

TOWN OF WINFIELD

November 17, 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
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Gannon (WW Star), Dan Branigan (Excellus), Jim Thomson, Andrew Peo, Todd Niederlander

General Fund claims #196 - #221 and Highway Fund claims # 98 - #106 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 October 2021 were audited by the Board Members present.

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

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held October 13, 2021 were read and edited by each Board Member present.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

- 1. Supervisor Osborn stated he received a contract to keep Herkimer County’s James Fresco as the town’s assessor.
 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Korosec and seconded by Councilman Kulczak to sign the contract and keep James Fresco as the town’s assessor.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

CLERK’S REPORT:

- 1. Clerk Donley inquired about an email regarding meeting minutes to be completed & put on the website within 2 weeks. Councilwoman Korosec stated we should wait on this as the board would need to have a separate meeting only to approve the minutes.
- 2. Mrs. Donley also inquired about purchasing a laptop being that there is one shared computer in the office. Supervisor Osborn said to get a quote for the next meeting.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- 1. Superintendent Jones stated Jeff Ratcliffe would like to have a cornhole league in the town barn. This is tabled for the next meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

- 1. Mr. Watkins stated a title for the new truck was issued 10/15/21, but still no lien on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Supervisor Osborn brought up the Rescue Plan and asked for any thoughts on it. Councilwoman Korosec stated the requirements have loosened up some for broadband infrastructures. Mrs Korosec will call MVEDD to get started on this as the deadline is April 30, 2022.
- 2. Councilwoman Korosec inquired about the addition to the town barn or the possibility of a new building. Superintendent Jones spoke with a few people on this who thought to add on would cost more than building a new pole barn. Councilman Kulczak mentioned Bisby Hall is in need of much repair, so possibly the Village would like to go in on a new building. Discussion ensued.

OTHER NOTES:

- 1. Dan Branigan of Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield reviewed the health insurance plan. He stated that for 2022, the single rate will be \$1013.15 per month. If the co-pays are raised & leave the deductibles as is, \$979.14monthly. In 2021 premium was \$930.58 monthly. Looking into changing from a platinum plan to simple blue plus gold plan, which will have higher deductibles with less monthly premium. The premium will be \$829 monthly with up to \$1000 deductibles.

Resolution 2021 - 05

On a motion made by Councilwoman Korosec to change the town’s health plan from the Platinum Plan to Simply Blue Plus Gold 14 for 2022 and seconded by Councilman Kulczack, the following was:

Adopted	Ayes	3	Kulczak, Korosec, Kwasniewski
	Nays	0	

2. Jim Thomson, the Village Mayor proposed creating a committee consisting of 2 representatives each from the Henry Hiteman, Village of West Winfield & Town of Winfield to create more transparency within the three in regards to the fire department. Andrew Peo, Al Moxham (Henry Hiteman), Sue Korosec, Mike Peo (Town), Jim Thomson & Todd Niederlander (Village). The Fire Department would like to purchase a new 4 door truck that would meet the requirements of NFPA within the next two years..

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 December 15, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley
Town of Winfield, Clerk