

**Town of Winfield
November 13, 2013
Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting**

The Budget Hearing and regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board were called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Osborn. Members present were Councilmen Howard Marsh, Robert Royce, Councilwoman Sandra Smith and Highway Superintendent Rick Gigliotti. Guests present were Bill Kwasniewski from the West Winfield Star, Codes/Zoning Officer Ray Donley, Richard Fralick, Tracey Casler, Joan Evans, Janice and Andrea Hagadorn, Monica Mumford, Mick Cienava, Dan Broedel, John Kenealy, Ed Woolsey, Sean Murphy, Ken Roberts and Keith Watkins. Attorney Quinn came in after the Winfield Town Court appearance. Councilman Peo was absent.

There being no objections or questions on the 2014 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Winfield the following:

RESOLUTION 2013-11

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 3 Marsh, Royce, Smith
 Nays 0

The Town of Winfield Board shall adopt the 2014 Preliminary Budget as the 2014 Budget for the Town of Winfield.

General Fund claims #198 - #219 and Highway Fund claims #75 - #85 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these Abstracts as presented. The motion was carried unanimously. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for October 2013 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Royce to accept these reports as audited. The motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held October 9, 2013 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these minutes as read. The motion was carried unanimously. As a note Councilman Marsh stated that he will continue to check on the taxes being paid on the poles that are located in the Town of Winfield.

Joan Evans presented a proposal for a dog park to be established in the Town so that dogs will have an area to exercise and socialize. At least one acre would be needed and she suggested that a committee be established to investigate funding and management. After discussion with the Board, Supervisor Osborn suggested that the committee be established to contact the Village and to do more investigation into this matter. Ray Donley stated that he is not opposed to a dog park but he feels that the people that should use the park won't do it.

Dan Broedel, Program Director for Midstate EMS in our region and John Kenealy, Attorney for the Village of West Winfield then explained the need for a signature on the Municipal Ambulance Agreement. Under Article 30 of the Public Health Law, the Town must sign an Intermunicipal Agency Agreement that allows the West Winfield Ambulance to service the Town of Winfield and that the operating certificate that the Village has must state this. After this was explained and all agreed Councilwoman Smith motioned that the Supervisor should sign this agreement, seconded by Councilman Royce and was unanimous.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the sand barn is full with approximately 2500 tons of the salt/sand mixture. The Highway Department has also worked on the dog enumeration and has found some of the ones that are not licensed. Once done, this will be addressed by sending a letter from the Clerk and informing Gordon Chafee of the list that the letters went to.

Codes/Zoning Officer Donley reported that the Hatmaker property owners were to be in Winfield Town Court this evening, the Taylor (Meetinghouse Road property) court date is December 4th and that Attorney Quinn is having problems find an owner to serve for the Barrett property on Wall Street. Attorney Quinn arrived to inform the Board that the Hatmaker property owners had not appeared nor had representation at the Court hearing this evening. Tracey Casler asked that if the taxes are not paid on the Hatmaker property, how long before the County takes the property for unpaid taxes. The Clerk informed her that if the 2 years owed are not paid by January 10, 2014 the County may take the property in the Spring, 2014.

Keith Watkins, Planning Board of Appeals Chairman, reported that he had attended a SEQR meeting concerning the environmental impact study due to the Richfield windmill project as Winfield in an interested party.

Old Business:

1. Ken Roberts presented the new floor plan and bid documents which he will deliver to Attorney Quinn next week. A time frame was discussed with the bid opening at the January 15th 2014 meeting and a total of 45 days to complete the project after the bid opening. This will run into the February, 2014 meeting. This will have to be a change of venue or no meeting. The Board will address this in January.
2. The thoughts of the Board were discussed concerning a Comprehensive Plan. The feeling is that one is needed but possibly not to the extent that was discussed at the previous Board meeting. All felt that the Village should be involved in this plan.
3. NY State has ruled against placing signs for No Smoking on the play ground and we may not post them.
4. Signs for the Town Park will be made to state that dog owners must clean up after their dogs.
5. Councilman Marsh asked that the Highway Superintendent pursue looking at boom mowers and get some ideas of pricing.

RESOLUTION 2013 -12

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

Ayes	3	Marsh, Royce, Smith
Nays	0	

The Town of Winfield shall allow Ken Roberts Engineering to activate the plans to remodel the office section at the Town of Winfield Highway Garage with a tentative bid opening date of January 15, 2014.

New Business: The recording of employee time was tabled until the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board will be December 11, 2013 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town of Winfield Highway Garage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk