

TOWN OF WINFIELD
March 10, 2021
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
Robert Royce	---	Park Commissioner
Keith Watkins	---	Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson
Raymond Donley	---	Codes Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Gannon (Winfield Star) & Greg Rogers

General Fund claims #47 - # 63 and Highway Fund claims #21 - #27 were listed on the Abstract of Voucher sheets.

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

The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for February 2021 were audited by the Board Members present.

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

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held February 10, 2021 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. Supervisor Osborn received a Little Caesars Playground Equipment Fundraiser check from Melanie Sterling in the amount of \$108. The check was deposited and general ledgered under gifts and donations to be reserved for the playground equipment.
2. The Veterans Property Credit will remain the same as with Herkimer County.
 - ❑ A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to accept the audit results of the Winfield Town Court.
 - ❑ The motion was carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Clerk Donley received an estimate from Terry Rivenburg of Midnight Magix on a new 3 in 1 copier. The HP LaserJet Pro MFP M428DNF will copy, fax & scan. The estimate came in at \$499 with \$70 installation fee. Terry will need a check for 50% down payment to proceed. Supervisor Osborn will send a check.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Jones received an estimate from Five Star Equipment to purchase a new loader for approximately \$159,000. The current 2008 loader with approximately 4,000 hours on it has a trade in value of about \$50,000. Mr. Jones will research options of selling outright versus trading it in.

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Bill Kwasniewski will confirm the order was placed for the playground equipment to be installed this spring.
2. The first dedication of the Winfield Memorial Park was on July 3, 1920. The date for the historical marker dedication along with the new playground equipment ceremony was discussed and may be held July 3, 2021. The marker will read as follows:

MEMORIAL PARK
ESTABLISHED IN 1920
AS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS PARK
TO HONOR ALL TOWN OF WINFIELD
RESIDENTS WHO SERVED
DURING WORLD WAR ONE.
WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION 2021

3. Quotes will be reviewed for the installation of new gates on both ends of the park. The gates must be able to function in the winter months.

CODES/ZONING OFFICER'S WRITTEN REPORT:

1. Mr. Donley states he is working on the 3rd permit for this year.
2. The NYS Annual Codes Reports were filed.

3. Mr. Donley would like to sign up for virtual training which will be \$60 versus \$400 for in person training.
4. Mr. Donley has not received any more information on the inquiry for a permit to build a solar farm. The town will continue to research solar laws and put them in place. They are reviewing the recent laws established in the Town of Columbia. Mr. Donley will reach out to Jonathan Knauth of Litchfield and ask him to speak at a Town Board Meeting on solar projects.

- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to place a moratorium on Commercial Solar and Wind Energy Projects.

- The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Within 10 days the Clerk will post the below statement in the West Winfield Post Office and a Legal Notice will be placed in the West Winfield Star:

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Town of Winfield Town Board agreed to the sale of .38 acres bordering 406 Curtis Avenue and Clapson Road to Mr. Greg Rogers.

- On a motion made by Councilman Peo seconded by Councilman Kulczak to sell .38 acres bordering 406 Curtis Avenue and Clapson Road to Mr. Greg Rogers.

The following was:

- ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Korosec, Kulczak, Kwasniewski, Peo
Nays 0

2. Mr. Watkins received notice from M&T Bank stating they did not receive the title for the Mack truck. Supervisor Osborn said it was mailed and he will look to verify the address it was sent to.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion ensued on changing the residency requirement for the judge position. Mr. Osborn stated that currently the State Law states the candidate for the judge position must reside in the town to be elected.

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

- The motion was carried unanimously.

The next Winfield Town Board Meeting will be held April 14, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley
Town of Winfield, Clerk