

TOWN OF WINFIELD
October 13, 2021
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING &
2022 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

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
Ray Donley	---	Codes Officer/Herkimer County Legislature

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Gannon (WW Star)

General Fund claims #172 - #195 and Highway Fund claims # 94 - #97 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 September 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 September 15, 2021 were read and edited by each Board Member present.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

1. Supervisor Osborn stated that he did not receive any bids to replace the back bridge and the walking bridge in the town park. It was decided by the board to place the project up for bid again in the spring of 2022.

CLERK’S REPORT:

1. Clerk Donley stated a total of 17.24 tons of trash was reportedly hauled away by M. Wheelock Disposal Service from the Town Trash Day held on September 25, 2021.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. Superintendent Paul Jones stated the new loader has been delivered to the Town Barn..
2. Mr. Jones also inquired about old plans for an addition to the Town Barn to house the Town Court. He would like to review the old plans & get updated engineered plans. Supervisor Osborn and Clerk Donley will search for the old plans.

PARK COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Mr. Robert Royce submitted a written report containing the following past pavilion reservations:

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| ● September 18 | Hartman | Church Gathering | Pav #1 |
| ● September 19 | Snyder | Graduation Party | Pav #1 |
| ● September 25 | Sam Drake | Hobo Stew | Pav #1 |
| ● September 25 | Becky Krasko | | Pav #3 |
| ● September 26 | Brooks Karate | | Pav # 1 |

CODES/ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT:

1. Mr. Donley recently received 2 roof permit applications, and has started the commercial property inspections.

Legislature Report: Ray Donley

Mr. Donley recently attended the groundbreaking for the Fountainhead Group in the Schuyler Business Park. It will be a 200k sq. ft. facility adding 40 new jobs. The Fountainhead Group also plans on adding on to this building. Wilcor is also building a 50k sq ft addition. The Schuyler Park consists of the Fountainhead Group, Pepsi, Amazon, & Wilcor. Also, an additional 200k sq. ft. building will be built soon, while the remaining 30 acres of land is to be sold by the end of 2021.

The Legislature meeting scheduled for this Friday is to vote on extending the hunting season by 2 weeks. Mr. Donley will take back all suggestions regarding this subject.

In regards to the AARP funding, the Mohawk Valley Economic Development has dedicated a person to help towns with opportunities to spend the funds. This person is available to meet with Board Members.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. Mr. Watkins received the title to the 2019 Mack Truck.

2. Reported in the WW Star, Otsego County Co-op is challenging the assessment. Anything that comes in on this is turned over to Jim Fresco & Attorney Quinn.

PLANNING BOARD:

1. Supervisor Osborn received notice from Darrin Jones that the majority of the Planning Board voted for Georgean Bligh to be the newest Planning Board member.
 - A motion was made by Councilman Peo and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to accept Georgean Bligh as a Planning Board member.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Winfield Zoning book update: Mr. Donley emailed the board members the recommendations made by the Oneida County Planning Board.
2. Greg Rogers paid Attorney Quinn for the purchase of .38 acres bordering 406 Curtis Avenue & Clapson Road.
3. Supervisor Osborn stated the Town has 3 total loans out on: Mack plow truck ends 2026, Freightliner ends 2023 and the newly purchased Loader.
4. Councilman Kulczak received an updated quote from Big Apple on the security system for the Town Park of \$12,249.93.
 - A motion was made by Councilman Peo and seconded by Councilwoman Korosec to purchase the security system.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Osborn will submit a check totaling \$6124.97 to Big Apple Music for the 50% deposit.

5. Board Members reviewed the presented budget for 2022.
 - A motion was made by Councilman Kulczak and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to adopt the 2022 budget as presented was:
ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Peo, Korosec, Kulczak & Kwasniewski
Nays: 0
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Osborn and the Board Members present discussed the Marijuana Legislation available to opt out of the retail dispensaries or onsite consumption licenses for the Town. Members decided to not opt out.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

1. Councilman Kwasniewski brought up the possibility to work with the village to build a facility at the former Hiteman Plant. The facility could include: Court, Town Offices joined with Village Offices and the Library.

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 November 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley
Town of Winfield, Clerk