

**Town of Winfield**  
**February 4, 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, Robert Royce and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was in attendance. Guest present was Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star.

General Fund claims #24 - #35 and Highway Fund claims #16 - #23 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Town Clerk's report for January 2015 was audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept this report as presented. All motions passed. Due to the meeting being earlier the Supervisor's report for January 2015 will be presented at the March meeting.

The minutes from the Organizational and Regular meeting held January 14, 2015 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these minutes as read. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

1. Supervisor Osborn reported that the Highway & General Fund Certificates of Deposit are coming due. He noted that these Certificates have never been touched and would like to leave them as Certificates. He has obtained the interest rate from the Bank of Cooperstown - 6 months: .25% - 9 months: .35% - 1 year: .50% and 3 year: .90%. Supervisor Osborn would like to keep the 3 year as we've done before. After discussion the following:

**RESOLUTION 2015-02**

On a motion presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilwoman Smith the following was

Approved:	Ayes	4	Marsh, Osborn, Royce, Smith
	Nays	0	

The Town of Winfield shall renew the Certificates of Deposit for the General Fund and the Highway Fund with the Bank of Cooperstown for a period of 3 years.

2. Supervisor Osborn received a letter from Marion (Bucky) Hoover, President of the East Winfield Cemetery Association, requesting a donation from the Town of Winfield to help with costs associated with the damage caused by the July 2014 storm. The Board discussed this matter and felt that a monetary donation would not be appropriate (possibly not be allowed by law) and cited that the Highway Department has helped fix the road to the cemetery each year and would be willing to help in anyway that they could with machinery, etc. The Board felt that this would be appropriate according to the law. The Board suggested that the Clerk write to Mr. Hoover explaining this position. Councilman Marsh suggested that that this letter should also include that the should investigate other ways to raise funds and possibly the West Winfield Cemetery (in the Village) should also do so.

Town Clerk's Report:

1. Taxes have been paid to the Town of Winfield in full as well as \$170,000 sent to the County from the taxes that have been collected thus far.

2. The Clerk reported that the last box of envelopes that were received in November are already being used and she may need to order more earlier than usual.

3. The Clerk stated that she would like to have the new computer put on line by the end of March or April. This is included in the 2015 budget and should be done soon as the old computer is causing some problems.

4. The Clerk received a call from John Pustay stating that Precisionmatics will be talking to the Village of West Winfield to extend the Village water supply to their future new location on Route 20 East. He wondered if there were any permits that might be needed from the Town to do this. Plans for this will be done by an engineer that is familiar with public water supplies. After discussion, the Board members

felt that there is not a need for a permit for the Pustay's to do this as it will be in the right of way for Route 20 and the land that they will be excavating belongs to the Pustay's. Councilman Royce suggested that there is a possibility that they should check with the Planning Board.

5. The Clerk met with the Planning Board on January 26, 2015. All members were present. Jay Kulczak was appointed Chairman by the members. The Clerk asked that all of the members review the old planning book and that a meeting should be held in March to review any revisions that the members feel should be addressed in the new book.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Gigliotti invited the Board members to tour the garage part of the building as they have been painting and revamping the work benches, etc.
2. The Salt/Sand shed is at about 1/2.
3. The new employee Kelly Augar is doing a fine job.

Codes/Zoning Officer's Report:

- Mr. Donley called his report in and reported:
1. The Taylor court date has been postponed until March 4, 2015. He has placed several phone calls to Mr. Taylor for an inspection and has not received a response.
  2. The letter that was sent to the resident that was burning pieces of an old structure on Route 51 was received by the owner and he stated that he did not know this and would be getting dumpsters for the use of getting rid of the structure.
  3. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Keith Watkins has issued the permit to New York Animal & Farm, LLC for their storage building.

Old Business:

Councilman Marsh has visited with a gentleman that works for the owner of the tree farm in Unadilla Forks. The gentleman suggested waiting until the weather gets better to discuss trees for the park.

New Business:

Councilman Marsh stated that in the new Town Topics magazine there was an article about grants for the planning, development or improvements of parks. Councilman Royce stated that for grants a plan has to be in place and that the Town would need a Landscape Architect. Councilman Royce will get some names for this purpose.

Bill Kwasniewski asked if sledding in the Town Park has become an issue as some other areas have seen. No Board member was aware of any problems.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held March 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Building Meeting Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk