

**Town of Winfield**  
**May 13 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. Councilwoman Sandra Smith was absent. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti was in attendance. Guests present were: Quinn Solar and Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star.

General Fund Claims #77 - #98 and Highway Fund claims #42 - #54 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. Motion passed. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for April 2015 were audited by members present. A motion was presented by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these reports as audited. Motion passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held April 15, 2015 were read by each member. A motion was presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these minutes. Councilman Marsh wanted to make note that after discussing the tree trimming and the trees being taken down, the parking of the vehicles by the contractor in the salt shed area was approved by the Highway Superintendent and that these types of operations do not ever pay for their parking as they use parking lots, etc. wherever they are working.

Supervisor's Report:

1. CSEA has made a foil request for information of all employees names and titles. He has shared this with Attorney Quinn and was told that our employees have no titles except Highway Employees and that a letter should go back to CSEA stating this. Attorney Quinn will handle this.

Clerk's Report:

1. The Standard Workday Resolution has been completed.

**RESOLUTION 2015-04**

On a motion presented by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo, the following was APPROVED:

Ayes	4	Marsh, Peo, Royce, Smith
Nays	0	

The Town of Winfield Board approves the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution dated April 15, 2015.

2. The Town has received a "restricted highway letter" concerning the Route 20 project in East Winfield.
3. The Town has received a Consolidated Funding Application from the Department of State. The Board is not sure that anything applies to any of our projects.
4. An IDA hearing will be held on May 28, 2015 for the Precisionmatics building project.
5. Trash Day Report - 123 residents with 15 doubles Tonnage 21.43 Tons
6. She has received a copy of the application for the cemetery on North Winfield Road to be filled at such time that we have followed all directions.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. The Chips 284 agreement for 2015 has been signed.
2. He has requested a new road mower for the Town highways. There is a 2010 John Deere tractor with 700 hours and with a new mid-mount mower for sale in the Albany area which he has seen. The cost is \$62,000. He would like to keep the old tractor for mowing and yolk rake work. He has checked with the County to see if they are interested in having mow the County roads. They would pay \$350/mile if we mow the County roads. After discussion, the Board decided that the Town will rent a mower to mow our roads this year at approximately \$2000 per week.
3. The Park mower needs to be replaced. He has found the best option at White's for a Cub Cadet for \$5200.

**RESOLUTION 2015-05**

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

Ayes	4	Marsh, Peo, Royce, Smith
Nays	0	

The Town of Winfield shall purchase a Cub Cadet mower for the Park from White's Farm Supply for \$5200.

4. In further discussion, the old mower will be sold to a private individual for \$250 as offer has already been made.

5. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti asked if the Board wants the pine area seeded in the Park this year to prevent weeds growing. He was instructed to do so.

Zoning/Codes Report:

1. He has issued 5 building permits at this time.

2. He has found some new forms and will be meeting with the planning board to discuss Pustay's project and show them the new forms which should help with the permits. He will bring a copy to the next Board meeting for the Board to see.

3. The Court date for the Taylor property has been postponed. The property has been posted and Mr. Taylor has been asked to vacate the property.

While discussing the Taylor property and the fines involved, Councilman Royce stated that if Mr. Taylor is found guilty of the codes violations, the Judge will not have a choice but will have to fine him. He asked the Board to think about whether this is the direction that the Town wants to go.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Marsh discussed the cemetery application process and will work on getting some more information.

2. Councilman Royce has met with Ned Walker at the Park. There is a new tentative plan for the playground that is away from the flood plain. After discussion, the Board decided that they would like Councilman Royce to recheck with the DEC concerning the Flood Plain to see if the playground could be placed there.

3. Kevin Quinn talked to the Board about Solar Energy for the Town of Winfield. From what he has derived from the electricity usage of the Town he would suggest a 19K (18.9KW) unit. He presented pictures of ground units that he has constructed all which are made in the USA. The estimated cost would be approximately up to \$42,000. Another estimate that Councilman Marsh received was approximately \$30,000 complete but was for 6.7KW. Mr. Quinn also discussed that the power generated and fed back to "the grid" would more than likely cover our light bills. Supervisor Osborn made mention that we have several meters in the park that we are paying a monthly charge for and would like to investigate having fewer meters so that would also lesson the bill. After discussing many options, Councilman Royce asked if the bill in the Park goes up during the Field Days. Supervisor Osborn stated that it does but did not have an exact figure for an average that it goes up. Councilman Royce asked if Henry Hiteman Engine and Hose or Village ever gets billed for that. The answer was no that has never been done. In closing his presentation, Mr. Quinn stated that the NYSERDA funds available for a solar project are quickly be used up and that if the Board was serious they should make a decision. No decision was made.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be June 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. to be held at the Town Office in the Highway Garage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Peo moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Royce. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk