

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

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

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.12, General Fund \$42,023.61, Water Fund \$2,170.67 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

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

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

At 6:45 the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #2-2026 Control of Farm Animals was called to order by Trustee K. Allen.

Trustee Murphy gave a brief overview of the proposed law and the reason why it was created. Members of the community expressed their concerns with the proposed law. The proposed law has been tabled pending additional research and community input.

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Water Fund received \$10,740 in additional PFAS settlement funds.

The garbage bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 5:30 PM in the Village Clerk's Office.

The updating of the employee handbook is completed and will be sent out to board members once it has been proof read.

The Village clerk will be working with J. Thomson on redesigning the Village website.

Donations to the Community Activities Fund:

Keith Watkins	\$100.00
Jennison Fuels	200.00
Precisionmatics	500.00

A Motion to Pay the Van De Molen invoices from the balance of the Fire Engine Repair BAN was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

Streets: The Village of West Winfield sign on Burrows Rd., needs to be replaced. Route 20 Association signs have been installed at the East and West entrance to the Village.

Water: The fire hydrant on North Street will be replaced on May 21st.

Codes: Three permits were issued.

Fire / Ambulance Department: Fire Chief S. Murphy reported that there were 35 EMS calls and 6 fire calls. The ambulance will be out of service on June 5 to repair a possible EVAP leak. Quotes for EMS uniforms are being collected. Several people attended the open house event. The fire hoses have been tested – several failed

and will need to be replaced. The pump test has been completed on the trucks. There is surplus equipment that is not needed.

A Motion to sell the surplus equipment and deposit the proceeds into the General Funds Money Market account for the Fire Department use was made by Trustee J Murphy and seconded by Trustee Niederlander.

Ayes: Murphy, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: New blinds have been installed in the Village Clerk's Office.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC): CSC meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 21st at 5PM in the fire hall.

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 and a fourth performance may be added.

Comprehensive Plan: MVEDD feels that the original projected cost of the project was over stated and is working with the DEC to reduce the amount of the grant and project budget. This will reduce the financial cost to the Village.

Zoning / Codes: The Village Codes / Ordinances need to be updated. The Village zoning laws will be updated by the codes officer as soon as he completes the updates to the Town of Winfield's.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Ayes: Murphy, Niederlander and Allen. Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk