

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, K. Allen, C. Wheat; T. Niederlander; Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Fire Chief, S. 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.09 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Allen and Niederlander. Nays: None

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

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

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Village Board will meet on February 16th and 23rd at 6:30 pm to begin work on the 2026-2027 Village Budget.

Water: D. Barletta has located a water leak on Academy St and is looking for a leak on Fairview Circle.

Streets: Mayor Smith was informed by the NYS DOT that the flower garden that was on the corner of Main and North Street will not be permitted to be rebuilt in that location. A possible new location is between the benches that face Main Street.

Codes: No permits issued for January.

Fire / Ambulance Department:

The \$25,000 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for repairs to truck # has been completed.

The sale listing for the Ariel Truck and Ford Ambulance needs to be done.

Chief Murphy reported that the ambulance will be required to carry a carbon monoxide detector. The estimated cost of a drug safe is \$1,500. Maintenance inspections on the fire trucks are continuing. The drain channel in the fire hall needs to be repaired, estimated cost is \$5,500. The State Budget calls for cutting Medicaid reimbursements when Medicare/Medicaid are billed for ambulance services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: Due to the winter weather, the floor repairs to the entrance way of Bisby Hall have been delayed.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC): Trustee Wheat provided a re-cap of the CSC projects accomplished by the Village. The Village has 103 points when we reach 120 points we will achieve Bronze Certification. A list of 125 possible actions and their point values will be emailed to the board members. The Village clerk was provided with updates that need to be made to the Village website. The CSC committee consist of: Trustee Carl Wheat, Coordinator; Betsy Bushe, Pablo Davis, James Murphy and Sandra Smith. Joining the committee from MVEDD will be Samantha Francisco Amanda Whalen and Kaitlyn Coluccio.

A Motion to Approve the members of the Climate Smart Community committee was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Allen and Niederlander. Nays: None

Community Activity Committee: Mayor Smith is starting to work on the entertainment for the Music Monday in the Park programs. The Business Appreciation Day continues to be developed by Trustee's Wheat and Murphy.

Comprehensive Plan: Corrections need to be made to the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

Grants: Trustee Allen continues to research possible grants, focusing on grants for the fire / ambulance departments.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The proposed Poultry Law is with the Village Attorney for his review.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Smith introduced a proposal from the Town of Bridgewater for ambulance coverage at Mount Markham sporting events. The proposal is for the Towns of Bridgewater, Cedarville and the Village of West Winfield to donate ambulance coverage at sporting events at Mount Markham on a rotating schedule. For financial reasons the Village Board Voted not to participate. Voting Nay: Smith, Murphy, Wheat, Allen and Niederlander. Ayes: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Allen reported that she has received many positive comments about Dan and Chris in their efforts to keep the streets and sidewalks clear this winter.

Executive Session:

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

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

Results:

A Motion to Establish the following policy and pay scale for the Ambulance Department was introduced by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy and Niederlander. Nays: Trustee Allen

It is the policy of the Village Board to staff the ambulance with a non-medically trained driver and a medically trained care provider.

Existing medical staff who are scheduled to drive the ambulance will earn \$20 per hour

Non-medical staff / drivers will earn \$16 per hour.

New hires who are scheduled to drive the ambulance, regardless of medical training, will be paid \$16 hour.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by R. Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk