

TOWN OF WINFIELD
FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Winfield Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen William Kwasniewski, Howard Marsh and Robert Royce. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti was in attendance. Councilman Peo was not in attendance. Guests were Mary Jones and new Superintendent of Mount Markham Dr. Paul Berry.

General Fund claims #22 - #32 and Highway Fund claims #14 - #19 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A question was made by Councilman Royce a bill for air brakes. Highway Superintendent informed him that all the supplies had been used and needed to be replaced. They purchased a "kit" for the air brakes. Councilman Kwasniewski questioned the telephone bills. It was explained that the court has a need for dedicated line for their court reporting. It was also explained that the Clerk's Windstream account is larger because the internet is on that phone line. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Town Clerk's report for January 2016 was audited by members present. A motion was presented by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept this report as audited. The January Supervisor's report will be presented at the March meeting. Both motions were passed unanimously.

The minutes from the Organizational and Regular Board meeting held January 9, 2016 were read by each member. A change to correct Zoning Board member to remove Jeffrey Barrett and add Scott Evans was made. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these minutes as amended. Motion passed.

New Superintendent Dr. Berry stated that he feels that there are "shared services" that the School District and the Town could participate in. One being the salt/sand shed. As of this time the School District has no storage for their salt/sand. This is an example of something that would be a "shared service". He stated that he appreciates the collaboration between the District and the Town and the things that the District and the Town must face such as health insurance, etc. He would like to keep the " lines of communication open".

Supervisor's Report:

1. Supervisor Osborn reported that he had given permission to NYSE&G to place a support pole in the Winfield Memorial Park near Route 20.
2. He has received notification that Denise Reska will retire effective February 27, 2016 as our assessor. The Town will have an assessor appointed to us by Real Property.
3. Wheelock Sanitation has notified the Town that the new "roll off" fee will be \$165.
4. A water sample has been taken at the Highway Garage.
5. The new DCO Elizabeth Shanley has stated that she will be needing some equipment to perform her duties and will be purchasing such. Each Township she serves will own some of the equipment so that if or when she will no longer be the DCO that each Township will have some equipment to pass along to the next DCO.

Clerk's Report:

1. \$600,273.18 has been collected thus far in tax payments. The Town has been paid in full.
2. She would like to request new file cabinets be purchased. After discussion, the Board stated that they would not agree.
3. The Clerk stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman is spending more time than ever and possibly should receive a salary equal to the Zoning Board Chairman. Supervisor Osborn will try to include this in the next budget (2017).

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. The roof representative will hopefully be coming to the March meeting.
2. The cameras for the Highway Garage have been tabled waiting for a report from Jay Kulczak.
3. It has been a very mild winter thus far. Salt & sand are plentiful.

4. Tennessee Gas pays \$100.00 per trip for the Town to salt and sand their property. He suggested that if an agreement is reached with the School for salt and sand that this be used as a basis for the fee/reimbursement.

5. He would like to investigate quotes for the replacement of the 2008 Sterling (which has a "stress crack") and the 2006 F350 (box is all rusted out) for next fall.

Codes/Zoning Report:

1. Mr., Donley has contacted the Town of Columbia concerning a digital copy of their new Zoning/Planning Book and was informed that there is no digital copy. He would like to work from their new book to start. Attorney Quinn does have a hard copy from which they can work.

2. He reported that he and others are in favor of streamlining the application, etc process especially the Commercial/Highway Districts. The wording that was used in our old rules is very outdated.

3. He reported that he will be doing his In-service Recertification training online for this year. He would like to do this on an every other year process.

Old Business:

1. Councilman Marsh stated that it is time to advertise a legal notice for the North Winfield Road Cemetery for the reconditioning, etc. The Clerk will develop a legal notice and propose it to the Town Board at the next meeting.

2. A letter will be developed by the new committee for the Fire Department/Town of Winfield negotiations requesting a meeting with the Village Board. The letter was developed by Councilman Royce and the rest of the committee and sent prior to the Village Board meeting. Councilman Royce stated that the committee felt that the Fire Department had spend less than what the Town had forwarded to them in the previous year. He stated that a lump sum payment would more than likely be presented to the Village.

New Business:

1. Trash Day will be Saturday April 30, 2016 from 8 a.m. - Noon.

2. The weather vane on the gazebo in the park needs repairing. The Highway Department will check this.

3 Councilman Royce stated that the Town should set aside some funding for the Bicentennial celebration coming up. He would also like some signage made for the edge of the Town stating the Town of Winfield is a Bicentennial community. He will develop a template.

Communications:

There is a grant fund for a "Municipal Restructuring Fund" (mergers) available.

For the Good of the Town:

Mary Jones reported that the Bicentennial committee has met and is looking for ideas as well as funding. Several meetings have been planned.

The next meeting will be held March 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the office in the Highway Department Building. The meeting in April will be held on April 6, 2016 due to conflicts of scheduling.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk