

**MEETING MINUTES
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.
107 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865
May 5, 2020**

Present: Mayor: Ronald G. Harting
Trustee James W. Miller
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

The Village Office is still closed due to COVID-19 so this meeting was done through ZOOM.

Welcome to village resident Bradley Mogenson and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Diane Wallick. Eric Weidner, our village worker was also present.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Code Enforcement Report - Gary Post was present through ZOOM. 1) There has been some activity at 5 Pine Street since talking with someone from the bank. 2) I sent out a violation for 133 Main Street for items that needed to be cleaned up around the house outside. 3) A gentleman who may be purchasing 27 Elm Street inquired if he could put up a garage there. 4) We have sent out violations to 116 Main Street by certified return but they do not pick them up at the post office and we get them back. We may have to go to the attorney to find out what we can legally do. 5) 27 Maple inquired about putting up a garage. 6) 24 Grove Street wants to put in an above the ground pool. 7) I spoke with someone who may be interested in purchasing 123 Main Street now that the SEPP plans have fallen through. If it isn't purchased, we have a lot of problems as there are many issues going on in there. 7) There is someone living at 185 Main Street in the back. It was noted that they can only live in the back or the front residence, not both. Trustee Tom asked Gary if he would send out a letter to the owner/resident to remind them of that. 8) David asked Gary if he wants him to write up the lawn mowing violations, as there are some already. Gary stated yes.

Grant Writer Report - Steve Contento present through ZOOM. Steve has heard nothing on the grants status. He is looking into private grants.

Attorney's Report - A report was submitted. The only thing on the report was having to do with readying paperwork and research ready for the public hearing that we were going to have in April for the water meter law.

Streets Report - David Decker present through ZOOM 1) David received prices from Broome Bituminous for paving village streets. They have state bid so we don't have to go out for bids. These were the streets that were bid:

- Fire Station Parking Lot – Cost of \$11,617.56 – There was discussion that this is in bad shape. David said it was hard to plow last year because it's so broke up. We've been putting it off for several years. He would like to do this. We put extra money in the streets

account for extra paving, as this is not covered under CHIPS funding. David will talk with the fire company and see if they would be willing to pay for a portion of the paving for the parking lot.

- Edwards Street – Cost of \$5,710.26
- New Street - Cost of \$7,929.48
- West Street - Cost of \$6,301.38
- Lower Chestnut Street - \$24,417.36
- Maple Avenue - \$16,802.38
- Depot Street - \$6,301.38
- Added on to the cost is the skidsteer w/operator, mobilization and laborers for a cost of \$2,330.00.

David would like to do Edwards Street, New Street, West Street and Maple Avenue because if they are all done at the same time, it eliminates any seams. He suggested holding off on Chestnut and Depot Streets because the County is going to be doing the bridge on Chestnut Street next year and may possibly be using Depot Street so some paving will be done with that project and while all the equipment is there, we may be able to do Chestnut Street. Trustee Tom isn't comfortable spending \$50,000 when we don't know what the fallout will be from the COVID-19. David stated that this year's budget is set and the money will be there. Next year, who knows what the state will do with our funding. And they generally carry over any funds not spent but there's no guarantee that they would roll over any unused balanced for next year. So he'd rather get it done when the money is a sure thing than take a chance we'll get any money next year. This year we have \$27,748.88 in CHIPS. Trustee Jim asked when they would be able to do it. David stated that things are slow for them right now, so maybe soon. Trustee Bob who is on the Streets Committee agreed completely with David that these are the ones to do.

Motion: to have Broome Bituminous pave Edwards Street, New Street, West Street, Maple Avenue and the fire station parking lot at a cost of \$50,701.86.

By: Robert E. West

2nd: Thomas M. Skinner

Vote: AYE - All

2) Trustee Jim asked David if he purchased a trailer so he could take the mower across the river. David stated no, not yet, but possibly this week. 3) Trustee Jim asked if anyone is using the paper bags for leaf pickup yet. David stated there were 3 this week. He will continue to pick up the plastic bags for a while but eventually he would like to start tagging some of the piles with a note/sticker telling them of the change. All residents were mailed a newsletter regarding this along with it being on social media and on the village website. He had his son come in and help him tear open the plastic bags. It took them three (3) hours. The first week he picked up seven (7) truckloads of bags. They average two (2) heaping truck loads a week.

Water Report - 1) There was a leak on Chapel Street last week. The yard is all dug up but Colwell's is going to be coming back to level and seed it as soon as it settles. We are saving approximately 30,000 gallons a day now that it's fixed. 2) The meter broke at Palmer School and we replaced it with a by-pass meter. It is now accounting for all the water, including the bathroom facilities which the old meter didn't pick up. The meter usage went from averaging 300,000 to 500,000 gallons. We will be putting one in at the high school. 3) There is a light head in front of Trustee Jim's house. David said it belongs to NYSEG. Mayor Ron stated he would call Rosie at NYSEG and have them pick it up at the pump house. Jim will take it to David first thing in the morning. 4) The new boiler is going to be put in the fire station on Monday by Mirabito per contract with them. 5) Trustee Tom asked when Eric could come back to work. David said as soon as the Governor lifts the 50% employees restrictions. Eric stated he is anxious to get back to work.

Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present - A report was presented. 1) We received a quarterly sales tax. The EMS paid their bill for December-March. They seem to be doing much better and taking more calls. There was discussion as to how much the Town of Deposit, Town of Sanford and Village of Deposit give Eastern Broome Ambulance. It was asked why the Town of Windsor is giving nothing to them but yet are using their services for free.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report

By: Robert E. West
2nd: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
Vote: AYE - All present

Mayor's Report - 1) Clerk Patti spoke with a member of the Fire Company board and they would like to get fuel for their vehicles on state bid through the village. Mayor Ron asked David if we have anymore keys. David said he has a couple. Would David get in touch with Craig and Jesse to find out what they need to do to get the ball rolling on this? 2) Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th. Clerk Patti spoke with Cheryl at the Town Highway Department and with Gary Hupman. The town is fine with that date and will take it to their board meeting next week. Broome County is fine with that date and we are waiting to hear back from Taylor Garbage. 3) We received a letter from John Bernardo of SEPP. The project for 123 Main Street was not chosen by the state. The reasons they gave were ones that the project can't overcome and compete with, so this project is finished. 4) There are many parents that are wanting to do recognition for the high school seniors because they will be missing out on graduation. They have approached us with many ideas but nothing concrete of what they want to do. Clerk Patti spoke with Town Clerk Liz and she stated that the town would be willing to work with us on doing something. One idea was to have a large sign put up on the bank by the "W". Depending on the cost, possibly the town and village could split the cost. The group has many other ideas but they need to pinpoint just what they want to do and the village could give them permission to do it in the village. They want a parade. The board was good with that but the state may not be letting parades happen yet. Some things will have to wait and see when we are open back up. They want to do this starting in June with the parade towards the end of the month. 5) The Presbyterian Church is once again doing the flag display for Memorial Day on the Village Green. 6) Clerk Patti spoke with Mike Decker from BC Real Property about a house on Maple Avenue that the county now owns. They are getting water but are not paying. The attorney stated that we need to send the county a bill and also stating if not paid within 30 days the water will be shut off with a copy being sent to the people residing in the residence. Mr. Decker knew of the place and said he looked forward to receiving the letter. 7) The new business at 225 Main Street, Country Mart, which is a gas station received a notice from the Town of Windsor Assessor stating he has been re-assessed from \$202,800 to \$504,750. It was raised \$301,950. The village board was aghast at this. When he bought it, it was assessed at \$87,000 and then last year it went to \$202,800 and now this. The owner is very distraught and said he can't afford those taxes. He would have to close the place and move. Yes, he put a lot of work and money into making it a wonderful little store with great sandwiches to go but this is absolutely uncalled for. The board gave the mayor permission to write a letter to the town to express the village board's disapproval of such an increase. Trustee Tom asked the mayor if in the letter he would also mention how there are some assessments that have had drastic drops that shouldn't have. He stated that if a house is inhabitable, it should not be assessed at \$20,000 or less. It's very unfair to other residents.

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

By: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
2nd: James W. Miller
Vote: Aye – All present

Motion: to adjourn at 8:01 P.M.

By: James W. Miller
2nd: Eileen Shelp-Olmstead
Vote: Aye – All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer