royce and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Also present were: Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti and Codes/Zoning officer Ray Donley. Guest was Gene Doremus. Clerk Debrah Jones was absent. Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk Rebecca Jones.

General Fund claims #134 - #149 and Highway Fund claims #66 - #69 were listed on Abstract of Voucher sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor's report for the month of June 2014 was audited by the Board at this time due to the fact that one was not received from Calogero's office prior to the July meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept this report and the July Supervisor's report and Town Clerk's report as audited. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for July 2014 were audited by members present. A motion was made by and seconded by to accept these reports as audited.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held July 9, 2014 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these minutes as read.

Gene Doremus stated that he has returned to the community and would like to plant a seed regarding an organization called Timber Frame Guild which is a world wide organization whose mission is to preserve the art of timber framing. Michael Jones (his stepson) is in a "school" for this. Their goal is to go around the world with building timber frame projects providing free labor. Mr. Doremus would like to recommend looking into having this group build a pavilion or a meeting room (a suggestion) in West Winfield. Free labor and transportation is provided by the workers. The community would provide places to shower and meals, but the group would sleep in tents right at the site.

In order for the town to have this done, there must be a member of the guild that lives in the town. Michael Jones (Mary Jones son) is a member and would be the point man between the town and the guild. Mr. Doremus suggested that Michael come to a meeting regarding this. The decision by the Board was to invite Michael to the September 10th meeting to present a program at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor's report:

Trash day will be September 27, 2014 from 8 a.m. - Noon.

Budget time is fast approaching.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

He has received an estimate from Jerry Snyder of \$4000 for repairs on the roof and doors of the pole barn. The estimate includes repairing the shingles on the Highway Garage, redoing and replacing the pole barn doors including the track. Tracy Hula from Gates-Cole Insurance informed him that the Town will receive \$3000 as we have \$1000 deductible. John Hammond has straightened the flag pole for the second time in 2 years.

A motion to accept the estimate and the check from the insurance company was made by Councilman Marsh seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion passed.

The Highway Superintendent reported that he has received applications for the position vacated by Tom Pollard and has not come to a decision. Councilman Peo has heard rumors that Mr. Wakefield will be working through the winter. Rick stated that he possibly will keep him to help with maintenance. Mr. Wakefield will definitely continue until the park closes. A discussion concerning his pay and whether there are benefits. He receives \$10 per hour as a part time worker with no health insurance or state retirement.

Councilman Peo asked about the mower and why the sides of the road have not been mowed. Rick informed the board that the Town of Litchfield is mowing the roads as a shared services agreement as our mower is no longer usable. He may be able to purchase a used one. He also stated that Tracy Equipment rents mowers out during the mowing season and then auctions/bids them in the fall. There is a possibility that this would be beneficial as a new mower is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Rent for this equipment is \$2400 per week.

Councilman Peo also questioned whether we have a shared services agreement with the County for mowing. Rick stated that the County does not pay for this. Councilman Peo stated that he would like us to mow the County roads as he has had several complaints concerning this.

#### Codes/Zoning Officer's Report:

1. Mr. Donley has received an email from Jeff Barrett regarding special use permits and will read the wordings from Schuyler and Deerfield to get an idea of a better wording for special use permits. He and Mr. Barrett are working on the wording for the special use permits so that it is more "business friendly" for the zoning.
2. He is working on #16 or #17 building application.
3. He has driven by George Hazard's property and felt that it was not that bad. There are worse properties in the Town.
4. Mr. Taylor appears to be doing some work on his house and cleaning it up a bit.

#### Planning Board Report:

1. Mr. Barrett emailed a report stating:
  - Windmills - There is no law currently prohibiting them in the Town of Richfield. After speaking again with interested parties from both towns Litchfield's law seems a sufficient way to "zone them out". Richfield's law to allow them is still in the courts.
  - Fracking - Nothing new to update. Keep the moratorium in place until the state issues it's final paper on the use of it in NYS and then take some action.

#### Old Business:

Ray Donley has talked to Jim Entwistle about the folding chairs that the Town of Litchfield purchased. Mr. Entwistle stated that they are worth it and Ray recommended stacking chairs.

A flag needs to be purchased for the new room.

Councilman Marsh asked if we had received an insurance certificate for the tree cutting in the park. This has been received. He also asked about the stumps that are left - would Bob Cole be able to take care of them?

#### New Business:

Jack Kilty told Councilman Marsh that the CC boys planted the trees in the park. He stated that it would be great to have a monument with a brass plate on it honoring all the American soldiers, etc. Howard suggested that the Town plant hard wood trees. Supervisor Osborn stated that Bill

Ford had also mentioned this. Rick mentioned that in the spring maybe local organizations would contribute time and money for planting some new trees.

Councilwoman Smith was approached several months ago by Keith Wellenstein (a written letter was received) regarding an interest in having a sign put up on the corner of Chepachet Road and 51 acknowledging the hamlet of Chepachet. He stated that he would also like signs for tractors be put up by his residence and down the road from his residence for safety purposes. This was tabled by the Board until some research can be done.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held September 10, 2014 starting at 6:30 for the Doremus presentation and 7 p.m. for the regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

(Minute notes and recording done by Deputy Clerk Rebecca Jones)

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk