

TOWN OF WINFIELD FEBRUARY 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen William Kwasniewski, Howard Marsh, Michael Peo and Robert Royce. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was not in attendance. Guests present were Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star, Codes/Zoning Officer Raymond Donley, Dan Jones, Jim Roberts, Jon Cockett & George Hazzard.

General Fund claims # 19 - #36 and Highway Fund claims #20 - #32 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 Supervisor & Town Clerk's reports for January 2017 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. Both motions were passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held January 11, 2017 were read by each member. A correction was made by Councilman Kwasniewski to correct the word "ready" to "read" in the paragraph concerning the minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh, seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Jim Roberts asked if the Town would be having a spring cleanup for property that was damaged during the plowing season. He owns property on the short strip of Wall Street between Stone Road and Route 20 and stated that at least 6" of sod was laid back on his lawn and wondered if this was necessary. He feels that this is excessive damage. Supervisor Osborn in the absence of the Highway Superintendent stated that he would check into this and get back to him.

Jon Cockett has an issue because he lives on Crumb Hill Road of which approximately 150' is in the Town of Winfield. He stated that this year both the Town of Winfield and the Town of Plainfield have been taking care of the end of the road and the dirt, sand is excessive. Again Supervisor Osborn will check into this.

Dan Jones approached the Town concerning the Meetinghouse Green Cemetery. He has not found the actual owner of the property as it is listed as Meetinghouse Green in the County's records. He has asked to tap the trees in the Cemetery. The Board stated that he should contact the County Clerk and if no one objects he may tap the trees.

Supervisor's Report:

1. The new truck is still in Harrisville getting the plow put on and will be delivered in the next 2 - 3 weeks.
2. The Highway Superintendent has called about the garage doors but has not received a call back.

Clerk's Report:

1. Collection of taxes thus far: \$597715.17. Paid to Town - \$365405.41 and will be sending Herkimer County some before 2/15/2017 as required.
2. The Clerk asked permission to buy a new printing adding machine. Councilman Royce stated that the Church has one that is not being used and would gladly give it to the Town.

Codes/Zoning Report:

1. There are no new permits.
2. He has sent a letter to Burdick's on Meetinghouse Road stating that the property has to be cleaned up as there is a large amount close to the road of garbage, etc. He also told them that a building permit application needs to be filled out for whatever is being built that is already started.
3. He has been informed that the mobile home on the Barrett property is the only thing that can be cleaned up on this property. Discussion ensued as to what will be done about this property. Councilman Peo will be contacting Legislator Peplinski to ask how the County will be proceeding with this property as the taxes have not been paid. When a property is coming up for auction by the County because of unpaid taxes, he is required to send a list of codes violations to the County on the property.
4. Mr. Donley advised the Board of some issues that he has with the new codes ie. the new codes state that when a new house is going to be built that will be under 1500 square feet, stamped plans are not needed. Mr. Donley feels that regardless the number of square feet, stamped plans should be required. He stated that he would like a local

law stating this. The Board instructed him to contact Attorney Quinn to have him draft such a law.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Marsh stated that the insulation in the garage still needs to be checked.
2. Councilman Peo does not like the wrinkles in the new roof and when it is inspected by the company, he would like these pointed out.
3. Councilman Royce has sent copies of the Fire Contract to all of the Board members. Councilman Royce moved to accept the contract. No second. Board members asked why article 13.1 was removed (ethics code) Councilman Peo would like to see Article 4.3 left in as our Board does not know what "rigorous process is".
4. Supervisor Osborn has sent a voucher to the Village for \$900 for the use/repair of the truck.
5. The Board decided that the garage doors repair or new should be put up for bid.

The next meeting of the Board will be March 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Highway Garage meeting room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk