## MEETING MINUTES of the Village of Windsor, N.Y. 107 Main Street Windsor, NY 13865 February 4, 2014

**Present:** Mayor: Ronald G. Harting

Trustee Robert Bennett

Eileen Shelp-Olmstead Thomas M. Skinner Robert E. West

Clerk/Treasurer: Patricia L. Harting
Streets & Water Suptdnt: David M. Decker

Code Enforcement: Gary Post

Grant Writer: Steven Contento

Attendees: 3

**Call to Order:** Time: 7:00 P.M.

By: Mayor Ronald G. Harting

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Public Comment - Elaine Card was present. She said that First Night went very well considering how cold it was. Two members of the executive committee have stepped down so she's not sure about its future. Bill & Diane Wallick were present. Bill stated that he was in Clayton and was talking to the Mayor and they got solar collectors installed and they only had to pay 10% of the costs. The rest they got from a grant. Mayor Harting stated it would work if they could get them in the pumphouse for storage. He asked Bill if there is still funding out there. Bill said he will look into that. Diane told the board that the Civic Club is having a silent auction in the spring. She asked the board members to donate an item. The proceeds from this will be going towards playground equipment in the park.

**7:15 P.M. Public Hearing for the Fire Company -** No one from the fire department was present. There is talk of building a new station.

**Motion:** to accept the contract for the Fire Company.

By: Thomas M. Skinner
2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Skinner
Vote: AYE - All

Code Enforcement Report, Gary Post present - 1) Gary spoke with the new owner on Bridge Street. He told the owner that he can have a travel trailer but it has to have wheels on it and be moved every 30 days. He would like to fix up the building down there. 2) Gary finished his NYS end of year report and the county and town reports are also in. 3) He came down last Sunday to meet a gentleman at 48 Grove Street. It's in really rough shape. 4) A violation was sent out to 185 Main Street. The owner is selling the house. The grant for main street fell through so she has no funding to fix it. Gary spoke with the village attorney and he thinks that the board needs to get together to discuss the options because it could be very costly. Gary has not been in there in 2 ½ years. A meeting will be set up with Bob McKertich to move forward with proceedings at 185 Main.

**Motion:** to start legal proceedings against 185 Main Street

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas M. Skinner

Vote: AYE - All

5) Gary spoke with a gentleman interested in buying 21 Main Street for a retail store. It may require tearing down the building. David said he spoke with them because water was leaking. He went in and took out the meter because lines were broke. The place is completely trashed and in very bad shape. It's zoned RA/C. A retail store is permitted.

Streets Report, David Decker present - 1) We will be picking up the new truck body and chassis at the end of this week or next. Chenango Sales will bill us and the total will be due in March. We got the dump body from Burr Trucking (\$83.00 less than quoted from Binghamton Truck body). It will take Burr 2-3 weeks to get the body and plow and do wiring for our current salt spreader. 2) The salt spreader needed work. It needed some wiring, two bearings and cut some of the main conveyor chain. At the end of the year, we need to get a new conveyor chain. We may want to replace the rest of the bearings before next year. 3) We had to replace the cutting edge on the pickup's plow. 4) Some cold patching has been done. More will be done as weather permits.

Water Report, David Decker present - 1) All the annual reports are done with the exception of the CCR which David will be working on this month. 2) John Pioch called and said the leak noise in his house is getting louder. I told him when the weather breaks, we will get it fixed. 3) Kithcart on Main Street has a noise on his service line. Don't know if it's on his side or ours because the valve is full of dirt and doesn't work. Told him that we would get it when the weather breaks. 4) During the cold snap, we had a couple houses water lines froze up. All have been thawed and working now. 5) Hours and gallons have been high. We have the two service lines that we are aware of. People have been letting their water run to avoid freezing and I think we have at least one more leak. No one has complained of low pressure yet and when it is found, it may have to wait till warm weather before we can dig. I saw frost in the ground outside someone's basement over 2 feet deep on Friday evening.

**Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present** - 1) We received the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax. It was lower than the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but it was still good. For the year, we are over \$8,000 on the line. 2) The credit card use is now in effect in the office. PayGov came in the office on Monday and set the machine up. They trained Diane and Patti. It costs the village nothing for set-up or for use. The resident will be charged \$2.00 for a payment under \$67 and 3% for amounts above \$67. The bank fee does not come to us, only the exact amount of the charge. 3) There is a class on Payroll Law on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Binghamton that Patti would like to attend. It costs \$199.

**Motion:** to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the Payroll Law Seminar on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Binghamton at a cost of \$199.00.

By: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas M. Skinner

Vote: AYE - All

# **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report**

By: Robert J. Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas M. Skinner

Vote: AYE - All

**Motion:** to allow the Mayor to sign a contract with Taylor Garbage for the contract year of

March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

By: Thomas M. Skinner 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett Vote: AYE - All

### Resolution #6-2014

#### **RESOLUTION NO.6-2014**

WHEREAS, the 2013/2014 Village of Windsor water bills have not been paid in full, and

WHEREAS, the balance is to be re-levied on the 2014/2014 Village Tax Roll; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached is a complete list of the properties with unpaid 2013/2014 Village water bills totaling \$16,322.73;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the above detailed amount be sent to Broome County Department of Finance for re-levy as stated.

Offered By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Robert J. Bennett

**Vote: AYE** - Mayor Ronald G. Harting **AYE** - Trustee Robert J. Bennett

AYE - Trustee Eileen Shelp-Olmstead AYE - Trustee Thomas M. Skinner

AYE - Trustee Robert E. West

Resolution effective February 4, 2014

#### **Resolution #7-2014**

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**WHEREAS**, the Village workers were instructed to mow residents lawn's after proper notification to owners; and

**WHEREAS,** Village Local Law #1-2004 of the Code of the Village of Windsor, Chapter §197-3 states that such amount be charged to the owner and if not paid, a \$25.00 re-levy fee shall be added and such amount levied on to the following year Village taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village workers were instructed to pick up trash and rubbish after proper notification to owners; and

**WHEREAS,** Village Local Law #3-20077 of the Code of the Village of Windsor, Chapter §107-6b states that such amount be charged to the owner and if not paid, a \$25.00 re-levy fee shall be added and such amount levied on to the following year Village taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached is a complete list of the charges unpaid to be levied to the 2014/2015 Village taxes totaling \$3,002.15;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above detailed amount be sent to Broome County Department of Finance for re-levy as stated.

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett

Vote: AYE - Mayor Ronald G. Harting

**AYE** - Trustee Robert J. Bennett

**AYE** - Trustee Eileen Shelp-Olmstead

AYE - Trustee Thomas M. Skinner

AYE - Trustee Robert E. West

### Resolution effective February 4, 2014

### **Accept Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2013**

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett

Vote: Aye - All

# Accept Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2014

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett Vote: AYE - All

### **Accept Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2014**

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett Vote: AYE - All

### **Accept Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2014**

By: Robert E. West 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett Vote: AYE - All

# **Reports of Committees:**

**Code Enforcement Committee - No report** 

**Community House Committee - No report** 

Fire Co Committee - No report

Parks Committee - No report

**Pool Committee - No report** 

**Streets & Water Committee - No report** 

Emergency Notification System - Mayor Harting, David and Patti have met with Jason and Michelle at the school to discuss the possible use of their emergency notification system. Jason Andrews, Superintendent, stated he would very much like to help the village set up a call for water emergency with their system. Patti will work with Michelle to put a list together of residents that may already be in their system. Then Patti will have to get phone numbers and e-mail addresses to finish the list of village residents.

**Hotel Purchase** - The Partnership would like to purchase the old hotel at a cost of \$10,000 down and the owner will hold the mortgage for \$100,000. Possibly set up as a corporation so all that contributed will have a vested interest and say. They are working together with the County Planning to see what is out there for help with this.

**RailRoad Property** - There is a lot of activity down the tracks. Someone is taking a lot of scraps out of there. We may want to get in touch with Jim Verboys and Roger Colwell about possibly putting a large boulder on the tracks so it would prevent cars and 4-wheelers from running down there all the time. This past weekend there was a bunch of quads tearing up around the station.

**Cable Contract** - Trustee Bennett asked where we stand in regard to the cable franchise. Clerk Harting stated that Mayor Ron, Trustee Tom and the attorney worked on it and had a final draft. It was given to Patti to highlight the changes and send it out. She stated she has been busy with water billing and the meeting preparation and will try to get it out this week.

**Motion:** to pay bills as authorized by vouchers signed by board members

By: Robert J. Bennett2<sup>nd</sup>: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead

**Vote:** Aye - All

**Motion:** to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

By: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert J. Bennett

**Vote:** Aye - All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer