

TOWN OF WINFIELD

JULY 12, 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 Gigliotti was in attendance. Guests were: Dan Sullivan from the Clean Energy Communities Program, Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star, Keith Watkins - Zoning Board of Appeals.

General Fund claims # 111 - # 127 and Highway Fund claims #79 - #91 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for the Month of June, 2017 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these reports as audited. Both of these motions passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held June 14, 2017 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Peo and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

1. A plug in Station to qualify for the Green Energy Communities Grant money may have to be installed. It was noted that the Village of Cooperstown one of these.
2. The 2009 Herkimer County Shared Highway Services agreement was distributed to each member to review. It was also suggested that this may be used as a guideline for an agreement with the Village.

Town Clerk's Report:

1. The Clerk and Codes officer are developing a new building application. Fees should be addressed and will need approval from the Board before finalizing.
2. The Barrett property on Wall Street was purchased at the County auction and the new owners have begun to clean it up a bit. It is suggested that Mr. Donley send Mr. Gibson a letter stating the violations on this property with a cleanup date of "before the snow flies".
- 3 The property on Babcock Hill Road will be sold using sealed bids process by the County.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. He reported that a quote for the pickup truck should be ready to present at the next meeting.
2. The payloaders is now 7 years old and will have a good trade-in value. He is investigating this.
3. He has not received any other quotes for the entranceway at the Highway Garage.

Codes/Zoning Report:

He has issued permit #4. If any Board member sees building going on, please let Ray know. Extra eyes are a benefit. This is a slow year. He has read Litchfield's Solar Law. He has also been questioned as to whether the Amish, when building, whether they have to install the wiring for electricity. He will investigate this.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Keith Watkins reported that the news stated that there is possible Federal money for Storm Stella. He also questioned the wiring of buildings for the Amish builds.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Royce stated that he has no new information on the trees in the Park from UOVA.
2. The Shared Services final hearing hearing at the County was today. Mary Doremus gave a brief report on this as Gene had attended. The majority of the Legislative body felt that they did not have enough information to meet the deadline.

Dan Sullivan was in attendance to share the next steps that need to be taken for the Clean Energy grant application. He will meet with the Clerk next week to expedite the paperwork. The Board will need to approve a "Benchmarking Resolution" to continue. He stated that Ray Donley has reviewed the Solar Law and that he has agreed to attend Energy Code Enforcement Training. Mr. Sullivan will be attending our August meeting to go over the next steps.

RESOLUTION 2017-06

On a motion presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Peo, the following was ADOPTED:

Ayes 4 Marsh, Peo, Royce, Kwasniewski
Nays 0

Whereas, New York State has developed a unified solar photovoltaic permitting process designed to streamline municipal permitting which will reduce costs for solar projects and support the growth of clean energy jobs across the state, and

Whereas, the Town of Winfield is desirous of participating in the unified permitting process, thereby increasing the Town's eligibility for various incentives and grants through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Winfield adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit as attached hereto in Exhibit 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to complete the grant application through the Streamlined Permitting Program to allow for the Town to receive a grant award of \$2500 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the adoption of the Unified Solar Permit Application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this resolution, with Exhibit 1, shall be provided to the Town Codes Officer.

New Business:

Supervisor Osborn has received a new Franchise Agreement from Charter Cable Contract stating that 5% of the Gross Revenue of the customers in the Town of Winfield will be sent to the Town. A public hearing must be held on this agreement. All Board members requested a copy of the agreement to look over before the next meeting. A public hearing will be set possibly for the next Board meeting.

Councilman Kwasniewski asked Highway Superintendent about the garage doors. The Superintendent state that he doesn't feel that the doors can be fixed. Councilman Kwasniewski suggested that replacing the doors with energy efficient ones might help with the grant that we will be applying for.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held on August 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk