

# TOWN OF WINFIELD

## OCTOBER 11, 2017

### TAX CAP HEARING

The hearing was opened by Supervisor Osborn at 7 p.m. All Board members were present. No residents attended. The tax cap law written by Attorney Quinn was tabled until a decision was made for it to be needed.

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was opened at 7:15 p.m. by Supervisor Osborn. Board members present were Councilmen William Kwasniewski, Howard Marsh, Michael Peo and Robert Royce. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti was in attendance. Guests present: Keith Watkins, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, Dan Sullivan and Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning Officer.

General Fund claims #163 - #182 and Highway Fund claims #110 - #127 were presented on Abstract of Vouchers. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as presented. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for September 2017 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these as audited. Both motions were carried.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held September 6, 2017 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilmen Peo and Royce to accept these minutes as presented. The motion was passed.

#### Supervisor's Report:

1. Highway Superintendent has requested that per the agreement with Kelly Augar that his pay be raised in the coming year to \$19.67 (the same as Dale Brown)(amount per Highway Superintendent). (As a side note the amount of \$19.67 was supplied to the Clerk by Highway Superintendent Gigliotti for budget pay schedule that must go to the County. It was stated at the meeting by Supervisor Osborn that the rate of pay was \$19.09 on the recording.) Supervisor Osborn has agreed to put this in the budget. Howard Wakefield needs to be raised to the required minimum wage of \$10.40 as of January 1, 2018.

2. Our contract with Herkimer Co. Real Property for assessment purposes needs to be renewed. There are no increases in the amount per parcel from 2017. Thus:

#### RESOLUTION 2017-13

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

Ayes	4	Kwasniewski, Marsh, Peo, Royce
Nay	0	

The Town of Winfield shall renew its contract with Herkimer County Real Property Tax Services for the purpose of assessment for the year 2018.

#### RESOLUTION 2017-14

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

Ayes	4	Kwasniewski, Marsh, Peo, Royce
Nay	0	

The Town of Winfield shall raise Howard Wakefield to minimum wage of \$10.40 per hour and Kelly Augar to the same rate of pay being paid to Dale Brown.

#### Clerk's Report:

1. Trash Day - 111 residents weight 17.42T plus electronics Total cost: \$1,939.88. (2016 for same time was \$1566.84.)

2. Still hunting for lateral files.

3. FEMA had asked for a copy of our procurement policy. After searching, one was found and a copy sent to them.

Highway Report:

1. Pickup truck will be ready in a couple of weeks. The amount due will pay for this year and next year will be twice as much as this is a lease to own not a typical lease.
2. Sand barn is full.

Codes/Zoning Officer:

1. Has issued permit #12 and has had 2 variances.
2. Would like approved electrician list for the Town of Winfield and would like to use a statement in the building application for a form that needs to be signed by an approved inspector.

Old Business:

The Tentative Budget was presented by Supervisor Osborn. Items were reviewed specifically the amount to be raised by taxes. Councilman Royce has reviewed the budget and commented that he would like to see the amount to be raised by taxes lowered. He feels that the percentage of increase is too high. He also asked what our specific tax cap is. Councilman Kwasniewski stated that the amount for fire protection is incorrect on the statement from the accounting firm. After extensive discussion, the Board decided that Supervisor Osborn should revise the tentative budget and meet at another time to review the budget again.

Councilman Marsh stated that Marsh Construction has playground equipment similar to what Scenic View Campground has installed. Asking price is \$7500 not installed. The Board agreed that this would be a good item for the park and asked if it was possible that Marsh Construction hold this equipment until spring.

Dan Sullivan informed the Board that we are at the half way point for the Benchmarking Solar Permit. The W-9 form and payment request form must be filed before payment to us can be made of the initial \$2500. He also stated that the next step should be the energy used over the last few years since the insulation, etc has been done. These figures would be used to help us qualify for one of the \$50,000 grants.

New Business:

Justice Mickle had asked to speak about a deputy court clerk this evening but was unable to attend and will try to come to the November meeting to discuss this.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Highway Garage Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Marsh. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk