

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, C. Wheat, C. Clark, T. Niederlander; Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Codes Officer M. Connors; Fire Chief A. Moxham

At 6:00 PM the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 2024 – Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Major Solar Energy Systems – was conducted. Officials from Delaware Solar presented their proposed project. Members of the community were given the opportunity to voice their concerns over the project and pose questions to the Village Board members as well as Delaware Solar.

Motion to adopt Resolution #1 to enact Local Law #1-2024 was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

The Public Hearing on Local Law #1-2024 was closed by Mayor Smith at 7:17 PM.

The regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Mayor Smith.

Motion to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.12 was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 2024 meeting was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

Motion Authorizing Mayor Smith to sign the 2024 - 25 Tax Warrant was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Motion to make Adjustments to the following water bills was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

- Willard Ave request to reduce water bills due to underground leak
 - #0340 \$1,107.68, reduce to average April bill of \$289.80
 - #0348 \$736.76, reduce to average April bill of \$108.33
- Request to delete bill #0256 \$51.50 – Rodgers – North St.
 - Final bill was paid by previous owners – minimum bill sent to Rodgers in error
- Request to reduce #0037 \$221.30 (34,800 gal.)– St Joseph Rectory – disputing water amount used.
 - Average April use 7,250 gallons \$43.50, water bill reduced by \$100.00 to \$121.30

Donations for the Hometown Banner brackets have been received from:
Winfield Historical Society \$200.00
Eastern Star \$500.00

Thank You Notes will be sent out this week

The End of Year Meeting date has been set for Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00

Streets / Water: No issues to report. J. Baker has submitted notice – his final day will be Friday, May 17th. He has offered to assist on Fridays during the summer months on an as needed basis until a replacement can be found. A part-time position for summer DPW work will be advertised this week. The starting salary will be between \$15 - \$16 per hour. D. Barletta requested that the DPW department change their summer work schedule to 4 10 hours a day (M-Th). No decision was reached. The Board will revisit the issue at a later time.

Codes: Codes Officer M. Connors presented the NYSERDA Solar Project Application and an application fee schedule to the Board for their approval. This application and fee schedule will be used for Solar Energy Projects within the Village. There were three building permits issued in April.

Motion to Adopt the NYSERDA Solar Project Application for Village use was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Clark. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Motin to Adopt the Solar Project Application Fee Schedule was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Fire / Ambulance Department: Fire Chief Moxham reported that there were 6 Fire calls and 35 EMS Calls. Drivers are still needed for the Ambulance. Chief Moxham feels that it is time to sell the ladder truck. He will start getting the information together to either sell it directly or list it on an auction website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: D. Barletta will continue working on the entrance way to Bisby Hall.

Clean Energy / Comprehensive Plan: Trustee Wheat and Mayor Smith met with L&S Energy representatives at the fire hall for possible grant funding for energy saving improvements to the Fire Hall.

Grants: Mayor Smith and the Village Board continue to search for possible grants.

Community Activity Committee: Trustee Clark reported that the committee is working on possible entertainers to perform in the town park during the summer.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold until 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dan is organizing the installation of the brackets for the Hometown Hero banners
- Radar Speed Signs – Dan is gathering the materials and will be installing them soon

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business to Report

Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Motion to Exit Executive Session was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Results: Trustee Murphy will work with Chief Moxham on finding part-time ambulance drivers.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Wheat, seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat and Clark, Niederlander; Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by R Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk/Treasurer