

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2024

PRESENT: Trustees: J. Murphy, C. Wheat, T. Niederlander, Village Clerk, S. Van Duren
ABSENT: Mayor Smith and Trustee Clark; Fire Chief, Al Moxham; Codes Officer, M. Connors

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Trustee J Murphy.

Motion to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.06 General Fund \$29,124 and Water Fund \$1,906 was made by Trustee Niederlander and seconded by Trustee Wheat. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 2024 meeting was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

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

Department Reports

Clerk/Treasurer:

Motion to establish the date, time and place for the 2025 Village General Election was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

2025 Village General Election will take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Bisby Hall 179 South St. Hours for the election will be from NOON – 9:00 PM. The position of Mayor and Two Trustee positions will be on the ballot.

Motion to appoint C. MacNamra, R. Peo, G. Watkins, C. Pope, D. Edwards as election inspectors was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

Resolution to submit unpaid 2024 Village property taxes to Herkimer County in the amount of \$14,035.25 was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

Wheelock Disposal has notified the Village office that trash pick-up scheduled for Friday, November 29 has been changed to Saturday, November 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The clerk's office will place a notice in the West Winfield Star, on the village web page and textmygov.com.

Dog Control Officer, Shane Loughlin, has resigned. Mayor Sandy has found his replacement and will officially present the new dog control officer at the December board meeting.

Water:

Motion to make a budget modification (move \$1,770 from F9730.6 & .7 to F8340.411) was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

The Lead Line Service Survey has been completed and has been submitted to the State of NY Health Department.

Water line replacement notices will be sent to area residents by November 15. The Village Board will need to begin planning for the replacement of the service lines and explore the grants available specifically for water service line replacement projects.

The Board approved a payment plan for account # 0179 at \$50.00 per month. The unpaid balance will be relieved onto the 2025 property taxes.

Streets: The fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed on November 21st or 22nd.

Codes: One permit has been renewed. The Board has requested that the Land Bank provide an update on the renovations on 485 E Main Street.

Fire / Ambulance Department: Trustee Murphy provided an update on getting estimates for the insulation install for the fire department. Mayor Smith is waiting for a quote from New York Property Restoration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: D. Barletta will continue working on the entrance way to Bisby Hall. Trustee Murphy discussed the installation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) for Bisby Hall. The approximate cost will be \$1,100.

Motion to purchase the AED for Bisby Hall was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, and Niederlander. Nays: None

Clean Energy: Trustee Wheat stated that there were no new developments to report.

Grants: The CNY Council for the Art Grant has been submitted.

Community Activity Committee: Planning for the Holiday Festival, scheduled for November 30th is continuing.

Proposed Solar Law: The Board members reviewed and accepted the changes to the proposed solar law. A public hearing will need to be scheduled.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radar Speed Signs – the sign posts have been installed and the signs will soon be operating.
- Trustee Murphy is continuing to work on the modifications to the garbage fee system.
- The sale of .134 acres of Village property to J. Christian is complete and we are awaiting payment.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue and ambulance staffing issues was made by Trustee Wheat and seconded by Trustee Niederlander. Ayes: Murphy, Wheat and Niederlander. Nays: None

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

Results: Work will continue on changes to Local Law #1 1989; staffing issues will be put on hold until December meeting.

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

Ayes: Murphy, Wheat, Niederlander. Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by R Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk