

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, C. Wheat, K. Allen & T. Niederlander
Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Codes Officer, Mike Connors; Sean Murphy
Absent: Trustee Niederlander

At 6:00 PM Mayor Smith and Trustees Murphy and Allen were sworn in.

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

Mayor Smith made the following appointments:

Deputy Mayor: James Murphy
Clerk Treasurer: R Scott Van Duren
Codes Officer: Mike Connors
Village Attorney: Pat Quinn
Official Bank: Adirondack Bank
Official Newspaper: West Winfield Star

At 6:45 The regular Village Board Meeting began

Motion to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.11 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat and Allen. Nays: None

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

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

2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

At 7:00 PM the 2025-2026 Village Budget was presented to members of the community. The water rates will increase from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per 1000 gallons of water.

Motion to Pass the 2025-2026 Budget was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer:

Motion to Permit the Masonic Temple to use the sidewalk by the Village Green for the May 18th Chicken BBQ was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Wheat and Allen. Nays: None

Water: A water leak has been repaired on Pleasant Street. Dan Barletta will be replacing the broken fire hydrant on North Street.

Streets: No Report

Codes: Two building permits were issued. A complaint has been received regarding a bug infestation in an apartment at the Talbot House. The codes officer will address the issue with the Talbot House management when he does the fire inspection. On April 2nd the codes officer closed the Dollar General due to aisles being blocked with boxes of merchandise. The store re-opened later that day after the aisles were cleared.

Fire / Ambulance Department:

Sean Murphy reported that there were 47 EMS calls and 7 fire calls during February. The emergency generator at the fire hall needs to have a part replaced. The new fire truck was delivered on Sunday April 13th. Training on its operation has begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: Dan Barletta continues to work on the entrance hall to Bisby Hall.

Clean Energy: No Report.

Grants: The search for possible grants is continuing.

Community Activity Committee: Tori Roberts is working on the Slide into Summer event at the Winfield Town Park scheduled for Saturday, June 21st.

Comprehensive Plan: Surveys are being distributed to Town and Village residents.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Work will continue on the proposed changes to the garbage user fee law.
- We are still accepting applications for the part-time office clerk position.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Moreau is creating a presentation on the history the West Winfield Ambulance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Results: The Village Board will meet with the Town of Winfield Board on April 16, 2025 to propose the creation of an ambulance district.

The details of the personnel issue within the Ambulance Department were discussed. The board found that the individual acted appropriately and no further action will be taken.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk