VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2024

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

ABSENT: C. Clark, T. Niederlander

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Smith.

**Motion to Authorize** the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.02 General Fund $33,597.11 and Water Fund $2,438.49 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat. Absent: C. Clark, T. Niederlander. Nays: None

**Motion to Approve** the Minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat. Absent: C. Clark, T. Niederlander. Nays: None

**Motion to Approve** the Treasurer’s Report was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat. Absent: C. Clark, T. Niederlander. Nays: None

**Department Reports**

**Clerk/Treasurer:** A quorum was not present to authorize Clerk Treasurer to make monetary transfers between funds or make budget modifications. The Clerk Treasurer will email the motions to the Board after the meeting in order to obtain approval.

**Water:** No issues to report.

**Streets:** D. Barletta is working on getting quotes for the paving of Water, Fenn, and Academy Streets.

**Codes:** The codes officer issued one pool permit during June. The Stickles should be installing their new home on Burrows Road by the end of the summer.

**Fire / Ambulance Department:** Chief Moxham reported there were 35 EMS calls and 7 fire calls.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Clean Energy / Comprehensive Plan:** Trustee Wheat is working with Amanda from Mohawk Vallery Economic Development on a $50,000 Energy Grant.

**Grants:** Mayor Smith is working on NY State grants that are available for “Pro-Housing Communities”.

**Community Activity Committee:** Mayor Smith is working with the committee in finding possible activities for the fall.

**Zoning / Codes:** Committee on hold.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Radar Speed Signs – Installation has been delayed due to the lack of personnel in the DPW.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held regarding the continued pickup of recycling / green waste by Wheelock’s for residents that have contracted with an outside hauler for garbage pickup. At this time Wheelock’s will continue to pick up whether the resident purchases a sticker or contracts with an outside hauler. Mayor Smith will contact Village Attorney, Pat Quinn, to see if a local ordinance may be enacted to mandate that recycling / green waste will only be picked up by those who continue to participate in the sticker program.

J. Christian submitted a proposal to purchase .134 acres of land that adjoins his property on South St. He is offering $2,500 plus closing cost and fees. Mayor Smith will work with P. Quinn on how to proceed.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Smith shared a resident’s concern about the increasing skunk population. A brief discussion was held, no decision was reached.

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

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

A rejection letter will be sent to a recent applicant.

M**otion to Adjourn** the meeting was made by Trustee Wheat, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat. Absent: C. Clark, T. Niederlander. Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

R Scott Van Duren

Village Clerk Treasurer