

**Town of Winfield  
September 16, 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 and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was in attendance. Guests included Codes/Zoning Officer Raymond Donley, Gates-Cole Representative Tracy Hula, Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star and George Hazzard.

General Fund claims #148 - #167 and Highway Fund claims #79 - #90 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Smith to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor & Town Clerk's reports for August 2015 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these reports as audited. Both motions passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held August 12, 2014 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these minutes as read. Motion passed.

Tracy Hula presented a very thorough review of the Town's insurance coverage with Gates-Cole for liability and fire. She was thanked for her presentation and was advised that the Board felt that the Town was well covered. One piece of equipment that was purchased over the summer will have to be added. The Highway Superintendent will take care of this. The health insurance is also with Gates-Cole but through another office and will be reviewed at a later date.

**Supervisor's Report:**

1. The Supervisor stated that the Planning Board Chairman, Jeff Barrett had not been paid for the year 2014. He will issue a check for this. Also, that Jay Kulczak had agreed to this position in June 2015 and should receive compensation for one half of the year as he started this in June 2015. He will also issue this check.
2. He has submitted the budget to the Clerk to review. After review, the budget will be emailed to each Board member for their review. Councilman Royce asked if a provision had been made in the budget for 2016 for park improvements if the grant should come through. The Supervisor stated that was not included, but there is a little in the park line item that could be used. We will wait to see before the November meeting if there is a response on the Park Grant. The Supervisor stated that he had included 3% raises and a 13% increase in the medical insurance.

**Town Clerk's Report:**

1. The Clerk will email the budget to all Board members after review.
2. The Clerk informed the Board that the budget MUST include the budgets of ALL of the fire departments involved with the Town of Budget. If this is not included the budget WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED the County and therefore we will not have our budget submitted in time. The budget from the Columbia-Litchfield-Winfield Fire District has already been submitted for that district. Winfield has not submitted an acceptable budget.
3. She informed the Board that the dog enumerator is doing a fine job.
4. Councilman Marsh questioned the legal notice for the cemetery project. She will do a draft for the next meeting as this has not been done yet.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

1. The sand barn is being filled at this time. He has not received a quote from EverDry for a new roof, but repairs will be made for this year and the quote for next year possibly. Councilman Marsh informed the Highway Superintendent that Marsh Construction will look at the Highway Garage roof tomorrow 9/17/2015 if there is a quick repair that can be done to prevent the leaking.
2. Roads that will be in the CHIPS program that are done are: Eggleston Hill, Richfield Hill, Truax and Walts Roads. Holmes and Doyle Roads were not done this year because of the high cost of the other roads. The pad that he thought that he would be able to do was not feasible this year but he did do "millings" and borrowed Darrin Jones roller to mat it down.

3. Councilman Royce asked about the additional cameras in the park. The Superintendent stated that he has not received any additional information from David Rowe concerning this.

4. Councilman Marsh revisited the solar project that has been discussed at several meetings. He motioned that the Town of Winfield install solar panels for the use of the Town, specifically the Highway Garage. There was no second presented to this motion.

5. Councilman Marsh stated that he does not agree with a 3% raise and that he would rather give bonuses. He then motioned that in the 2016 budget that bonuses of a yet to be determined amount be given to the employees instead of 3% pay increases. There was no second presented to this motion.

Codes/Zoning Report:

1. Mr. Donley reported that he is now on permit #24.  
2. He wished to clarify a point about stamped engineered plans - he may ask for plans at any time but that the State says anything under 1500 square feet does not need engineered plans.

3. He would like letter head paper and a building permit program that he would be able to type in the information and print. Councilwoman Smith has agreed to help him with this project on the computer.

4. Concerning Jamie Christian's RV park, he has contacted Jamie and has asked for a site plan before he can move forward on this project.

5. Mr. Hazzard questioned Mr. Donley about the Barrett property on Wall Street and where and when this will be taken care of. Mr. Donley stated that he has asked Attorney Quinn to move forward on this as the Taylor situation has received an order of dismissal from the Judge. He has taken pictures of the Barrett property and given them to Attorney Quinn so that he may proceed. He stated that he knows that a legal notice must be posted on this property to any and all known parties involved stating that the property has been posted, etc. and the Town of Winfield may be taking legal action.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Royce stated that there is no news on the Park Grant.  
2. Councilman Marsh asked about the painting of the pole barn. Originally, Howard Wakefield was to be asked to paint the shed and after being asked he stated that he would prefer not to do this project.

3. John Hammond from Cedar Lake Electric has reviewed the electrical meters in the park. One meter (Meter C) he believes could be disconnected and Meter C1 should be disconnected as it is unsafe as is. There would not be any cost for this as NYSE&G meter department can disconnect and blank off. Bottom line was that the total cost to rewire with conduits, etc. the cost would be approximately \$2,200 to remove the meters and put in suggested wiring changes. The Board decided that the only item they will do now is to contact NYSEG to have Meter C1 disconnected. Mr. Hammond also proposed LED lighting for the front of the Highway Garage and at the end of the Highway Garage where fuel pumps are and also at the salt barn. Cost for this would be approximately \$1740.

**RESOLUTION 2015-06**

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 contract with Cedar Lake Electric, LLC to install LED lighting in the front of the Highway Garage, side of Highway Garage at the fuel pump area and at the salt shed.

4 Councilman Peo stated that there is no news concerning the playground equipment at the Leonardsville building of Mt. Markham Central School. A contingency from the Leonardsville area have asked the school district to leave the equipment there until the last possible moment. The school has not received anything from the School Realtor on whether the equipment can be sold.

New Business:

Councilman Marsh stated that the small salt shed at the back of the Highway Garage needs new steel and fixing.

Suggestions for the good of the Town:

Councilwoman Smith is serving on a committee with the Historical Society for the Bicentennial Celebration (April 2016) for the Town of Winfield.

Trash Day will be September 26, 2015 from 8 a.m. - Noon. Confidata will also be here this time.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be October 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. Review of the budget by the Board is scheduled.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk  
Town of Winfield