

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2025

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

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.08 General Fund \$71,051 and Water Fund \$11,106 was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

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

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

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

A budget meeting has been scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 6:30 in the library.

Motion to Reimburse Henry Hiteman \$3,380.84 for the AEDs purchased for the new fire truck from the Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat.

Water: No Report.

Streets: No Report.

Codes: Codes officer M. Connors provided a summary of permits that were issued during 2024:

2 Commercial Permits; 1 Septic; 11 Residential. Inspections that were completed were 2 Fire Inspections and 4 apartment inspections.

Fire / Ambulance Department: B.B. Construction provided a quote of \$49,000 for the insulation project at the fire hall. The quote has been submitted to NYSEKDA. Fire Chief A. Moxham reported that there were 46 EMS calls and 7 fire calls during December. Truck #110 is out of service for repairs.

The board agreed to the purchase of text books for three EMT's that may take advanced training.

The fire contract with the Town of Winfield expires this year – work needs to begin on a new contract.

Trustee Murphy provided an update on the financing of the new fire truck. The Village has been approved for a \$375,000 NYS Emergency Services Loan and a \$275,000 bond anticipation note (BAN) from Greene County Bank. The BAN may be converted to a Bond after five years. The law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King will be issuing the BAN and potential Bond filing. The initial cost of the BAN documents is \$1,500 plus legal fees. Additional legal fees will be incurred if the BAN is converted to a Bond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: The AED device has arrived and will be installed by D. Barletta in the entrance way of Bisby Hall. A training session on the use of the AED will be organized soon.

Clean Energy: No Report

Grants: The Village did not receive a CNY Council for the Arts Grant. Several reasons were given and the Village will try again next year.

Community Activity Committee: Planning is beginning for summer programs in the park. The Hometown Heroes banner program will begin taking applications February 1, 2025. A link to the Mohawk Valley Hometown Heroes website has been added to the Village website, westwinfield.org.

Proposed Solar Law: A Public Hearing was held on January 9th at 6:30 PM in the library at Bisby Hall. Two residents attended. The law was passed by the Village Board and will be sent to the Village attorney for filing with the State of New York.

Comprehensive Plan: There will be a meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Committee on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 in the library at 7 PM.

Resolution permitting Trustee Wheat and Anthony Maris-Swann of MVEDD to sign documents pertaining to the grant funding for the Comprehensive Plan was approved.

Voting Aye: Mayor Smith Voting Nay: NONE
 Trustee Murphy
 Trustee Clark
 Trustee Niederlander
 Trustee Wheat.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grants options are being explored for the possible purchase of a digital information sign
- Work will continue on the proposed changes to the garbage user fee law
- A presentation to the Town of Winfield regarding the financial cost of operating the ambulance continues to be developed

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Wheat, seconded by Trustee Clark.

Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk