

Town of Winfield
July 9, 2014

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 and Highway Superintendent Frederick Gigliotti. Guests present were: Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star and Codes/Zoning Officer Raymond Donley.

General Fund claims # 119 - #133 and Highway Fund claims #59 - #65 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. The motion was carried unanimously. The Town Clerk's report for June 2014 was audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept this report as audited. The motion was carried unanimously. The Supervisor's report for June 2014 did not arrive from the office of Calogero in time for the meeting and will be presented at the August meeting.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held June 11, 2014 were read by each member. Councilman Royce stated that since he was absent from the meeting that more information concerning the special use permit granted to Jamie Christian would have been helpful. He would like the information added to these minutes for future reference. The resolution granting a special use permit was in reference to property that Jamie Christian has purchased on Route 20 in East Winfield (formerly the Richard Boss property) which Mr. Christian will be using for his equipment rental business and storage units which are to be placed on this piece of property. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept the minutes of June 11, 2014 with the addition of information to the July 9, 2014 concerning the Christian resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report:

1. A discussion was held on supplies needed for the new Board room and office. Several items were mentioned by the Supervisor and Clerk. The Supervisor would like one dozen heavy duty folding chairs purchased. Also, the emblem needs to be rehung so that the public can see it when they arrive.
2. He informed the Board that Rotary will be sponsoring a Community Service Day for the West Winfield Cemetery as the cemetery has a lot of damage from the storm on July 3, 2014.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. Tom Pollard has officially retired effective September 1, 2014 with his last working day being July 18, 2014. He will be using the remainder of his sick days and vacation time from then until September 1, 2014. A presentation of a plaque and small gathering at the August 13, 2014 meeting will be held.
2. A discussion was about whether we should advertise for the job opening. Councilman Peo stated that we did not advertise when Dale Brown was hired nor when Howard Wakefield was hired to do the park. The decision was made that an advertisement for the job opening will be placed in the West Winfield Star with an emphasis on a CDL license being required. Applications and job description may be picked up at the Highway Garage. Pay will be at the discretion of the Board based on experience, etc.
3. Storm Report - He informed that dumping brush in the gravel bed is okay. He has talked with Mayor Bryce, the DEC and the Fire Department of possibly having a controlled burn in the fall after the brush dries out a little. The County will be coming up to collect the brush that is on the side of the County roads. Councilman Peo asked that the Highway Department be

extremely careful when pushing trees out of the road as he was informed that some of the trees had wires entangled in them when they were pushed off of the road. The pines in the park are a huge problem. Supervisor Osborn stated that he really doesn't know what to do about them as there is a lot of damage. Insurance is a big issue with many that want to cut it. The Highway Superintendent will contact a logger for advice on this.

Codes/Zoning Officer's Report:

1. He has now received 16 building applications for the year.
2. He has received a written complaint concerning the Birmingham property in East Winfield (formerly the motel property). He has written a letter to the Birmingham's citing violations and has given them 30 days to comply. This is their second letter and if there is no response this will have to be turned over to Attorney Quinn.
3. He has written a letter to Bernie Taylor and sent a copy to Attorney Quinn and Judge Mickle.
4. He will be checking on the George Hazzard property again as he seems to have accumulated more "stuff".
5. Councilman Peo and Mr. Donley brought up the wording of the way our C-H zoning district is written. As an example, Mr. Christian would not have had to go through all of the paper work for a Special Use Permit if the wording was correct. Mr. Donley has offered to review other townships wording in their zoning books and work with the Planning Board and Attorney Quinn on this. Kristen Campbell from Oneida-Herkimer Planning Board has sent the Clerk copies of 3 townships zoning laws and Mr. Donley will review these. Our C-H wording is very outdated and not "user friendly" but the Board feels that there should be still some control. The goal should be to regulate not to discourage businesses from coming to the Town.
- 6 Councilman Peo informed Mr. Donley that he had talked to the County concerning the Hatmaker property. He understands that the County has not taken other properties because of the condition of them and that there may be a possibility of a Sherriff's sale. If not, the two year waiting period will be the way it is handled.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Marsh stated that he would like the pole barn painted the same color as the Highway Garage. The color is to be matched as best as can be and the paint purchased at Davis Hardware. Also, after the storm, the doors to the pole shed need to be fixed or replaced and there is damage to the roof of the Highway Garage and the pole barn. The Highway Superintendent has contacted some contractors for estimates on the repairs. The painting may be done by the Highway Department.
2. Councilman Marsh asked where we stand with the Commercial Windmills and the fracking law. It is believed that the State has taken over these projects.
3. Councilman Marsh talked about the rear entrance door. After further investigation, he feels that we should go back to the original plan of replacing the door not fixing it. He will check into this and the cost of replacing it.
4. The Clerk is still looking for the correct color of paint chip for the front door. She is having trouble finding one that matches.
5. Councilman Royce asked what the Highway Department did with the willows in the park. The Superintendent informed him that they have been pushed to the back of the park.
6. The Highway Superintendent informed the Board that Cedar Lake Electric has been contacted to replace the lights with LED lights. The estimate has not come as yet.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be August 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Royce motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk