

Town of Winfield
March 4, 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 and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was in attendance. Codes/Zoning Officer Ray Donley was in attendance.

General Fund claims #36 - #50 and Highway Fund claims #24 - #31 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these Abstracts as presented. The January Supervisor's report and February Town Clerk's reports were audited by members present. A motion was presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these reports as audited. Motion was passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held February 4, 2015 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these minutes as read. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

1. Mt. Markham Central School has asked the Town that any efforts that can be done to reduce the use of tobacco would be appreciated. The Town Park needs a sign stating that the Town would appreciate refraining from smoking in the Park.
2. The Herkimer Co. Sherriff's office has notified Supervisor Osborn that the Hazzard judgement has been satisfied.
3. The Court has requested their annual audit anytime the Board is ready.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

The salt shed is almost at the back wall.

Town Clerk's report:

1. Real Property has had approval from the County Legislators for a reduction in the rate per parcel charged to the Town for assessing.
2. The Clerk would like the permission of the Board to proceed with the purchase of a new computer from Midnight Magix as this was a budget item for this year. Permission granted.

Codes/Zoning Officer's Report:

1. A Court appearance for Mr. Taylor was scheduled for this evening. He had made several attempts to inspect the property. Mr. Taylor informed him that he was going to sell the property. The Judge has ordered an allowance of an inspection within 2 weeks. Mr. Taylor must be moved out by March 18, 2015 at which time Mr. Donley may post the property as uninhabitable. This is due back in court on April 1, 2015.
2. Mr. Donley feels that Attorney Quinn really needs to get moving on the Donald Barrett property on Wall Street as this has been an ongoing problem for at least 3 years. After making this statement and discussing this with the Town Board, the Board instructed him to talk to Attorney Quinn to get moving on this subject.
3. Mr. Donley also stated that he feels that Attorney Quinn may not be working on the Planning Book and would like him to get moving on this also. Again, the Board instructed him to talk to Attorney Quinn to get moving on this as well.

Old Business:

Councilman Royce and Supervisor Osborn met with Ned Walker, a Landscape Architect about the Town Park area that was hit by the July 2014 storm. Mr. Walker is familiar with the grant process. He is willing to prepare a plan and an estimate of the initial cost of the project for \$500. An initial grant application and followup would cost around \$2,000 - \$5,000 to prepare the application, etc. Councilman Royce has agreed to make some preliminary phone calls about this process. Also, part of the park is Village property and this will need to be addressed either by deed, 100 year lease to the Town or something of this nature. Councilman Marsh, Royce, Peo and Councilwoman Smith all agreed to approach the Village officials at the next Village Board meeting.

Councilman Marsh addressed the dog licensing situation and the enumeration that was to be done by the

Highway Department and Highway Superintendent. The Clerk stated that Superintendent Gigliotti has a list started but does not have a copy of it yet. Councilman Marsh would like a form made up that should be left at a residence known to harbor dogs that must be sent in for a license if the dog is not licensed.

New Business:

Councilman Marsh would like the Town to investigate solar panels for use by the Town at the Highway Garage and anywhere that they may prove fiscally responsible.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be April 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage Office Meeting Room.

There being no further business for the Board to conduct, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk