

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, K. Allen & T. Niederlander
Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Codes Officer, Mike Conners; Fire Chief, Al Moxham
Attending by ZOOM / Phone: Trustee Wheat

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

Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #2 2025 - “Village of West Winfield Residential Municipal Solid Waste Fee Act”.

Motion to Approve Local Law #2 2025 was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Niederlander.
Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Niederlander, Allen and Wheat. Nays: None

The motion to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.01 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Niederlander, Allen and Wheat. Nays: None

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Community Activities Fund received the following donations:

- \$250 Kylie’s Diner
- \$200 Elsie Kneller
- \$200 Steve and Joan Evans

Larry Brooks sent a thank you note to the Board for allowing the little league to practice on the Tannery Site.

Due to New York States Municipal Website Mandate changes are being made to the Village website.

We have received the “.gov” domain designation and will be changing the web address to **westwinfieldny.gov**

Water: No Report

Streets: Fire Hydrant flushing is scheduled for June 17th

Codes: Two building permits and Two Certificates of Compliance were issued.

Fire / Ambulance Department:

There were 43 EMS calls and 7 fire calls during May.

Dan Barletta will be installing gutters at the firehall to address the rainwater drainage issue.

Tentative date for fire department open house / recruitment drive will be July 12th.

A discussion regarding the practice of Henry Hiteman filling pools as a fundraiser was discussed.

Motion to charge Henry Hiteman the going rate for water used to fill pools was made by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Smith, Allen and Niederlander. Nays, Murphy and Wheat

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Clean Energy: The reimbursement for the cost of the firehall insulation has been received from NYSERDA.

Grants: The search for possible grants is continuing.

Community Activity Committee: Tori Roberts continues to work on the Slide into Summer event; Chobani Yogurt will be donating yogurt to the event. Mayor Sandy reported that the cost of providing music in the park has been funded by public donations.

Comprehensive Plan: The committee continues to work toward developing a plan.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Local Law #2 of 2025 Village of West Winfield Residential Municipal Solid Waste Fee Act has been passed by the Village Board.
- The part-time office clerk position has been filled.
- Due to the estimated cost, no further action will be taken on the proposed installation of a pickleball court.
- EMR has been engaged to explore the possibility of creating an ambulance district.
- The Board discussed the installation of the digital sign purchased by Henry Hiteman. The consensus of the Board is that a resolution is needed.

Motion for the Clerk Treasurer to prepare a resolution was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Niederlander, Allen and Wheat. Nays: None
A draft of the resolution will be prepared for the July Village Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trustee Murphy noted an increase in the number of Village residents raising chickens. The Village Clerk's office will research the issue and provide feedback at the July meeting.
- On or about July 27th the NYS DOT will begin a roadwork construction project downtown at the four corners (Main St / North and South Streets).
- A ZOOM workshop regarding the proposed ambulance district will take place at 4:00 pm on June 17th.
- Ambulance donations will be segregated in the general fund money market fund instead of opening a separate banking account which was authorized at the May 2025 Village Board meeting.
- Fire Department pool filling policy and rates was discussed – see above.
- Gutter installation is needed for the firehall – see above.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Results: Basic EMT's who achieve Advanced EMT status will be eligible for a pay increase from the current rate of \$20.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour.

The Motion to Approve pay increase for Basic EMT's who achieve Advanced EMT status was made by Trustee Niederlander, seconded by Trustee Allen.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk