

MEETING MINUTES
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.
107 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865
May 1, 2012

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:	2

Call to Order: **Time:** 7:00 P.M.
 By: Mayor Ronald G. Harting

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Leatherstocking - Russ Miller from Leatherstocking was present to answer any questions the board members may have. The board needs to set up a public hearing to be able to sign a franchise with them. Bill Wallick asked if they would be able to service us. Russ stated that if there is a leak, there are state laws as to how they respond to emergencies. When they get a call, they have to have a 100% response in one hour or a 75% in 30 minutes. They will also train the local first responders on how to shut off the gas. There are many incentives and rebates that are available through NYSERDA for residents to purchase natural gas products.

Motion: to have a public hearing on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

By: Ronald G. Harting
2nd: Robert J. Bennett
Vote: AYE - All

Public Comment - Diane & Bill Wallick were present. Bill asked if the village was looking into replacing water lines while the digging is being done anyway. The answer was yes, they are hoping to replace some. There are certain regulations that require a minimum distance between the two pipe lines.

Grant Writer Report - Steve Contento present - 1) Steve called and found that the fire company has a chance of getting a grant if the chief talks to Senator Libous. 2) Steve talked to the Community Foundation regarding the railroad station. He will keep up on that. 3) The next Consolidation Funding Grant will be in June this year. 4) Steve was not able to get ahold of the DEC grant people to get a confirmation on the monies left which may be allowable.

Code Enforcement Report, Gary Post present - 1) Gary had another court appearance on April 11th with 185 Main Street. The owner has a court date for June 6th and he's being charged with a misdemeanor. He has to have an asbestos test done if he plans on tearing it down. He is on an installment plan for back taxes and he has to have an engineer's stamp before he can do any work. The owner asked if he can tear down the house and make the garage the main structure and Gary stated no because it's too close to the property line. 2) 116 Main Street has a new owner and the judge stated that the owners will not be allowed to flip flop back and forth to avoid the code issues. There also is no one living in the 1st floor apartment and June is one year so it can't be an apartment. At the present time, that apartment still has lead in it. 3) Gary presented the board with a possible cost for signs. He also stated that many mortgages are requesting a Certificate of Compliance so Gary suggested we may want to start charging for these compliances. We should charge for this because he has to spend time inspecting these houses. Mortgage companies don't want an inspector to do the inspection, they want the code enforcement officer to say that it passes the basic code compliance laws.

Attorney's Report - No report was submitted.

Streets Report, David Decker present - 1) Broome Bituminous has the county bid for paving. We can now use the county bid offer so we may not have to put out for bids. 2) The new mower has not come in yet. Oliver's brought our old one to us. Most Husquevarna's are back ordered. 3) David had to buy a new weedwacker. Chuck Oliver is working on the old one and will give us a trade-in price on it. 4) The dump truck needed new summer tires and lug nuts. 5) We need to decide what we're going to do about the salt bin – if we're going to move it or try to get a new one. The building David is looking at could be moved if we had to. Mayor Harting spoke with Jim Verboys from the Rail-Trails about putting the salt bin near the railroad station and he had no problem with that. Possibly Steve could get a DEC Grant to help with the funding.

Water Report, David Decker present - 1) Kathie Smith's water leak went well. 2) Next Tuesday the Board of Health will be happening. Just a routine inspection. They have a few minor cosmetic things to take care of. 3) Water meters are read and the bills are out.

Accept Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2012

Motion by: Robert E. West
2nd by: Thomas M. Skinner
Vote: AYE - All

Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present - A report was presented. Trustee Bennett asked why the Worker's Comp payment was more than what we budgeted. The Clerk stated that when we were working on the budget last year, they gave us a cost projectory. When the bill came due in March, it was higher than what was originally quoted. The quarterly sales tax came in. It's just a little shy of the projected quarter. It was noted that the Village was reimbursed by the county for last year's unpaid taxes. We received the Park User Fee from the town in the amount of \$5,000. We also were reimbursed some FEMA money. There was a \$1,000 donation towards the museum. The mayor stated that Luella English, Village Historian is doing the bookkeeping for all donations to the museum.

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

Resolution #21-2012 - This resolution was a support for DEC gas workings. We had already passed a resolution supporting the DEC last year. There can be no drilling in the village so there is no need to pass this. It was decided to wait on this.

Motion: to table this matter

By: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
Vote: AYE - All

Windsor Emergency Services, Inc. - The Town and Village would like to enter into an intermunicipal agreement to share the costs for Compensation for the ambulance service. It was agreed to table this until we get a cost for Worker's Comp for the ambulance crew. At this time, we have a contract with the fire company to provide emergency services until February 28, 2013. For the village to carry compensation could be costly for village taxpayers and no decision can be made until we have costs for insurance and have them present at our June meeting. Until then, the clerk will get costs and how the separation of town and village monies would cost.

Workshop - The board needs to set up a workshop meeting to discuss 117 Main Street, the emergency services, and a few other items

Motion: to hold a workshop meeting on Tuesday, May 8th 6:00 p.m. in the Village Office

By: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd: Robert J. Bennett
Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss a legal matter

By: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to return from Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

By: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd: Robert J. Bennett
Vote: AYE - All

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

By: Robert J. Bennett
2nd: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
Vote: Aye - All

Motion: to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

By: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead

2nd: Robert E. West

Vote: Aye - All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer