

TOWN OF WINFIELD JANUARY 10TH, 2024 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Town of Winfield Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor ~~Charles Osborn~~ William Miller

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Miller	----	Supervisor
Jay Kulczak	----	Councilman
Michael Peo	----	Councilman
Susan Korosec	----	Councilwoman
Robert Royce	----	Councilman & Park Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Douglas Paul Jones	----	Superintendent of Highways
Terri Atwell	----	Town Clerk
Keith Watkins	----	Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman
Mike Connors	---	Codes & Zoning Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Gannon (West Winfield Star), Howie Wakefield, Chris Osborn

General Fund claims # 1 - # 18 and Highway Fund claims # 1 - # 7 were listed on the Abstract of Voucher sheets.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Sue Korosec and seconded by Councilman Robert Royce to accept these Abstracts as presented.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for December 2023 were audited by the Board Members present.

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

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held December 13th were read and edited by each Board Member present.

- A motion was made by Councilman Robert Royce and seconded by Councilman Jay Kulczak to accept these minutes as amended.
 - The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting began with Mr. Osborn explaining that his daughter would like to build a house next to him and would like to be able to buy a piece of land from the town in order to build a driveway. Mike Connors advised he would have to go to the county and see if they would give him a driveway permit. It was also mentioned that we would need to post this to the public if we were ok selling in order to see if anyone else was interested. Board advised him to check with Ray Donley to see where to start.

Sue Korosec questioned if the re-organizational meeting was published in the star. It was not therefore Clerk, Terri Atwell will put in star.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Bill Miller advised he has a meeting with Alysa Hoke to get help with the financial aspect. Asked Sue Korosec if she would help him move budget money to proper places and she agreed.

He advised its time to re-up SAM which has fees that get paid to GSA (US General Services Administration). 1yr-\$5.99/ 2yr-\$9.99/5 yr-\$19.99.

Jay Kulczak stated he thought this was something we had to get into when going through the process of buying the new loader.

Teresa Cerminaro has sent in her letter of resignation for dog controller. Herkimer Co Humane Society advised she is no longer welcome on their property. Board stated would need to run an ad for her position. Mike Peo asked and advised the return of any equipment she may have had that belonged to us. Bill Miller suggested there are four other Humane Societies we could use if no longer wanted to stay with Herkimer one. Mike Peo suggested getting prices from the other options.

Jay Kulzak and Robert Royce were sworn in as councilman.

Bill Miller questioned what we have to keep for record keeping. It's his understanding that for Employee information it is 20 years and all else 7 years. He would like to start cleaning up the files. Sue Korosec offered to help with this task. Stated she had tried to get a grant with the school however it fell through.

CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Nothing to report

Mike Peo received two complaints regarding snow plowing. 1) trucks did not have flashing lights on two occasions. 2) The plow goes down North Street but not Doyle Rd. Paul Jones advised he will mention it to the drivers. Also, there are times they just plow the main roads. Sue Korosec asked if the flower boxes could be taken down from the park entrance.

PARK COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Bill Miller advised a sitting board member cannot have another position in the town unless advertised and no one else wants it. Robert Royce stated would like to stay on the board and would be ok with giving up the Park Commissioner position. Robert to get a job description together to get it in the star.

CODES/ZONING OFFICER WRITTEN REPORT:

Mike Connors advised of 22 permits pulled and gave the board a list of them. Some may have been completed. He will be contacting people to see what's complete and what's not.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Nothing to report

PLANNING BOARD:

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

With regards to the Solar Farm project, no construction plans or anything at this point in time. With regards to bridge work, Jay Kulczak suggested using town help to work on the bridge. Paul Jones advised they could hire extra temporary employees such as the Amish, but to get started they need a permit from DEC. Keith Watkins suggested digging behind the footers and building a new bridge over the top of the old. Robert Royce suggested to leave as is and just maintain it. Fix the rocks ect. It's posted for 2 tons. If it gets dangerous then close and use only for pedestrians. Mike Peo advised we have Arbor money that was to be used to fix the bridge. Sue Korosec advised us we have \$5000 for a handicap bathroom in the park given to us by Ray Donley. Robert Royce stated there are issues with the drains to the septic and the floor is not in good condition. Bill Miller is checking with Bud Osborn on paperwork for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Miller stated the back of the park gate is now locked for winter. Bill Miller would like the town to look into becoming a 2nd Amendment-Sanctuary Town. Stated is to protect law abiding citizens from the federal/state government taking their guns. He would

like to get a resolution and amendment and have the board look at it. Bill Miller to check with Otsego county to see what information they could share on this Amendment.

Sue Korosec made a motion to pay Christian Dipasqua \$200 to put zoning books on the website in a catalog form. Christian would als be responsible for keeping the website up to date.

Mike Peo second the motion. All board members agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Robert Royce moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Korosec .

The motion was carried unanimously.

The next Winfield Town Board Meeting will be held February 14th at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Atwell
Town of Winfield, Clerk