

**Town of Winfield**  
**August 12, 2015**

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 was absent. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was present. Guests included: Jamie Christian, Keith Watkins, Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star.

General Fund claims #136 - #147 and Highway Fund claims #71 - #78 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. Councilman Peo questioned the Highway Superintendent about the amount due to Wayne's Welding in the amount of \$3222. The Superintendent said that it was for a cylinder on one of the trucks. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor & Town Clerk's reports for July 2015 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. Both motions were passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held July 15, 2015 were read by each member. Councilman Royce requested that a clarification be made concerning the Supervisor's Report on the health insurance. The minutes should have stated that the Supervisor would be talking to Gates-Cole about health insurance premiums and how to make them less. One discussion was placing the Highway Superintendent under the "Employee/Spouse" category which is a little less than the "Family" category. At this meeting (August 12, 2015), it was discovered that the Superintendent is already on the "Employee/Spouse" category. Therefore, there will be no savings. Supervisor Osborn thought the discussion was concerning the Workmen's Compensation of which he is also talking with Gates-Cole to change the carrier for this when it comes up for renewal. A motion was then made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Jamie Christian from the Village Board then stated the the Village only pays for the employee (100%) and nothing for family coverage. The suggestion was made that we should check with the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce as they offer insurance.

**Supervisor's Report:**

1. He was contacted by Trooper Gage concerning "donuts" in the Park. He apprehended the person and asked if the Town would press charges. Supervisor Osborn stated that we would press charges. This was not "caught " on the cameras. Trooper Gage just happened to catch him in the act. Highway Superintendent then asked if the Board would like another camera or two that would cover the pavilions and in the where the pines were (Dave Rowe suggested this). Superintendent Gigliotti will check on the price for this.

2. The raises that he suggested last month would total \$4,985.96 additional in the 2016 budget. Councilman Marsh stated that he does not approve of this measure. Supervisor Osborn stated that they have not had a raise in three years.

3. Supervisor Osborn will not be available on September 9. After discussion, the next meeting will be changed to September 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.

5. The DEC has informed the Supervisor that an emergency shutoff for the fuel station at the Highway Garage must be installed.

**Clerk's Report:**

1. Jerry Korosec was the only person that was interested in the dog enumerator job. The Board approved this. The Clerk was instructed to have a name tag made so that he will have identification when he visits each residence.

2. The Little League is planning on working on the Little League field the last week of August. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti will discuss this with the members involved.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

1. Road work that was scheduled for this summer has been completed and he will send the report in for the CHIPS money this fall.

2. Two quotes will be coming for the roof on the Highway Garage - one from Ken Jones and one from Sam Price. He has also requested a quote from Ever Dry for a steel roof to be installed on the salt shed.

3 The Superintendent would like to put a small amount of pavement (approximately 4" thick) down where the sand and salt is mixed by the salt shed. He has talked to Tadd Parks and been informed that the cost would be about \$6,000. They have had problems with small stones getting in the trucks and then getting caught in the "spinners". He suggested that we may have enough CHIPS money left to do this. He was instructed to check with the Regional Director to check to see if CHIPS money could be used to do this.

4. The electrical estimate for changing meters in the park still has not been received from Cedar Lake Electric.

5. The DEC has informed the Superintendent that an emergency shutoff for the fuel station at the Highway Garage must be installed.

6. Councilman Royce discussed his issue with the work on Richfield Hill Road that happened prior to the July meeting. He stated that he felt that the Town would be liable if someone had gotten stuck in this situation. The Superintendent stated that he would handle this better in the future.

7. Councilman Peo questioned the work being done on Holmes Road. The Superintendent stated that they tore out the hedgerow and will be putting drainage there as there has been a problem with water on that road.

Jay Kulczak questioned the County mowing of the sides of the road as there are places on Wall Street that visibility is a problem. Superintendent Gigliotti stated that the mowing is being done in stages. Mr. Kulczak also thanked the Board for letting the Cub Scouts place a bottle return receptacle at the Highway Garage. It has been emptied several times and they have found no garbage in it thus far. He also stated that he is in need of a Planning Book so that he can read it through and meet with the Planning Board to review it.

#### Planning Board Report:

Mr. Donley submitted a written report stating that he has 21 permits at this time. The Pustay project is well under way and he has done several inspections. The Taylor property is currently being demolished and a new building will be erected. They are waiting for the fire department to do a controlled burn of the old residence. He has asked for an adjournment rather than a dismissal in case the deal were to fall through.

#### Old Business:

1. Jamie Christian stated that he is putting an RV park consisting of 60 sites on his property on Truax Road. He questioned what he must do to get approval for this 16 acre property for the campground. Keith Watkins stated that he would need to apply for a Special Use Permit as this is agricultural land. No Board members objected to this project. He was advised that he would also have to submit this to the Herkimer/Oneida Planning Board. He has a person working on the sewer and other plans. Before any decision is made about this project, the plans actually have to be submitted.

2. Councilman Royce stated that the Park Grant Application has been submitted.

3. Councilman Peo stated that he has not received an answer from the school concerning the playground equipment.

The Board was informed that Village Board member Debbie Nolan has John Morrisey from the State and some people from MidState that will be attending a meeting on September 14, 2015 to discuss the ambulance situation. The Town Board has been asked to attend.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held on September 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office in the Highway Garage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Marsh. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk