

**MEETING MINUTES
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.
107 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865
November 3, 2022**

Present: Mayor: Ronald G. Harting
Trustees: 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 - The Mayor wanted to thank Bob West for coming to meeting. Bob was in the hospital for several days, released this afternoon and was able to come to our meeting. Bob made the remark that he gets paid to be here and it's his job. All present wished him a speedy recovery.

7:05 P.M. - Opening of Garbage Bids for 2023/2024 - Two (2) companies submitted bids.

Taylor Garbage 1 year - \$57,236.16
 2 year - \$58,236.16
 3 year - \$59,236.16

Bert Adams Disposal 1 year - \$109,000
 2 year - \$111,000
 3 year - \$113,000

Motion: to sign a contract with Taylor Garbage for 3 years

Motion by: John R. McNulty
2nd by: James W. Miller
Voted: AYE - All

Public Comment - Holly Gardinier was present to discuss the paintings in the office of Elias Whittmore/Whitmore and his wife. She contacted a gentleman in Skaneateles who will look at the paintings for a cost of \$400 each and determine what we should do to help preserve them. We need to come up with an assessed value before we take the pictures to them. In 1824, the village acquired the building from Elias' granddaughter. She would like to something to commemorate that.

Motion: to move forward with having the paintings appraised and taking them to Skaneateles to have them looked at for a cost of \$400 each

Offered By: Thomas M. Skinner

2nd by: James W. Miller

Vote: AYE - All

Grant Writer Report, Steve Contento present - 1) We're staying in touch with our local officials on the fire station grant. 2) He visited the Conklin War Memorial. It was done in 2013. It has a lot of things that some members of the board have been discussing. He'd be happy to speak to the blue stone people up Kent Street for possibly assisting us with this endeavor. We would be using local stone for a local project. 3) Steve and David would like to apply for a SRBC grant that runs from November through December. Most projects were in Pennsylvania. The Town of Dryden got a grant for \$185,000 for read-by meters. This would have a 10% matching grant if it's under \$500,000 and over \$500,000 would require a 25% matching grant. Administration costs cannot be included in the price but all other costs would fall under the grant. They are awarding a total of 4 to 6 million. They are looking for larger projects. If we were to apply and receive it, it would help with residents not reading meters, large time saving for the billing and it would help with being able to detect leaks.

Code Enforcement Report, Rich Osborne not present – 1) Issued a new building permit for a deck replacement on Ivon Street. 2) Continued inspections on all open permits. Several open permits are nearing completion. 3) I've been in contact with a contractor regarding the securing of the residence and garage on Grove Street that we spoke about earlier. The building appears to have been abandoned after tax sale. 4) Participated in discussion and walk through with NYS DOT with concerns about a crosswalk and parking on Main Street. 5) This office had been in discussion with the new owner of 13 Red Harvest Lane about repairs, necessary work and permitting requirements for the existing structure. 6) Assisting the new owner of 14 main Street with the reopening of a pizza shop and restaurant at this location. 7) I've been discussing options for other businesses proposed at several properties listed for sale throughout the village. 8) Continually answering building and zoning issues with residents. 9) We had a Planning Board Meeting a couple weeks ago to talk about AirBnb's which seem to be popping up in the village. The board wasn't real keen on prohibiting them at this time. They feel it's a personal choice for the homeowner if they want to open up their home to someone and some want to do this because it helps with the cost of their housing expenses. It was also brought up about

residents putting up temporary shelters/tents/garages. There are lots of them but many are not temporary. He doesn't bust people's chops on it until they become an eyesore. Tom asked what the difference was between them and a boarding house. Rich stated it's the time frame that the owner is boarding the house/room out.

Attorney's Report - The Village Attorney had no discussion with the village this month so a report and a bill was not submitted. The mayor will be speaking to the attorney regarding the village's cost for the percentage (%) of the Chestnut Street bridge replacement. The attorney will have to work on this.

Streets Report, David Decker not present - A report was presented. 1) Tom Fry called about 116 Main Street. The door is open and there are people going in and out. He called Rich to let him know. Since then, the door is closed but lights are on upstairs occasionally. We may want to call the Sheriff's Department to make them aware of this. 2) Been working on filling in shoulders of the roads that were paved plus other areas that need it. 3) Brush pickup will be done for the year on Monday. 4) There has been vandalism at the park. They were caught tearing off the roof of the softball field dugout. I pressed charges. I detained the 3 of them but 2 left before the police arrived. The one kid was taken in and fingerprinted. The State Troopers have the names of 2 of them. The damage was \$400 give or take. We fixed the roof already. The kids seem to be skipping school often and hanging out at the park and gazebo. They were there again today. The Sheriff's were apparently called as I saw them on video checking things out. Resident Ruth Ann stated the day after Halloween, she was walking and when she went past the gazebo, there was a syringe and a bag of pills.

Water Report, David Decker not present - A report was presented. 1) All three (3) automatic blowoffs were put in today. They are across from RuthAnn's house on Main Street, on Bridge Street and at Kilb's house which is the last one in the village on Chestnut Street. We will program them next week. Trustee McNulty asked what these blowoffs do. David explained. 2) Meters are read and we need to replace 8-10 meters. The meters arrived today so we will be putting them in next week. 3) We will be flushing hydrants next week between November 8th and 11th getting them ready for winter. 4) Did a lot of shutoffs for people that are repairing their homes and replacing shutoffs.

Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present -

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report

By: Thomas M. Skinner

2nd: James W. Miller

Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022

By: Robert E. West, Jr.

2nd: James W. Miller

Vote - All

Resolution #13-2022

**RESOLUTION NO.13-2022
RE-LEVY OF VILLAGE UNPAID TAXES**

WHEREAS, the 2022/2023 Village of Windsor Tax Roll has not been paid in full, and

WHEREAS, the balance is be re-levied on the 2023 Town and County Ta Roll with an 11% penalty, and

WHEREAS, the attached is a complete list of the properties with unpaid 2022/2023 Village taxes totaling \$21,405.31 with a penalty of \$2,354.58 for a total of \$23,759.89;

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

Offered by: John R. McNulty

2nd by: James W. Miller

Vote: AYE - Mayor Ronald G. Harting
AYE – Trustee John R. McNulty
AYE – Trustee James W. Miller
AYE - Thomas M. Skinner
AYE – Robert E. West, Jr.

Resolution #14-2022

**RESOLUTION NO.14-2022
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023**

WHEREAS, the Village of Windsor Board of Trustees having previously adopted an annual budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a Consent Order and Judgment was issued by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Broome on March 2, 2022 and filed with the Broome County Clerk on March 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such judgment resulted due to Broome County having possession of property at 62 Grove Street in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the judgment of property tax refunds and cancellations as authorized by the Broome County Legislature, Real Property Tax Services, Small Claims Court and tax certioran proceedings over the period March 1, 2022 through February 28, 202; and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$754.72 for 62 Grove Street, Tax Map Number 182.06-1-3, and the amount of \$743.72 will be decreased in the Village Tax Warrant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the said annual budget be approved and filed as aforesaid, be amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues	A510	\$ -743.72	
Subsidiary Account	A1001 – Taxes		\$ -743.72
Estimated Appropriations	A960	\$ -743.72	
Subsidiary Account	A1621.4 – Office Contractual		\$ -743.72

Offered by: John R. McNulty
2nd by: James W. Miller
Vote: AYE - Mayor Ronald G. Harting
 AYE – Trustee John R. McNulty
 AYE – Trustee James W. Miller
 AYE - Thomas M. Skinner
 AYE – Robert E. West, Jr.

Motion: to hold a Public Hearing on December 1, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. to pass Local Law#1-2022 to override the Tax Cap

Offered by: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd by: James W. Miller
Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Offered by: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd by: James W. Miller
Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Offered by: Thomas M. Skinner
2nd by: James W. Miller
Vote: AYE - All

The Clerk stated that the rug in the office needs to be replaced. It was discussed whether it should be flooring or carpet. She was instructed to get a price for the carpet. There is a craft event this weekend at the community house and on the village green. There will be

horse rides being offered. An insurance certificate has been submitted to the village. There will also be a food truck there on Sunday from Jackson's Store. It will be behind the building in the parking lot.

Mayor's Report - 1) The Hazard Mitigation plan has to be submitted to Beth Lucas at Broome County. Code Officer Rich and Mayor Ron will be working on this. 2) The Emergency Plan has to be submitted to the County also. Trustee McNulty will work on this. 3) The DASNY paperwork has to be filled out to reimburse the village for the work done for the paving at the new salt bin and for the vault wells. David stated the project added 30" to the vault. The Health Department says we don't need a fence. The top of the wells are locked. 4) We are waiting for the money from the SRBC grant for the level monitoring. 5) Broome County wants every municipality to have the radio's. The mayor signed and sent a Memorandum of Understanding to the County today. These radios are free. 6) On Friday, October 28th, Mayor Ron, Streets Superintendent David and Code Enforcement Officer Rich met with two (2) people from NYS DOT and two (2) people from BMTS (Binghamton Metropolitan Transit Study) to discuss a crosswalk on Main Street in front of the dance studio crossing to the parking lot. They will come back to us with their findings and we will have to make the decision of what to do. The village business owners don't want the crosswalks because it will take almost all of the parking places on Main Street away. The mayor asked the concerned citizens to send the village letters of support for the crosswalk and to come to a meeting. No one has come forward and there have been no letters. Beth Roberts has spoken with the mayor extensively about it in favor of the crosswalk but she is the only one.

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

By: John R. McNulty
2nd: Thomas M. Skinner
Vote: AYE - All

Motion: to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

By: John R. McNulty
2nd: James W. Miller
Vote: AYE - All

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Harting, Village Clerk / Treasurer