

# TOWN OF WINFIELD

## September 9, 2020

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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 Chairman
Ray Donley	----	Codes Officer

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Howard Wakefield, Anthony Gannon (West Winfield Star), Liam Kulczak, Dillon Donley

General Fund claims #172 - #193 and Highway Fund claims #74 - #78 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 August 12, 2020 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 August 12, 2020 were read and edited by each Board Member present.

- A motion was made by Councilman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Korosec to accept these minutes as amended.

Amendments: Trisha Sterling changed to Trisha Smith, Robert Patrinelli changed to Robert Petrinelli and Miracle Recreation changed to Petrinelli Recreation.

- The motion was carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Supervisor Osborn received an invoice from the Unemployment Office. Mr. Osborn will request an adjustment being that three people from the Town of Winfield applied for unemployment were unemployed from other employers, not the Town.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Supervisor Osborn stated the construction of the salt shed has been completed and came in below the budgeted \$30,000 by almost half.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Mrs. Donley reports 16 dog license renewals, 1 marriage license and 2 building permits were processed.

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Royce states there are 6 reservations scheduled during the months of September - October 2020 for the pavilions in the Winfield Town Park.
2. Mr. Royce reports the Leonardsville Fire Department Movie Theater and the Car Show will not be scheduled this year due to COVID.
3. Daughters of the American Revolution is scheduled to meet at the Winfield Town Park September 29, 2020.
4. Guernsey Nursery representatives were in the Winfield Town Park to inventory the trees.
5. Mr. Royce suggests investigating an addition being built on a house close to the park. According to the tax map it is questionable whether or not the addition is on park property.

CODES/ZONING OFFICER'S WRITTEN REPORT:

1. Mr. Donley is currently working on permit #26 for the year 2020.
2. Mr. Donley is awaiting a call from Quinn's office on the Route 51 property for a court date.
3. Mr. Donley completed four hours of Continuing Education.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. Mr. Watkins stated he listened to The Associations of Towns accounting meeting. Towns can anticipate a 20% cut in state aid. 2021 tax based growth factors for Herkimer County is 1.0052 and the Town of Winfield 1.0010. Tax cap is under 2% for 2020

PLANNING BOARD:

1. Mr. Kulczak presented the Town Board with what was to be the final copy of the Town of Winfield Zoning Book along with the laws that were recently discovered which will double the size of the book. Discussion ensued on how to ensure that all laws are found and placed in the new book.
  - Researching laws after 1989 is required.

- Councilwoman Korosec volunteered to review past minutes to research past laws.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Osborn sent two letters to the State questioning the following of the .6 acres of Clapson Ave.
  - a. Possibly a public referendum.
  - b. Boundary Line Agreement if the property is surveyed a deed is not necessary and the Town can request a nominal fee.
2. Route 51 by the intersection of Chepachet Road plan is to put up intersection warning signs, suggesting 45 speed limit signs.
3. Proposed Fire Department contract discussion ensued on the methodology used in determining the Town's financial responsibility to the Fire Department.
4. Mr. Petrinelli sent playground equipment options that included the use of the current swings. The Board will request new options that do not include using the existing swing set. The Board agrees the current swing set can remain in place and purchase a new swing set for the new playground.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

1. William Kulczak, currently a Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop 21 asked the Town Board for approval of his Eagle Scout Project. William's project consists of replacing rotted boards, scraping and painting the two gazebos in the Winfield Town Park. William will approach businesses for material donations and organize the labor of other Boy Scouts. The gazebos will match each other using the same colors, white, green & grey. The Boy Scouts are self insured and will have adult supervision. When the Scout Council approves William's Eagle Scout Project, William will notify the Town Board via email.
  - A motion was made to approve the project by Councilwoman Korosec and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski.
    - The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Trash Day is scheduled for September 26, 2020 8am - 2pm.
3. Supervisor Osborn stated the Winfield Town Park received an anonymous \$10,000 donation.
4. Supervisor Osborn also stated the Redemption Center in Burlington Flats created an account to be used for donations for the Winfield Town Park. Anyone who drops off bottles and cans there can request the funds placed on the Town's account. Also, the owner of the redemption center will pick up large donations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Kwasniewski moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peo.

- The motion was carried unanimously.

The next Winfield Town Board Meeting will be held October 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Donley  
Town of Winfield, Clerk