

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, K. Allen, M. Grann & T. Niederlander; Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Fire Chief, Sean Murphy, 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.11 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Grann, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 2026 meeting was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Grann. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Grann, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

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

Budget Hearing:

Motion to Pass the 2026 – 2027 Village Budget was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Grann, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

The following changes have been made to the Water Fund:

The 2026-27 water rate inside the Village will be \$8.00 per 1000 gallons.

The 2026-27 water rate outside of the Village will be \$12.00 per 1000 gallons.

The minimum water charge within the Village will be \$52.00 and \$78.00 outside the Village.

The Water Maintenance Fee will be \$11.00

Department Reports

Mayor:

The May 11th Village board meeting has been re-scheduled to May 18th.

The cost of the Comprehensive Plan will be \$10,187.50 which was not budgeted for in the General Fund. The Water Fund will loan the General Fund the funds to cover the cost at 4% interest.

Motion to Approve an interfund loan of \$10,187.50 at 4% interest from the Water Fund to the General Fund was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Grann, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

A NYS DOT official informed Mayor Smith that there is a possibility that Route 20 will be paved in 2028.

Clerk/Treasurer:

M. Quinn reported a water leak at his residence and requested an adjustment to his water bill.

Motion to Reduce M. Quinn's water bill was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Grann, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

The Clerk will adjust water bill based on an average of three April usage readings.

Donations to the Community Activities Fund:

D. Davis \$500

S. Gibson \$200

S. Davis \$50

Streets: D. Barletta is preparing the Ford truck for sale. Residents of Burrows Road have requested that the street be paved; it may be possible for small sections of Burrows Road to be milled and patched.

Water: D. Barletta will be fixing a water leak on Academy Street. Fairview Circle needs a line replaced.

Codes: The garage at 240 North Street was struck by a car. The garage will need to be taken down.

Fire / Ambulance Department: Federal Grants continue to be on hold. Preventive maintenance on the trucks has been completed. Chief Murphy has requested that the invoices to Vander Molen not be paid until he reviews them. There will be a volunteer recruitment open house at the fire station on April 18th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: The flooring for the entrance to Bisby Hall has been completed.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC): Chairperson Wheat provided an overview of what was discussed at the March meeting of the CSC.

Grants: Trustee Allen has submitted the Congressional Funding Grant application. She will work on possible grants for the water system as well as the Fire Department.

Community Activity Committee: Planning continues for the 4th of July celebration. Three programs have been scheduled for Music Mondays in the Park.

Comprehensive Plan: No Report

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Proposed Chicken / Poultry Law will have a public hearing on May 18th.
- The business appreciation day was on hold pending passage of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Smith thanked Trustee Wheat for service as a Village Trustee

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Niederlander.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk