

Town of Winfield
May 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Howard Marsh, Michael Peo, Robert Royce and Councilwoman Sandra Smith. Guests present were Ken Roberts, Mike Cienava, Bill Kwasniewski and Keith Watkins.

General Fund claims #78 - #95 and Highway Fund claims #37 - #48 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as corrected. The motion was carried unanimously. The Supervisor's and and Town Clerk's reports were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held April 9, 2014 were read by each member. Members wanted to add the last name of the contractor for the renovations to the minutes. Salerno will be added to the April 9, 2014 minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Peo and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these minutes as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report:

1.He has discovered with the help of Calogero's office that Verizon has been charging an additional \$2.00 per month and believes that this is straightened out.

Town Clerk's Report:

- 1.Trash Day – 130 different residents participated with 14 residents bringing 2 loads.
- 2.A Lyme disease sign is available free of charge to the Towns. The decision was to order for the Park.

Codes/Zoning Report:

- 1.Ray reported that he has received lots of phone calls with questions about permits, etc.
- 2.Per the court's decision from a hearing for Bernie Taylor property on Stone Road/Meetinghouse Road, Ray and Supervisor Osborn inspected the interior of the dwelling on May 14, 2014. He has written a report to Judge Mickle stating that the interior is uninhabitable due to several codes violations (no running water, no working smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors, bare and exposed electrical wires, improperly installed wood stove and pipe as the only means of heat; floors and windows in disrepair and unsafe; roof in disrepair and not sound; entrances full of clutter and not usable). He informed Mr. Taylor that it is unsafe for him to occupy the structure as well as being unsafe for any first responders or visitors that he should have. A copy of the report also was sent to Attorney Quinn for his file. Mr. Taylor has until to September 15, 2014 to make all corrections per the court hearing. Mr. Donley stated that the conditions are VERY hazardous.

Old Business:

- 1.Mick Cienava reported that he had contacted the County concerning their lack of auctioning the Hatmaker property for back taxes. They informed him that they chose not to take over the property because of the condition of the property. He stated that he didn't understand what gave them the right to do this without notifying the Town as he also understood that it would be not a taxable property anymore. The Board will check into this matter to see if anything can be done.
- 2.Councilman Marsh again questioned the NYS Retirement fees and penalty. Supervisor Osborn explained that the way it is currently set up going through the Internet rather than a paper bill that it was sent to the wrong email address the first time and he did not see the bill. After a paper copy was mailed to him the bill was paid, but the timing put it into an interest and penalty date. Councilman Peo stated that this needs to be straightened out before this happens again. Supervisor Osborn stated that the correct email address is now in the hands of the retirement system. Councilman Marsh also stated that he feels that we are paying too much to the fund for 5 people.
- 3.Ken Roberts gave a report on the renovation progress. He stated that there were 3 change orders that have come up. 1. A new exterior rear entry door into the garage area – cost \$2447.56. 2. The relocation of the

existing garage light switch for the interior garage lights – cost \$400. 3. An additional sub-feed panel to be wired from the main panel. Cost - \$2389.39. The Board discussed all of these change orders and felt that 2 items were necessary for the project. Therefore, the following:

RESOLUTION 2014-07

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

ADOPTED:

Ayes	4	Marsh, Peo, Royce, Smith
Nays	0	

The Town of Winfield Board approves two change work orders for the renovations to the Highway Garage: Relocation of the existing garage light switch for the interior garage lights – cost \$400 and an additional sub-feed electrical panel to be wired from the main panel – cost \$2389.39.

4. Mr. Roberts also stated that per the contract agreement, with the project at 50% - 75% complete the contractor has requested the next payment from the schedule of \$44,800. Supervisor Osborn will take care of this. The final payment of \$22,400 will not be due until the project is completed.

5. Councilman Marsh stated that he felt that the construction project was going well and the contractor is doing a great job. He also questioned if the new electric panel will have a waterproof box around it to protect it from water. Mr. Roberts will check into this.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be held June 11, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk