

**MEETING MINUTES  
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.  
107 Main Street  
Windsor, NY 13865  
August 7, 2012**

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor:	Ronald G. Harting
	Trustee	Robert Bennett
		Eileen Shelp-Olmstead, absent
		Thomas M. Skinner
		Robert E. West
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Patricia L. Harting
	Streets & Water Supt:	David M. Decker
	Code Enforcement:	Gary Post
	Attendees:	9

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

**Public Comment** - 1) Patti Ferber was present to complain because she received a notice to remedy her yard approximately 14 days after it was mailed. She also responded that Gary Post did not get back to her the day that she responded to him. She felt violated that he went around her property. Gary stated that he did not go on her property. He could see the garbage around the house from going up and down Maple Avenue. She asked how the village knows the resident has received the notice and maybe they should send everything certified mail. Gary told her he has no control over mail delivery. The code he used was NYS code, not village code. Patti asked if he comes out every day and he stated that he comes out one or two times a week and he also takes calls from residents who want to complain. She asked if she could be told as to who complained and Gary stated no. She wasn't sure what she was suppose to do. Mayor Harting stated that it's very costly to send out letters registered and Gary said we said we probably send out at least 200 violations a year. 2) Rob Munson from Bridge Street was present to say that his water is dirty. He has to scrub his sinks, tubs and toilets daily because of the sediment. David stated that in the summer time, they have to flush the hydrants often because of settlement. David said there is an automatic flusher near his house but he has been waiting for parts for over 3 months because it is broken. He talked to the company today. David told Rob that anytime he notices sediment, to call him and he'll flush it. Rob also wants to fill in his yard. Mayor Harting told him he would have to contact the gentleman from the DEC/Army Corps. After he has talked to them, let the village know and we may be able to help out on the fill. Rob asked about the salt bin. David stated that he's hoping to have it relocated. Rob stated that he would help out if they want to rebuild it. 3) Librarian Diane Wallick was present to ask permission to have a book sale and crafts that are made by kids in the library. She would like to have 1 or 2 days. She was given permission. 4) Mason Cartegena from Boy Scout Troop 68 was present to fulfill his Citizenship on the Nation badge.

**Window on the Arts** - Kedron Hayes was present to represent Sue Rambo who was asked to be there. She did not have an insurance certificate as requested. She asked why they had to have insurance this year when they didn't have to the previous years. Mayor Harting stated it was because everyone else that has an event at the park has to have their own insurance. Kendra stated that the Board knows why they had to move to the park. Trustee Skinner asked about the safety of the entrance to park and if anyone is going to be there to make sure that fire and ambulance will be able to get into the park. She stated

that she didn't know. Trustee Bennett asked if they are having any off-site parking. Kedron stated yes, the Medical Center, the school and Paul Yahner have offered space for parking. Trustee Skinner told Kedron that we need a list of all the vendors and artists that will be present. Kedron asked if the Village was going to donate \$500 to the Window on the Arts. She stated that the Village should put that in their budget as a line item every year.

**Safe Routes to School** - Tom Murphy was present to give us an update on the grant he is working on. He met with Jason Andrews and he is on-board with it. He has designated Chris Durdon to represent the school and work on this project along with Tom and Steve Contento. Chris, Steve and Tom met at the State Office Building to discuss what will need to be done. Tom, David and Mayor Harting have walked the village to prioritize the needs of the sidewalks. The state DOT will review our application and give it back to us before we submit it. That's a great opportunity for us. The application is due August 31<sup>st</sup>. He would like to do this if we can pull this all together in time. In September, we would have to have a joint school and village public meeting to hear input from residents. The village would have to upfront the money but the turn-around time for the state payment is 6 to 8 weeks. We have to pay 10% of the funds for engineering, 10% for inspection and 10% for surveying. This will all have to be documented.

**Motion:** Tom Murphy be allowed to do the draft and submit it to the state

**By:** Thomas M. Skinner

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Robert E. Bennett

**Vote:** AYE - All

**Grant Writer Report - Steve Contento was not present** - No report was submitted.

**Code Enforcement Report, Gary Post present** - 1) Had a building permit come in for 116 Main Street so they can comply with their violations. The place will be sided. 2) He was asked to write a substantial damaged letter at 14 Locust Street. 3) Gary put together a letter for 185 Main Street and discussed it with the Village Attorney. 4) He has several people wanting building permits for porches and decks.

**Attorney's Report** - No report was submitted.

**Streets Report, David Decker present** - 1) Finished up the last of the FEMA funds. Has to get with Patti to fill out the paperwork so we can get reimbursed. The work was done on Chestnut Street. 2) He's been trying to get with the town to get the backhoe to clean out the ditch near Dr. Purkay's house, but it won't be available for a while. Does the village want to contract with Colwell's? He was going to make the culvert at the bottom of Castle Drive larger. He would expect possibly it would take 5 hours. Mayor Harting asked if we could get away with less than \$500? David said he thought so but he will check with Roger tomorrow.

**Motion:** to have Colwell's do the work at Castle Drive at a cost no higher than \$500.00

**By:** Robert E. West

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Thomas M. Skinner

**Vote:** AYE - All

3) While working with millings today, the tractor died. It has no power going forwards or backwards. It's stuck down at the salt bin. He thinks it might be the transmission. He found one in Binghamton on Front Street. It's a John Deere 110 Backhoe, 4M, used 700 hours, 43 horsepower, 4 wheel drive, \$28,900. It doesn't have a cab and it's more of a commercial use than an agricultural use. There was discussion about going out for bid but not sure because it's used equipment. The attorney will be consulted. David will do up specifications for the tractor.

**Motion:** to go out to bid for a tractor.

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

**Water Report, David Decker present** - 1) Replaced a curb box on Grove Street. 2) Our water levels in the reservoir are a little low but this rain helped. Will have to keep a close eye on that and may have to issue a conserve water.

**Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present** - A report was not submitted. 1) August is the month that employees can join the AFLAC insurance or change their insurance. No one was interested. 2) In July, the Village Board passed Resolution #27-2012. This resolution stated that the village would pay \$8,055 for Worker's Comp for the Ambulance Service and we would be reimbursed for this. Since the time of the resolution, the Ambulance Service got their own insurance and the Village does not need to be involved in this.

**Motion:** to rescind Resolution #27-2012

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

**Motion:** to accept the meeting minutes of June 5, 2012

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

### **Reports of Committees:**

**Code Enforcement Committee - No report**

**Community House Committee** - An estimate was submitted by Bucket O' Brushes to paint the Community House. Paint and related materials - \$1,100.00; Labor - \$13,300.00. He would split the project in 2 years. He also submitted some paint samples. David suggested that we talk to Paul Dillingham about painting also, as he has done a lot of painting for the Village in the past and some of it was volunteered. It was decided that there needs to be more discussion on this subject before a decision can be made.

**Fire Co Committee - No report**

**Parks Committee - No report**

**Pool Committee - No report**

**Streets & Water Committee - No report**

**Mayor's Report** - 1) At the town board meeting in September, they will be having a public hearing on a gas lease with Leatherstocking. Everyone is encouraged to go to this meeting to encourage this lease. It would be a good thing for the village and the town residents to get natural gas to residents. 2) Mayor Harting and David met with Dan Schofield from the county and County Legislature Steve Herz in regard to the box culvert on Chestnut Street. It went well and possibly they may be able to share in the cost of the

repair. We haven't heard anything more. 3) Mayor Harting went to a meeting in regard to the Constitution line. There was also an open house at the West Windsor Fire Station that same evening. They have proposed 3 lines and none of them are in the village. They may allow Leatherstocking to tap in so we would have 2 sources for natural gas into the village. 4) There was discussion on giving the Arts Festival \$500 as they requested. Mayor Harting motioned for the Village to donate \$500 to the Arts Festival. There was no second on the motion.

**Motion:** to furnish a donation of \$500.00 to the WOTA group for the September event.

**By:** Ronald G. Harting  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** There being no 2<sup>nd</sup> offered the motion failed

**Motion:** to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:50 p.m.

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

**Motion:** to return from Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

**By:** Ronald G. Harting  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Thomas M. Skinner  
**Vote:** AYE - All

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

**By:** Ronald G. Harting  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Thomas M. Skinner  
**Vote:** Aye - All

**Motion: to adjourn at 9:36 P.M.**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer**