

**Town of Winfield
October 22, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was 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. Councilman Michael Peo was absent. Guests present were Mary and Gene Doremus, Mike Jones, Keith Watkins and Bill Kwasniewski. Judge Mickle attended after Court.

Mike Jones with the assistance of Mary and Gene Doremus presented a program about the Timber Frame Guild of which Mike is a member. This group if asked by a non-profit or a community travels to build timber frame structures to help a community in need of assistance. They have helped after disasters as well as replacing old structures in too much need of repair. They will construct any type of project, stay in a community until the project is finished without charging. The community must provide meals and showers while most of the workers stay in their tents where the construction is being done. Mike came to present the program as he knows that the Town Park had destruction from the July3, 2014 storm and wondered if the Town could need some assistance with a structure or project.

General Fund claims #166 - #192 and Highway Fund claims #80 - #97 were listed on Abstract of Voucher Sheets. All members present signed the abstracts and vouchers but a motion was not presented by accident and will be addressed at the November meeting. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for September 2014 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Royce and seconded by Councilman Marsh to accept these as audited. The motion was passed unanimously.

The minutes from the regular Board meeting held September 10, 2014 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept these minutes as read. The motion was passed unanimously.

Supervisor's Report:

1. The First Bank loan for the 2009 Sterling truck has been paid off.
2. He has received the Columbia-Litchfield-Winfield Fire District budget and our amount from the County that needs to be included in our budget for this. At this point, he has not received the amount for Winfield Fire District.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

1. The Highway Department is "winter ready" having piled approximately 3500 Ton of salt and sand. He informed the Board that there will be a large increase for salt next year (possibly 27%). The salt that just came was still under last year's contract.
2. Chepachet signs have been installed.
3. The new employee Kelly Augar is working out fine and Howard Wakefield has finished in the park for the season. Councilwoman Smith asked Rick to ask him to come to a Board meeting so that all of the Board may meet him.
4. He has asked the Board that Howard Wakefield keep working part time to assist the Highway Department and possibly paint the inside of the garage. After the discussion the following:

RESOLUTION 2014-12

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Marsh, Osborn, Smith, Royce
 Nays 0

The Town of Winfield Board approves that Howard Wakefield shall continue working no more than 20 hours per week as needed and at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Town Clerk's Report:

1. The equipment that the Board approved for the new office has been purchased and under budget.

2. Trash Day in September was again successful with 128 residents participating and 25 came with a second load. 21.56 Tons of trash were taken away. Cost was \$68 per ton and hauling was \$675.
- 3 Mr. Bernie Taylor of Sale Road did not respond to the letter that was written to him asking him to come to the Board meeting.

Codes/Zoning Report:

Mr. Donley emailed his report: He has received no new building permits and is closing up some old ones. Mr. Taylor (Stone Road) will be going back to court on November 5, 2014. Mr. Capraro and Ray will be visiting the property to see if it can be condemned and will report this to the court. Attorney Quinn informed Ray that someone wants to help him fix up the property so a prioritized list was sent to Attorney Quinn. Councilman Royce asked that when Mr. Donley is making a report that he include the status of each permit and the name and address of the property. He stated that there are times that many see new construction and don't know if they have filed an application and received a permit. He said that it would be helpful to Board members to have the status of each permit. Highway Superintendent Gigliotti also asked that Mr. Donley check a property on Meetinghouse Road that is looking run down and messy.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report:

Mr. Keith Watkins, Chairman stated that he had received a variance application from New York Animal on Route 20 concerning a storage shed. He sent the standard letter to them and this is taken care of.

Planning Board:

Chairman Jeff Barrett has resigned. The Town Board asked the Clerk to contact the remaining members of the board asking if anyone would be interested in the chair position. One new member will be needed for this Board.

Old Business:

Councilman Marsh stated that he had called the paint manager of JK Lumber asking about paint for the pole building and was told that there is paint available that can be used. The building would have to be cleaned and all rust removed. Highway Superintendent asked if the paint was supposed to stay on for more than just a couple of years. Councilman Marsh told him that he did not ask that question. Councilman Marsh also asked if the Superintendent had received written permission from Ferris Brothers to dump the stumps from the park on their land and Rick informed him that he had.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the brush pile in the pit across the road. Rick told her that he has contacted the Fire Department about a controlled burn but has not heard back from them. Bill Kwasniewski asked Rick if there were any special permits needed to burn the brush pile. Rick said that he would check with the DEC concerning this. She also informed the Board that she had received a Thank You note from Keith Wellenstein for the "Chepachet Hamlet" signs as well as a letter from the State Transportation department stating that limited site distance signs will be placed near his home on Route 51 stating this.

Judge Mickle thanked the Board for making it possible for her to attend the NYS Magistrates Conference in Syracuse in September. She attended several excellent seminars and received Judicial Credits needed. She also stated that in August she became the President of the Herkimer Co. Magistrates Association and was congratulated by the Board.

New Business:

At this time, Supervisor Osborn as Budget Officer presented the Tentative Budget for 2015. He reviewed any changes of each item and answered any questions that the Board members had. He made note that no raises were given for this budget. The amount of the increase is less than 2% to be raised within the Township.

RESOLUTION 2014-13

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Marsh, Osborn, Royce, Smith

 Nays 0

The Town of Winfield Board shall adopt the 2015 Tentative Budget as the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

The next meeting of the Winfield Town Board and the Hearing for the 2014 Budget will be held November 12, 2014 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk