

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2025

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

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.09 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Clark. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 2025 meeting was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Clark. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report (with correction to outstanding Bisby Hall BAN balance) was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Clark. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Board was reminded that a budget meeting has been scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 6:30 in the library.

Motion to Approve the Clerk signing the engagement letter from Bond Schoeneck & King for the issuing of the bond anticipation note for the purchase of a fire truck was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

Motion to Adopt the SEQR for the new fire truck purchase was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

A Roll call Vote was taken to Approve issuing a Bond Anticipation Note for the purchase of a new fire truck;

Mayor, Sandra J Smith	Aye
Trustee James Murphy	Aye
Trustee Carl Wheat	Aye
Trustee Todd Niederlander	Aye
Trustee Corrie Clark	Aye
Nays - None	

The Clerk's office will begin advertising for a part-time office clerk.

Streets: No Report.

Water: No Report

Codes: One permit was issued for electrical work

Fire / Ambulance Department: Fire Chief A. Moxham reported that there were 67 EMS calls and 12 fire calls during January. Extensive repairs need to be made to the tanker truck.

Mayor Smith requested that Chief Moxham provide an inventory of the fire departments vehicles. The list will be reviewed to see what can be eliminated and sold off without having a negative effect on the ISO rating.

Chief Moxham will develop a list of priorities that are facing the fire department in the coming year. He will also work on a recruitment plan for new volunteers.

The possibility of having paid drivers for the ambulance on weekends was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: Dan Barletta has begun working on the interior entrance way of Bisby Hall.

Clean Energy: Prep work will begin next week for the insulation install at the fire hall.

Grants: The search for possible grants is continuing.

Community Activity Committee: Mayor Smith asked if it were possible for an EMT to represent the Village at the Wellness Day at Mount Markham School on March 22nd. Trustee Murphy will check with the EMT staff and get back to Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith will be sending a letter to Town of Winfield Supervisor, Bill Miller, outlining the Villages' plans for upcoming community programs. She is interested in the Town's feedback and possible cost sharing.

Comprehensive Plan: The steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan was held on February 5th. The committee is devising a plan for more community participation and input for the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th at 7 PM.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The purchase of the proposed digital sign may be done through Henry Hiteman Engine & Hose
- 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 Enter into Executive session was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander and Clark. Nays: None

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

Results: The personnel issue is being addressed by Henry Hiteman Engine & Hose.

Trustee Murphy will draft a letter to the Mount Markham School District regarding the fees that will be charged to the District for ambulance coverage at sporting events.

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