

TOWN OF WINFIELD
December 9, 2020
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Town of Winfield Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Osborn	----	Supervisor
Jay Kulczak	----	Councilman
Michael Peo	----	Councilman
Susan Korosec	----	Councilwoman
William Kwasniewski	----	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Douglas Paul Jones	----	Superintendent of Highways
Tracy Donley	----	Town Clerk
Keith Watkins	----	Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Rogers

General Fund claims #239 - #256 and Highway Fund claims #94 - #103 were listed on the Abstract of Voucher sheets.

- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as presented.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for November 2020 were audited by the Board Members present.

- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to accept the reports as audited.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held November 11, 2020 were read and edited by each Board Member present.

- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to accept these minutes as corrected.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Osborn stated he contacted the Herkimer County Board of Elections where he was advised that as of today there are no guidelines for 2021 elections. Mr. Osborn will contact the Association of Towns to see if the Judge position can be appointed rather than elected due to the Covid pandemic, candidates are unable to get signatures for their petitions.
2. Mr. Osborn stated Dale Brown (former Town employee) is collecting unemployment from the Town of Winfield.

PARK COMMISSIONER'S WRITTEN REPORT:

1. Mr. Royce submitted an email stating that several families are working together to celebrate Christmas in the park in a COVID safe manner - A Christmas Eve Nondenominational Service. The service is scheduled to begin at 8 PM. The Route 20 gate to the park will need to be opened around 12 PM. They will need power and possibly lights in the large pavilion. They plan on a PA system and a FM transmitter to allow hearing the program with a car radio. Rayanne Schoonover & Sue Niederlander are two of the folks involved in planning this event.

PLANNING BOARD:

1. Councilwoman Korosec stated that Jerry Hull is retyping the Town of Winfield Zoning Book and is about 98% complete. Ms. Hull is charging \$15 per hour. This will give the Town a stable file to make corrections. Discussion ensued on the next step of correcting the stable file.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Osborn stated that he spoke to Attorney Quinn regarding the property of 406 Curtis Avenue and Clapson Road that Greg Rogers would like to purchase. Attorney Quinn advised the following process:
 - There must be a resolution with the dollar amount offered.
 - Mr. Rogers purchase offer along with the amount of money he has already paid for the background work to date. Mr. Rogers stated he has about \$2000 invested in the survey and his purchase offer is \$2000.
 - The Town Clerk must place Legal Notice in the West Winfield Star and post notice in the Winfield Post Office within 10 days of resolution.
 - Wait 30 days for any objecting petitions from the public consisting of at least 25 people.
 - Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 2020-04:

On a motion made by Councilman Kulczak and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to sell .38 acres bordering 406 Curtis Avenue and Clapson Road to Greg Rogers for \$2000 upon the consideration that he has spent \$2000 in survey and legal fees and will spend up to \$1500 to have the deed amended to include the said property. This will bring the total cost up to what the

Town Board feels is a fair market value for the said property. This motion is contingent upon Attorney Quinn's approval. The following was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Korosec, Kulczak, Kwasniewski, Peo, Osborn
Nays 0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Osborn received an email from Gail Royce (Court Clerk) originating from Honorable Gerald Neri, Supreme Court Justice & Co Orienting Judge for the Town and Village Courts of the 5th District. The directive stated the courts will be closed as of December 9th, 2020 and there will be no in-person proceedings until further notice. Honorable Judge Mickle and Mrs. Royce will continue to process court documents and paperwork and respond to phone calls on an as needed basis, but will not be open to the public until advised to do so.
 2. Mr. Osborn stated that he and Mr. Jones gave depositions to the Workers Compensation Board regarding Dale Brown. The Workers Compensation Board will give their final notice/decision on January 5th, 2021.
 3. Buell Fuel was the only fuel oil bid received, bidding a fixed price of \$1.5847 for summer fuel or fluctuating price of \$1.5378. Currently, the Town is paying \$2.285 for fuel oil, \$2.1290 for regular gas & ULSD.
- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept Buell Fuel's fixed price of \$1.5847 per gallon of fuel oil for the year of 2021.
 - The motion was seconded by Councilman Peo.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

1. Councilman Kwasniewski belongs to the Route 20 Association which is involved in a project with the Highway Foundation of placing historical markers along Route 20. Mr. Kwasniewski sent a letter of intent for a historical marker to be placed in the Town Park. The marker has been tentatively approved. The Town of Winfield will need to submit documentation of the information requested on the marker. Installation of the marker will be completed by Town Employees. There is no charge for the marker. Councilman Kwasniewski also stated that the park was 100 years old this year and possibly next year there can be a 100 year celebration.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Kwasniewski moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peo.

- The motion was carried unanimously.

The next Winfield Town Board Meeting will be held January 13, 2021 at 7 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley
Town of Winfield, Clerk