

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Smith, Trustees, J. Murphy, K. Allen, T. Niederlander; Clerk/Treasurer S. Van Duren, Fire Chief S. Murphy, Codes Officer M. Connors. Absent, Trustee M. Grann

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Trustee Michael Grann.

**Motion to Authorize** the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills listed on Abstract No. 1 General Fund \$10,532 and Water Fund \$215 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

**Motion to Approve the Minutes** of the May 2025 meeting was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

**Motion to Approve the Treasurers Report** was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Clerk / Treasurer**

The July board meeting will be changed to July 15<sup>th</sup> pending confirmation that the library is available.

**Motion Approving the Mayor** to sign the 2026 Village Tax Warrant which included the water re-levy list of \$13,714 was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

On May 26, 2026 the bid opening for the garbage contract was held (see bid opening minutes) and the contract was awarded to Wheelock's Disposal for \$63,923.00 annually for the period of June 2026 through May 2028. Resulting in a shortfall of \$3,923.00 in the adopted 2026-27 budget for garbage collection.

**Motion to Authorize** the Clerk Treasurer to modify the 2026-27 budget by transferring \$3,923.00 from the A1990.4000 Contingency Fund to A8160.451 Refuse Contract was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

The Clerk Treasurer announced the required end-of-year budget adjustments needed.

**Motion to Authorize** the Clerk Treasurer to make the required end-of-year adjustments to the 2025-26 budget was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

**Motion to Remove** former Trustee Wheat as a signer on the Village safety deposit box at Beacon Bank and replace him with Trustee Allen was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

The Veggie Van is scheduled to in the Village on Friday's from 4PM – 7PM June 19<sup>th</sup> through August. Then Friday's from 3PM – 6PM September – October.

Community Activities Donation: Suzanne Christine Salon \$250.00 and Mirabito Cares \$100.00

### **Streets Department**

The quote from McQuade and Bannigan for the Village of West Winfield to replace the faded sign on Burrows Road is \$160.43. D. Barletta has ordered the sign and will install it when it comes in.

The fire hydrants will be flushed on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We will alert Village residents through Textmygov and Facebook

**Water Department:** No Report

**Codes Department:** M. Connors will begin working on updating the Village Codes once he is finished with the codes for the Town of Winfield.

### **Fire / Ambulance Department**

Fire Chief S. Murphy reported that for the month of May there were 10 fire calls and 31 ambulance calls (with 4 rolled calls). The turnout gear that was purchased through the FEMA grant is in. There will be two high school seniors volunteering with the Fire Department as part of the high school volunteering program.

Last month Mayor Smith sent a proposed fire and ambulance contract to the Town of Winfield. She has had no response from the Town of Winfield Board of Trustees.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bisby Hall:** The exterior entrance to Bisby Hall needs to be cleaned and the white trim around the door repainted.

**Climate Smart Communities:** Ideas for community workshops are being developed. A possible project is community raised garden beds.

**Community Activities:** The Village has been awarded a \$1,750 grant from NY Council of the Arts to go toward the Music Mondays in the Park program. This grant and the contributions received from community members and businesses have provided enough funding to provide concerts for the entire summer season.

**Comprehensive Plan:** MVEDD continues to work with the DEC in reducing the size and cost of the project.

**Grants:** Trustee Allen announced that she has successfully completed her grant training and is now an official grant writer.

**Zoning / Codes:** Updating the Village zoning and codes will begin once the codes officer is available.

**New Business:** Mayor Smith introduced the idea of creating a Community Action Committee which would be responsible for bringing issues that concern the residents of the Village before the Village Board.

**Old Business:** Proposed Local Law #2-2026 Control of Farm Animals

Mayor Smith called for a vote on the proposed law. Prior to voting Trustee Murphy proposed several changes be made to the proposed law. The Board felt that at this time the changes would alter the existing proposed law and require it be rewritten and put up for another public hearing. Mayor Smith called for a vote on the existing proposed Local Law #2-2026 Control of Farm Animals as written.

Trustee Allen                      Nay

Trustee Niederlander              Nay

Trustee Murphy                      Aye

Mayor Smith                      Nay

Proposed Local Law #2-2026 Control of Farm Animals failed to pass

**Public Comment:**

Representing the Masonic Temple were Connie and Keith Pope. It is their belief that the recent NYS DOT work on the corner of Main and South Street has resulted in the buildings front concrete stairs to pull away from the building. Mayor Smith will contact the NYS DOT project liaison.

Mayor Smith stated that there have been recent incidents where Village employees have been verbally attacked by Village residents. The Mayor and the Board agreed that such actions are not warranted, and issues should come to the Board. In the future, legal action may be necessary to protect the workers of the Village.

**Motion to Adjourn** the meeting was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen & Niederlander. Nays: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by

Scott Van Duren

Village Clerk Treasurer