

VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees: J. Murphy, K. Allen & C. Wheat (arrived 7 PM)
Village Clerk, S. Van Duren; Codes Officer, Mike Conners; Fire Chief, Al Moxham
Absent: Trustee Niederlander

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

The motion to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the bills presented on Abstract No.02 was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy & Allen. Nays: None

The Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy & Allen. Nays: None

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Community Activities Fund received the following donations:

- \$735 NAPA
- \$160 Renee Duda
- \$100 Richard Hartman – Stix N Stones

- \$1,000 Donation received from Greater Winfield Medical Board – Ambulance Fund

Motion to Close the Youth Recreation Fund and move the balance of \$119.73 to the General Fund – Community Activities was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy & Allen. Nays: None

Jessica Orendorff has completed her advanced EMT course. Upon completing a review by M. Grann her hourly rate will increase from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per hour.

Motion to Increase J. Orendorff hourly Rate was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy & Allen. Nays: None

The new address for the Village website is westwinfieldny.gov.

The resolution for the electronic sign purchase has been put on hold pending clarification of liability insurance.

The Village has received an initial payment of \$8,506.60 from the 3M PFAS class action lawsuit. A second, larger payment is expected by the end of the summer. Additional payments from the separate settlements with DuPont, BASF, and Tyco are anticipated before the end of the year and will be disbursed as those settlements are processed and approved.

Water: There is a leak by 311 North Street which may be coming from the main service line. Materials are being ordered for the water pump house roof.

Streets: Mayor Smith has met with the NYS DOT regarding the work that will be done at the intersections of Main, North and South Streets. The flower bed will be reduced in size on the North Street side. The DOT is requiring that the Village submit a permit application for the flower bed. Mayor Smith will complete it and send it in.

D. Barletta will be submitting quotes for the possible paving the bottom portion of Curtis Avenue from South Street to Clapson Street and Church Street.

Codes: Four permits were issued. NYSEG will be demolishing their existing building on Burrows Road and replacing it with a new one. They may need a permit for a 40ft lighting rod.

Fire / Ambulance Department:

There were 50 EMS calls and 6 fire calls during June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bisby Hall: The entrance way to Bisby Hall stills need to be completed.

Clean Energy: No Report

Grants: The search for possible grants is continuing.

Community Activity Committee: Mayor Smith reported that the estimated attendance for Slide into Summer was 250 people. The Music Monday in the Park program for the summer is set. Cost of the entertainment has been covered completely by community donations.

Mayor Smith proposed purchasing additional Christmas banners and the estimated cost will be \$3,498. She has secured donations that will cover a majority of the cost, the Village may have to contribute a small amount of money to the purchase.

A Motion to Permit Mayor Smith to Purchase additional Christmas banners was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen. Ayes: Smith, Murphy, Allen and Wheat. Nays: None

Comprehensive Plan: Trustee Wheat reported a small number of surveys had been returned.

Zoning / Codes: Committee on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Emergency Management Resources (EMR) is gathering information in order to develop a plan for an ambulance district.
- Trustee Allen presented her research on the raising of chickens within New York State villages. The clerk's office will email her information to the Board members to look over.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT: D. Edwards expressed her concern over the cost of the new garbage fee law. She feels it will cause a financial hardship for herself and other seniors living on a fixed income.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Results: The Village Board members will collaborate on a list of questions regarding EMR's billing services.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Allen.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Van Duren, Village Clerk