

**TOWN OF WINFIELD**  
**AUGUST 10, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Michael Peo, William Kwasniewski and Robert Royce. Councilman Marsh was not in attendance. Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti was in attendance. Guests present were : Tracy Hula from Gates-Cole Insurance Agency, Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star, Codes Officer Ray Donley, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Keith Watkins and George Hazzard.

General fund claims #165 - #176 and Highway Fund claims #73 - #79 were listed on Abstract of Voucher sheets. A motion was presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor & Town Clerk's reports for July 2016 were audited by members present. A motion was presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept these reports as audited. Both motions passed.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held July 13, 2016 were ready by each Board member present. Councilman Kwasniewski requested a spelling correction from Sequor to SEQRA in the minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these minutes as amended.

Tracy Hula from Gates - Cole Insurance presented the insurance for the Town for the coming year (8/31/2016 - 8/31/2017). She reviewed the policy values of liability, equipment and buildings. The replacement cost of the open sided buildings in the park was questioned. All felt that these may be valued too high. Ray will acquire the replacement cost of these buildings. She noted that all buildings are automatically raised 4 percent each year. The premium increase is \$39.00 with the total premium being \$16,137.

**RESOLUTION 2016-09**

On a motion presented by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski, the following was

ADOPTED:               Ayes - 3               Kwasniewski, Peo, Royce  
                              Nays - 0

The Town Board instructs the Supervisor to sign the new contract with Gates-Cole Insurance for the liability, vehicle and building insurance for the year 8/31/2016-8/31/2017.

**Supervisor's Report:**

1. The annual payment for the new truck will be \$24,687. The annual payment of \$15,357.10 for the Sterling has been paid off.
2. Mrs. Flossie Senif has approached Supervisor Osborn about trees for the park where the pines were. She is a member of the Audubon Society and can get blue spruce trees from them. She would like to do this as a donation. After discussion, of where to place them it was suggested that a number of 20 (if they are small) would be good in case some of the trees perish. Supervisor Osborn will inform her of our suggestion.
3. The picnic in the park for Veterans was very good and well received.

**Clerk's Report:**

There will be a budget workshop in Fairfield on August 29.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

1. The water test from the Highway Garage passed but Supervisor Osborn suggested that the drinking water remain as bottled water for safety sake. The Board agreed.
2. Share services with Village report: since last fall to the date of the meeting the Highway department has assisted the Village with the following: 8 water lines - backhoe, 2 men and 2-3 hours. The Town plows Burrows Road, they use our sand and salt and they receive help to pug mill whatever roads they are doing. The general consensus was that the bill received each year for the State Police and phone bills, etc. would not cover what the Town does for the Village. The Town would like to be compensated for the time spent on these projects as long as we get billed for the State Police, Etc.

**Codes Report:**

1. Mr. Hazzard questioned what was happening on the Barrett property on Wall Street as he has seen someone looking at the property. Mr. Donley stated that Attorney Quinn has contacted the court system and Mr. Donley assumes that the publication process has started. He will check with Attorney Quinn.
2. He is up to 13 permits.

3. He presented a sample of the law to adopt International Code Council guidelines for codes. This needs to be done by October 3, 2016.
4. Mr. Donley discussed the RV Park. There are more forms that need to be filled out for this.
5. He has not heard anything from Mr. Quinn about the new zoning book. Mr. Donley will contact him again.

Mr. Watkins stated that he does not have anything new to report.

The Park Commissioner submitted a report of the use of the Park for 2016:

May 3 dates June 5 dates July 14 dates (includes Field Days) August 9 dates Sept. - 2 dates

Old Business:

1. Councilman Royce presented an estimate of an engineer's cost for the roofing project. After much discussion, the Board decided that the specifications from Durolast will be used and an engineer/architect will not be hired due to the cost that was estimated of \$3800 - \$6,000. A legal notice will be published for the bidding process with bids to be opened at the next meeting.
2. Trash Day will be held September 24, 2016 with the same rules and times.

New Business:

Supervisor Osborn stated that the tax cap will definitely be a problem this year. Councilman Royce stated that he is in favor of an override. The tax cap law will be presented at the next meeting. This needs to be done before a budget is adopted.

For the Good of the Town:

Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star presented plaques to the Town of the Poster Contest that the Star sponsored for the Bicentennial. The plaques represent the drawings of the winners of the Contest.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be September 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Highway Garage Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk