

Town of Winfield
July 15, 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 and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti was not in attendance. Guests present were Codes/Zoning Officer and Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star.

General Fund claims # 116 - #135 and Highway Fund claims #61 - #70 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for June 2015 were audited by member present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these as audited. Both motions passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held June 10, 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 is continuing work on the budget. Health care will rise 17%. He is discussing with Gates-Cole of a few changes so that the premiums will be less. He also is suggesting a 3% raise for all hourly and salaried people of the Township. He feels that for someone to look at these positions, including Board members, in the future that this is warranted to interest the public to serve the Township.

Clerk's Report:

1. The Clerk presented the Board with a copy of the draft for the dog enumeration form that the enumerator will be using and the cost associated with printing by Herkimer County. The Board felt that the form was sufficient and gave permission to have the books printed.

2. The Board answered several questions that have been asked about the dog enumerator job:

- a. Remuneration will be \$2.00 per dog.
- b. This amount will be paid on all dogs licensed or unlicensed as this will be a good way to check the number of dogs in the township.
- c. Mileage will be paid at the rate of \$.515 per mile.
- d. Time schedule: 3 months maximum after being hired by the Board.
- e. Supervisor Osborn will check on the insurance coverage for this position for liability, etc.

3. The Board directed the Clerk to check with the Planning Board and Attorney Quinn as to the status of the Planning Book.

Highway Superintendent Gigliotti was not present for a report but Supervisor Osborn stated that he has looked at a new mower for the roads and will bring this to the Board next month. He has rented a mower for this year. In answer to the question presented, Howard Wakefield is a full time employee for the Park, but does help the Highway Department when needed. Councilman Royce stated that he was on Richfield Hill Road when the ditches were being dug out and the sides of the road cleaned up by the Highway Department. There was no flagger at the bottom of the hill nor at the top. As he traveled up the road, there were two furrows too high for a normal vehicle to cross and would be unable to continue. His complaint was that the Highway Superintendent was not present. He stated that the Highway Department should have had a road closed sign and flaggers at each end of the road for safety reasons and the Town's liability. Supervisor Osborn will discuss this with Superintendent Gigliotti. Bill Kwasniewski stated that Todd Lewis from the Town of Plainfield may have a mower that the Town could borrow.

Codes/Zoning Report:

1. He is currently working on 18 permits.
2. He has received a phone call from Darryl Ferguson stating he had worked out a resolution with Bernie Taylor and that his (Mr. Taylor's) residence will be cleaned up and the residence be a controlled

burn after all of the asbestos shingles and siding have been removed. A 24 x 24 pole building will be erected that will also have a small living area with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom, kitchen and living area which will be his residence.

3. Pustay's have submitted their permit and have started excavating. He stated that the only problem he has had is with the trucking company that has been delivering the stone, etc. They are traveling extremely fast on Stone Road especially as well as not abiding with the center of the road. He is continuing working with the engineers from Tennessee Gas.

Old Business:

Councilman Royce stated that the Village Board has approved a resolution approving and endorsing the application of the Town of Winfield for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project and Recreational Trails Program for Improvements to the Town of Winfield Memorial Park located in part in the Village of West Winfield. The resolution authorized the Town to accept funds from the New York State Office Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and to execute a project agreement with the State for financial assistance to the Town for Improvements to the Town of Winfield Memorial Park. A conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property will be granted if appropriate. (A copy of the resolution will be attached to these minutes.) The application must be submitted by July 31, 2015 and must be done online. He presented a tentative plan to the Board that will be submitted with the application.

Councilman Peo has asked Mt. Markham Central School about the playground equipment at the Leonardsville School. There is a possibility that they would be willing to sell the equipment.

The Solar Project discussed during previous meetings will be on hold until further budget items are taken care of.

No report on the roof at the Highway Garage was available. Supervisor Osborn will talk to Superintendent Gigliotti about the roof.

Councilman Marsh discussed the painting of the pole barn. Instead of removing the old steel and placing new steel that would match the Highway Garage, he would like to have it painted. The cost of the actual paint would be \$150 per 5 gallons and may last a few years. After discussing the different options, Councilman Marsh motioned that the Town buy the paint and after proper preparation per instructions on the paint by Town employees (pressure washing, scraping, priming) the Highway Employees and Park Employee will paint. This was seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed.

Councilwoman Smith stated that we really need a comprehensive plan in place for the Town. She understands that the Town of Stark has a very simple yet direct one written and will try to get a copy of such.

Councilman Royce questioned whether a decision had been made about the electric meters in the Park. Supervisor Osborn stated that he has not received an estimate yet from Cedar Lake Electric.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be August 12, 2015 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 Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk