

**TOWN OF WINFIELD  
AUGUST 14, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Winfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Charles Osborn at 7 p.m. Members present were: Councilmen William Kwasniewski, Howard Marsh, Michael Peo and Councilwoman Korosec. Highway Superintendent Jones was in attendance. Guests present were: Codes/Zoning Officer Ray Donley, Park Commissioner Robert Royce, Zoning Board Chairman Keith Watkins, Planning Board Chairman Jay Kulczak, Mary Doremus from the West Winfield Star, Howard Wakefield and Georgie Bleigh.

General Fund claims #151 - #173 and Highway Fund claims #80 - #87 were <sup>See</sup> listed on Abstract of Voucher sheets. A motion was made by Councilwoman Korosec and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these Abstracts as presented. The motion was carried. The Supervisor's and Town Clerk's reports for July 2019 were audited by members present. A motion was made by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Peo to accept these reports as audited. The motion was carried.

Minutes from the regular Board meeting held July 10, 2019 were read by each member. A motion was made by Councilman Peo and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to accept these minutes. Motion carried. At a later part of the meeting Councilman Marsh asked that under old business the wording be corrected to say "There may possibly, etc".

**Supervisor's Report:**

1. There was a discussion about the difficulty of taking the sexual harassment training on certain computers. Some of the members are having difficulty with this. The clerk will load it on the Town computer for anyone to take the training that is having a problem.
2. He stated that in the 2019 the amount for Kansas State Bank (\$71,036.00) should be changed to DA9785.6 from DA9740.6

**RESOLUTION 2019-06**

On a motion presented by Councilwoman Korosec and seconded by Councilman Peo, the following was adopted:

Ayes 4      Korosec, Kwasniewski, Marsh, Peo  
Nay 0

The Supervisor of the Town of Winfield shall correct the 2019 budget for line item DA9740.6 to read "0" and line item DA9785.6 to read \$71,036.00.

**Clerk's Report:**

1. Real Property Tax Services needs to be reappointed as our assessor from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2025. A motion was then presented by Councilman Kwasniewski, seconded by Councilman Marsh to reappoint Herkimer County Real Property Tax Service Agency as the Town of Winfield Assessor effective October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2025.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Jones stated that everything is going well within the highway department. The back storage barn has been painted, the roof and siding has been done on the sand barn and the rear entry door roof is done. The second round of roadside mowing is complete. Three of the new garage doors have been installed. We have also done some more tree removals and addressed some roadside water issues. He would like to thank the Van Valkenbergs for their generosity in purchasing a new Meetinghouse Road Cemetery sign.

The front entrance will be started soon and the sand barn will be filled. While cleaning out the back pole barn we listed the mower on Auctions International and the bid was \$6700 and accepted. The truck cab brought \$150. The Paystar needs suspension work in the rear at a cost of approximately \$3800 at Whitesboro Spring. Because the trucks are taking so long to get fixed and the new one to get here (and winter around the corner) he stated that this truck needs to be fixed and ready to go for winter. Ray Donley stated that John Piseck from the IDA was at a meeting that he attended and they have money available up to \$6000.00 for what is called a 2-2-2 program. \$2000 by owner, \$2000 by IDA and \$2000 would be loaned at 2% to the owner. Paul will look into this for fixing the truck. He also stated that some of the poles at the salt shed are showing cracks. He will obtain some steel plates that can be bolted to them to reinforce these poles. A motion was presented by Councilman Marsh and seconded by Councilman Kwasniewski to allow Superintendent Jones to spend up to \$4500. to repair the Paystar. Ayes - Marsh, Kwasniewski, Peo Nay - Korosec. Motion passed.

Codes/Zoning Officer's Report:

Mr. Donley stated that he is currently working on permits 16 & 17 for a covered porch and a large pole barn (which may need a variance). He has also contacted Attorney Quinn on a property on Route 51 that is not in compliance. He has had a conversation with the owner about the issues and hopes that there will be progress.

Mr. Donley also is researching information on a new law the state is requesting towns adopt concerning solar storage units.

Park report:

**Reservations**

Saturday August 17	Pavilion 1	Deb Nolan for Buss Family Reunion
Sunday August 18	Pavilion 1	Debbie Holk, Yule 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Tuesday August 20	Pavilion 1	Bill Crewell, Rotary Picnic
Thursday August 22	Pavilion 1	Reserved
Saturday August 24	Pavilion 1	Ben Chandler Sullivan Reunion
Saturday August 24	Pavilion 2	Wright Family
Friday August 30	Pavilion 1	Boy Scouts (evening)
Sunday September 1	Pavilion 3	Kaylee Brown
Saturday Sept. 21	Pavilion 1	Sam Drake
Saturday October 5	Pavilions 1 & 2	Mt Markham 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Activity**

Dog poop bags and dispenser were mounted on the North West corner of Pavilion 1. Inappropriate Graffiti on the ball enclosure was painted over by Town employees. Trees & Shrubs were watered on July 16 by Sue & Jerry Korosec and watered & weeded on August 1 & 2 Sue And Jerry and Gail & Bob Royce.

Received \$50 Donation from Carol & Bucky Hoover with a note complimenting the Town on the condition of the park with special thanks to Howie for all the work he does there.

I cut many of the Burdock that were encroaching on the path to the point and around the trees.

A bathroom door was found nearly removed on August 9.

Respectfully Submitted Robert Royce, Park Commissioner

In addition to the above report, Mr. Royce stated that the door damaged on August 9th was repaired by Howie and Superintendent Jones. Mr. Royce also asked that a new "no alcohol in the Park" sign be purchased or the one that is there repainted. Councilwoman Korosec also stated that at the "point" on the trail walking is a little questionable and a sign should be posted that states "travel through this area at your own risk".

Planning Board Report:

Mr. Kulczak stated that the update is close to being done. He has received only one sheet from one person with suggestions. All corrections should be in by the next meeting so that this project can be finalized.

Old Business:

Councilwoman Korosec stated that there is no State contract for light bulbs nor will NYSEG sell us bulbs to give to the residents because there is no verification that all of the residents are NYSEG customers. Councilman Kwasniewski suggested that we invite NYSEG to do the distribution so that they will be assured that they are NYSEG customers. Councilwoman Korosec and Councilman Kwasniewski will pursue looking for light bulbs to pass out on "trash day".

The Park Concession stand - The Board agreed to accept a donation letter donating the concession stand to the Town.

The DVR in the Park is full. Something needs to be done to correct this problem as the camera ports are all full too.

New Business:

Councilman Peo stated that the letter from Mayor Bryce about a new fire truck brought to mind that the budget and the Fire Contract should be on the agenda for next month.

Communication:

Supervisor Osborn has received the Dog Catcher Inspection paper from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Supervisor Osborn would like to change the September meeting to September 18th, 2019. The Board members approved the change.

There being no more business to come before the Board, Councilman Kwasniewski moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Peo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah B. Jones, Clerk