

**Town of Winfield
September 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Howard Marsh, Michael Peo, Robert Royce, Councilwoman Sandra Smith and Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti.

General Fund claims #150 - #166 and Highway Fund claims #70 - #79 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 Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for August 2014 were audited by members present. Councilman Royce stated that the Supervisor's report stated that there was a donation listed on this report but not listed under donations on the budget versus actual report. Supervisor Osborn looked this up and discovered that he had miscoded it and will get this changed from A2401 to A2705. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept the Supervisor's Report as amended and the Town Clerk's Report as audited. The motion was passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held August 13, 2014 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these minutes as read. The motion was passed.

Supervisor's Report:

- 1.Real Property has submitted their new contract for 2015. There is no increase.
- 2.The logging check in the amount of \$800 has been received for the logs from the Park. Several people have told him that the CCC planted the trees. Councilman Marsh said one suggestion that he had received was to put some large trees along the roadway for shade for the pavilions. Supervisor Osborn stated that he had some state including the Highway Department members that they would like to see the playground moved to where the pines were. Herkimer Co. Health Net may be able to assist with this endeavor.
- 3.Budget will be delivered to the Clerk before 9/30/2014.

Clerk's Report:

- 1.Supplies for the new office: she asked the Board to approve the purchase of the flag pole and base, dustpan, 3 garbage cans and some other small items – total app. \$275. The Board approved this.
- 2.Chairs – the quote from Hummel's was too much and she found from BizChair 12 chairs for approximately \$390. The Board also approved this purchase.
- 3.All other small purchases will be made by picking up at Lowe's or elsewhere. The Board approved up to a \$500 expenditure for these items.
- 4.She suggested that thermal curtains be purchased to keep the cold out in the winter and the heat in the summer especially on the west side out. She proposed using tension rods instead of regular curtain rods. The Board approved up to \$200 for this.
- 5.Bernie Taylor letter – He wrote the Clerk with many concerns about his taxes and the Highway Department. Supervisor Osborn advised the Clerk to compose a letter to him inviting him to the next Town Board meeting at 7 p.m. so that he may speak to the whole Town Board about his concerns.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- 1.Ferris Brothers have been very kind in letting the Town fill in his "mining" that he needs to reclaim. Councilman Marsh pointed that we should have a contract from Ferris stating that he has given his permission allowing the Town to do this.
- 2.The pole barn has been fixed by Jerry Snyder. He's done a great job and did all that needed to be done. He will not paint the rest of the building as the paint won't adhere to the old type of painted
- 3.Park cleanup is going very well. Councilman Marsh asked who did the spin around in the park and why the Highway Superintendent didn't do something by looking at the camera. The Highway Superintendent stated that too much time had elapsed to review it.
- 4.He informed the Board that Kelly Augar has been appointed as the new Highway Department employee. Councilman Peo asked about his qualifications for the job. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti stated that he has 9 years with the State Department of Highway, is certified single and double wing plowing and can run all of our equipment. He will be on a 6 month probationary period and immediate Health Care will be instituted. His hourly wage needs to be set by the Town Board.
- 5.The Highway Superintendent showed the Board the new license plates that have been supplied by the State for all of our vehicles.
- 6.Councilman Royce asked since Mr. Pollard had retired who the Park Commissioner was. Supervisor Osborn stated that Mr. Pollard had asked if he could remain the Park Commissioner and Supervisor Osborn agreed.
- 7.Councilwoman Smith asked what date the park usually closes because there could possibly be a fund raiser for the dog park on October 28 Superintendent Gigliotti stated he would talk to the Park Commissioner about leaving the park open until then.

RESOLUTION 2014-09

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

The Town of Winfield Board approves the signing of the 2015 Real Property Tax Service Agency's contract for the purpose of assessing.

Ayes - 4 Marsh, Peo, Royce, Smith
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION 2014-10

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

Kelly Auger's wage per hour will be \$17.00 per hour for the first six month and will be reviewed at the end of this time.

Ayes 3 Marsh, Royce, Smith
Nays 1 Peo

(Councilman Peo voted Nay as he didn't feel that Mr. Auger was "state certified" did not warrant paying more than \$16.00 per hour.)

Codes/Zoning Report:

Mr. Donley was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report. He has issued #21 building permit for a new septic tank and also has issued a building permit for a large addition on Stone Road. He reported that Mr. Taylor corner of Meetinghouse and Stone Road) appeared in court on September 3 and was ordered by Judge Mickel to schedule another inspection with Mr. Donley within 2 weeks. We will return to Court on October 1. I will give Judge Mickle a report and hopefully we will get some decision. He has also been in contact with Bob Birmingham (Route 20) and he has been cleaning his property up. He will be meeting with him to inspect the property within the next couple weeks.

Old Business:

- 1.The fire department has not submitted their budget nor figure for our budget.
- 2.Councilman Marsh stated that he has gone through some of the old abstracts and found some interesting things.
- 3.Councilwoman Smith wanted to know what the Town will be doing concerning Keith Wellenstein's letter about the signs for the "Hamlet of Chepachet" per his request. After a short discussion, the Town Board decided to purchase the two signs.

RESOLUTION 2014-11

On a motion presented by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Royce, the following was ADOPTED:
The Town of Winfield shall purchase two signs one for each side of the "Hamlet of Chepachet".

Ayes	4	Marsh, Peo, Royce, Smith
Nays	0	

There will be a 9/11 ceremony at 7 p.m. at the High School.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held October 15, 2014 at 7 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk