

**MEETING MINUTES
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.
107 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865
September 1, 2022**

Present:	Mayor:	Ronald G. Harting
	Trustee	John R. McNulty
		James W. Miller
		Thomas M. Skinner
		Robert E. West, Jr.
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Patricia L. Harting
	Streets/Water Supt:	David M. Decker
	Code Enforcement:	Richard Osborne
	Grant Writer:	Steven Contento
	Attendees:	1

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Public Comment - Resident RuthAnn Seward was present. She asked if all ambulance services charge the same. The board didn't know. RuthAnn also asked when we are going to fix the water system. She says no one in the village can drink the water, even the school. Everyone complains. David stated that our water goes through more stringent testing because of New York restrictions than any bottled water you could buy. If people can't drink the water, why aren't they in to talk to us about us. We've heard from no one. The water is very safe and if they won't drink the water, it's their choice. Our water is groundwater and it's hard. Calcium builds up. A softening system is extremely expensive for the village to put in.

Grant Writer Report, Steve Contento present - 1) There are grants out there. We did get a \$5000 grant that David received for the water system from the SRBC. 2) Steve spoke with Angelino's office regarding a grant for a new fire station. Assemblyman Angelino will become a co-sponsor for Assembly bill A8882 when the Legislature resumes in January 2023. 3) Spoke with Dennis from the Endicott Artistic Memorial Company. David & Steve will send him pictures of the monument and he will come out and look at

what he can do. Trustee Skinner has been looking also. He said all the monuments are granite and all look the same. He saw some beautiful monuments that were slate. Tom stated sometimes it's nice to keep the old and incorporate some new with it. Steve will let the village know when he will be meeting him. The County grant award will support monument restoration.

Code Enforcement Report, Rich Osborne not present – 1) Mayor Harting asked if we sent more violations for 61 Grove Street. David stated he's waiting to hear from Rich. Rich checked with the Attorney regarding securing the building. He is waiting to hear back from him of what we can do. 2) Patti stated he has issued a building permit on Maple Avenue and 1 Grove Street. 3) He spoke with Mr. Dixon on Grove Street.

Attorney's Report - The Village Attorney had no discussion with the village this month so a report and a bill was not submitted.

Streets Report, David Decker present - A report was presented. 1) The Corn Festival went fine. Everything was cleaned up. The only complaint was a light was left on overnight. 2) Electronic Day was successful at the park for the Town and the Village. The company did 90% of the work. 3) There was a truck that was dumping cement and stones down 79 to the state line. The state asked David if he could plow the road, which David did. He plowed from exit 79 west at Chapel Street to the state line.

Water Report, David Decker present - A report was presented. 1) Mike Lasher finished up the ladders for the wells today. David spoke with the Health Department about removing the fencing around the vaults as now we can lock the well vaults where in the past, we only locked the fences. He did a really nice job but they look silly as they are almost as high as the fences. He did a really nice job but they look silly as they are almost as high as the fence. The Health Department will be out to look and let me know if we can remove them. 2) With it being dry, we were still able to spend a fair amount of time listening for leaks. Found 6 spots that I had New York Rural Water come out and correlate for us. We fixed a 6" main leak on Academy Street, of which the valves wouldn't close to isolate and had to open 6 hydrants to get the flow down to a manageable level. We had a service leak at 32 Chestnut Street of which we replaced the whole service line to the main. Had another service leak at 3 Grove Street that had pinholes all through the pipe. We had a service line leak on Kent Street. Both Rural Water and myself know there's a leak on a service line on Red Harvest Lane. We just can't pinpoint it yet, he will come back out and we will work on isolating where the leak could be. The 6th spot became quiet. It could have been someone running water nearby at the same time I listened.

Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present - A report was presented. 1) The clerks and David have been working on putting together a proposal for raising water rates. The rates have not changed since 2010. Several different scenarios were presented to the board. It was brought to the board's attention that in the past we've been able to put monies aside for repairs and for funds that could be used for matching grants for a new water tank. In the past twelve (12) years, costs have risen, state regulations and requirements have become stricter along with the required costs and filings from the SRBC. We have not been able to put any monies in reserve for this in the past few years. In fact, we've been in the red for a couple years. Patti had figures from other towns as to their rates and we were far below them. David stated that we are one of the lowest rates in the state. It was decided to do a 20% increase with the intention of raising the rates 1-2% every or every other year. A resolution will be presented to the village board at the October meeting. Mayor Harting asked the clerk if a newsletter could be sent to village residents telling them of the increase so if they have any questions or concerns, they can come to the board meeting. She stated yes. 2) Patti brought up mileage reimbursement from the IRS is presently 62.5¢ per mile and we currently pay 55¢ per mile. Would the board like to change it. It was suggested we leave it alone and revisit it when we do the resolution in December.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report

By: Thomas M. Skinner

2nd: John McNulty

Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022

By: Robert E. West

2nd: Thomas M. Skinner

Vote - All

Mayor's Report - 1) The Town of Barker sent a flyer for an event they are having called Support Suicide Prevention. Henry Dedrick was a past member of their board. He is a veteran who suffered from PTSD who took his life. The event is in memory of Henry Dedrick at the Broome County Fairgrounds in Whitney Point on Saturday, September 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in going, Ron has the information. 2) Trustee Skinner got a price for a security system for the office and the building from Howard Technology Solutions. There was much discussion and comparison between this proposal and the one we received last month from Sentry. The Clerk was instructed to contact Sentry and get a price for just the security box with code and a panic button for both desks.

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

By: James W. Miller

2nd: John McNulty

Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

By: Thomas M. Skinner

2nd: Robert E. West, Jr.

Vote: AYE - All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer