

TOWN OF WINFIELD
June 10, 2020
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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
Robert Royce	----	Park Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Doremus, Keith Watkins & Greg Rogers

General Fund claims #110 - #126 and Highway Fund claims #47 - #59 were listed on the Abstract of Voucher sheets.

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

The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for May 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 Town Board Meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All Board Members reviewed and approved the abstracts via email.

- A motion was made to accept the above statement as the minutes for April 15, 2020 by Councilwoman Korosec and seconded by Councilman Peo.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held May 13, 2020 were read and edited by each Board Member present.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Supervisor Osborn stated the Sexual Harassment Training is to be completed by all employees.
2. Supervisor Osborn spoke with Teresa Cerminaro and reported that she currently has plenty of masks and disinfectant and expressed that she is busy with dogs that people drop off.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Mrs. Donley reports 11 dog renewals, 2 marriage licenses and 6 building permits for May 2020.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Jones reports he received a letter from the State guaranteeing 80% of the CHIPS money. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be a 20% reduction.
2. Mr. Jones states the road work is almost complete.

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Royce states that Pavilion #1 has 9 reservations, Pavilion #2 has 6 reservations and Pavilion #3 has 1 reservation scheduled during the months of June - August 2020.
2. Mr. Royce advises the Alcohol Use In The Park signs on the gates need to be replaced.
 - ❑ Supervisor Osborn will purchase the signs.
3. Mr. Royce reports that on June 9th he inspected the trees and all are fully leafed out.
4. Mr. Royce recorded the loss of 6 White Oaks, 6 Bur Oaks and 2 Red Maples.
 - ❑ Councilwoman Korosec will contact the State to ask if the remainder of the grant money is still available to purchase and plant 12-15 more trees.
5. Mr. Royce received a call expressing concern about spraying herbicide along the stream banks may be polluting downstream.

CODES/ZONING OFFICER'S WRITTEN REPORT:

1. Mr. Donley is currently working on permit #17 for the year 2020.
2. Mr. Donley states he's continuing inspections on active permits.
3. Mr. Donley anticipates the reopening of the courts to pursue the Carpenter farm property of 51. On 6/9 he was driving by and nearly one dozen cows were loose and near the road. He stopped and no one came to the door, so Mr. Donley reported this to the State Police.

4. Mr. Donley reports a complaint on the Randy Schafer property on Route 51 North. Mr. Schafer was contacted and stated he has been a Licensed Scrap Dealer since 2009. Mr. Schafer was behind due to COVID-19, the scrap yards were closed, however he was currently hauling loads out. Mr Schafer also noted that he does not dismantle anything on his property.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. Mr. Watkins states there will be a Public Meeting on June 17th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID and password will be posted in the West Winfield Star. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the application of Wayne Jennison to build a 40 x 60 Commercial Pole Barn with office space on 266 Stone Road West Winfield which is now zoned Residential/Agriculture. Public meeting is being held for the second time due to the question whether or not quorum was present at the first meeting. Confirmation is needed if there's three or five people on the ZBA.
2. Mr. Watkins questioned how many people are actually on the ZBA three or five? Councilman Kulczak states there are three people listed on the ZBA according to the Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2020. The three people listed are Keith Watkins, Cathy Smith & Carl Wheat.
3. Mr. Watkins has 3 people that have expressed interest in sitting on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greg Rogers was present to discuss his interest in purchasing .6 acres of land behind his residence at 406 Curtis Avenue and Clapson Road where his garage is located which is partially on town property. The garage was there when he purchased the house. He expressed his intentions are to clean up the property and remove the overgrown bamboo to make it mowable and usable. He does not plan to build anything on the property. Mr. Osborn has reached out to Attorney Quinn on how to proceed with this matter. Mr. Osborn stated there will need to be a public meeting to discuss the sale. Due to liability reasons, Supervisor Osborn recommended that Mr. Rogers cease any Town property maintenance until a decision has been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Osborn states the Winfield Town Justice Court opening per COVID-19 protocols submitted by Honorable Judge Mickle must be voted on.
 - A motion was made to open the Winfield Town Justice Court by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Councilman Korosec suggests updating the website more frequently.
 - Tracy Donley agreed to work with Mel Young to gain access to the Town's website and update it more often.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

1. Councilman Kulcak reports the approximate cost of two swings and a slide, or two to three spring action pieces will cost approximately \$10,000. Discussion ensued on the vision, planning, funding and the execution of revamping the playground equipment in the Town Park.
2. Supervisor Osborn will research opening a Money Market Account with the Bank of Utica to save for playground equipment.
3. Councilman Kwasniewski volunteered to sit on the Playground Equipment Committee with Robert Royce.
4. Run for the Fallen Veterans is scheduled for June 13, 2020 at approximately 9:50 AM to 10:45AM.

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

The motion was carried unanimously.

The next Winfield Town Board Meeting will be held July 15th, 2020 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley
Town of Winfield, Clerk