

Town of Winfield
June 11, 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, Councilwoman Sandra Smith and Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti. Councilman Robert Royce was absent. Guests present were Ken Roberts and Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star.

General Fund claims #96 - #118 and Highway Fund claims #49 - #58 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as presented. The motion was carried unanimously. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for the month of May were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held May 14, 2014 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these minutes as read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report:

1. The second installment for the renovations to the offices has been made to National Building and Restoration.
2. Supervisor Osborn has drafted a Highway Employee Job description and emailed this to all Board members. If anyone has any addition, changes or corrections please let him know.
3. At this time, the retirement of Tom Pollard is not official as a letter has not been received from him stating this as a fact.
4. Former Supervisor Hall originally set up the sales tax revenue as all Highway income. The Supervisor may want to change this in the coming year as the balance in the Highway is quite good and if this revenue were to be put in the General fund for the coming year, the amount could be used to completely cover the renovations being done now and pay off the loan 4 years early.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. All roads are fixed and the Highway Department is getting ready to stone and oil the town roads.
2. CHIPS funds have been increased for this year, much to our advantage.
3. Supervisor Osborn asked him to check the cemetery at Spooner's Corners and he will be doing that.
4. Councilwoman Smith commented on the grass on the 3 corners on Burrows Road and the car in the center of it. He will check on this also.
5. Councilman Marsh commented that he was in the Park and that Mr. Wakefield is doing a great job and the Park looks good.
6. The Highway Superintendent is debating what to do with the section of Doyle Road near the Nelson property as the shoulders have given away and need special treatment because the cows cross the road at this time.

Town Clerk's Report:

1. The Clerk has talked to Pamela Putch of the County Treasurer's office about the Hatmaker property not being put up for tax sale. She was told that the condition of the property was the deciding factor to not take possession of the property. Because of this, the County would not take possession for another two years nor auction for back taxes for this same time period. The property will be placed in Section 8 of the tax roll, therefore no taxes will be owed on it by the current owner until the property is cleaned up from the fire.
2. The Violence in the Workplace abatement has been resolved with no penalties or fines.
3. Jamie Christian's zoning application has been sent to the County Planning Board for their review. The Planning Board has approved this through their Board but it still must be presented to the County Planning Board mainly because the property is located on Route 20.

Planning Board Report:

1. Chairman Barrett submitted an email report stating that no issues have emerged at the time of the email.
2. The windmills are still up in the air. He had talked to the Board about speaking to Attorney Quinn and informed the Board that Attorney Quinn stated that if the Town Board reached out to him he would attend a meeting to start the process. Attorney Quinn has a copy of the Litchfield law.
3. The Planning Board all feel that to do anything with the fracking would be hard to do until NY State decides what they are going to do.
4. He also asked that the Clerk forward an update on permits for two reasons
 - a. to update the Board
 - b. to serve as a check and balance that the Zoning Officer isn't approving something that requires Planning Board action.

Old Business:

1. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti asked if the Garrett Schoonover original building application included a deck. Codes Officer Donley needs to check on this.
2. Mr. Taylor on Meetinghouse Road has more dogs again. Supervisor Osborn has talked to Gordon (DCO) about this.
3. Councilman Peo commented on Planning Board Chair's report that he would like Jeff to check on Litchfield's Windmill Law to see if it would fit our township without much change. He would also like Jeff to glean what he can out of all commercial laws from Richfield, Litchfield and our original windmill law and present something to the Board.
4. Councilman Marsh stated that the Texture 111 is bubbling out at the seam on the salt shed. He would like Ken Roberts to check to see what could be used to cover this to prevent further bubbling.
5. Councilwoman Smith asked the Highway Superintendent if the cameras in the park were working well. He stated that yes, they are good.
6. Ken Roberts reported on the renovation progress. The door locks that were reported to him as being backwards will be fixed. There was no moisture barrier under the concrete floor so the flooring installer had to wait for a skim coat to dry and then install the flooring. The contractors will be finished on Friday June 13, 2014 and the Board will be able to do a walk through for a final inspection.
7. Due to the back door replacement not being approved by the Town Board, Councilman Marsh will look into the situation and advise fixing or replacing.
8. The Hazzard property was discussed again. There are unlicensed vehicles on the daughter's property that are over the number allowed. The Board feels that it might be time to have Mr. Donley revisit these properties and suggest that a fence be put up.

RESOLUTION 2014-08

On a motion presented by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith, the following was ADOPTED:

Ayes	3	Marsh, Peo, Smith
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Royce

The Town of Winfield Board approves the Special Use Permit application of Jamie Christian based upon the recommendation of the Town's Planning Board and upon receipt of an acceptable review of the Herkimer County Planning Board.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held July 9, 2014 at p.m. at the Highway Garage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk

