

**OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**  
**Town & Village Hall**

The Re-organizational Meeting of the Oxford Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lawrence Wilcox at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall for the transaction of such business that may lawfully come before the Board. The meeting opened with the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox  
Council: John Hofmann  
Jerry Locke  
Ron Charles  
Carl Koenig

Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Absent:

Others Present: Dan Taylor and seven other residents.

**Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:**

Ron Charles made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of December 9, 2015. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke and carried with 5 Ayes.

**Supervisor's Monthly Report:**

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets, Investment and Certificate of Deposit Reports, as of December 31, 2015. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

**December 2015**

Revenues	\$215,177.70
Appropriations	\$ 98,630.09

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 46,334.76
Highway	\$124,979.47
T&A	\$ 1,373.57
Water District #1	\$ 1,659.70

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Taylor distributed copies of two articles concerning the gas industry. The titles were "Gas industry urges U.S. To speed approval of the LNG export terminals" and "Shale bubble burst on the horizon? New report questions government's rosy forecast". The bursting shale bubble predictions are not new, but the article may be the first to compare the government's analysis of data with academic results. Some reports say that production could peak by 2010 and other reports say 2014.

Dan had a concern over the "Constitution Pipeline" and Chenango County's action to allow it going through Chenango County.

**Town Supervisor Annual Reports:**

Supervisor Wilcox presented his annual reports for the year 2015 including after year-end budget changes and 2016 starting investment balances. Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by John Hofmann to adopt the budget changes as presented. Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to approve the Supervisor's annual report. Both motions carried with 5 Ayes. The reports will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

**Town Clerk / Tax Collector Annual Reports:**

Town Clerk James W. Hemstrought Jr. presented the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector's reports for the year 2015. Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to approve the Town Clerk's reports for the year 2015. Motion was carried with 5 Ayes. These reports will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

**Town Supervisor 2016 Appointments:**

Supervisor Wilcox went over the list of 2016 appointments and other re-organizational items necessary for approval by the Board. Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Jerry Locke to approve the Supervisor's appointments for 2016 and all other re-organizational items as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The December 2015 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

The Town of Oxford Annual Financial Report for the year 2014 was received from Oxford Tax Service and a copy will be sent to the New York State Comptroller and a copy place on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Town Clerk distributed copies of a suggested "Public Comment Policy" composed from policies received from several Chenango County towns. Town Board and public comments were given concerning some of the wording contained in the suggested policy. Decision was made that the Town Board should look the policy over and bring back their suggested changes to the February meeting.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Highway Superintendent Tim Tefft reported that the highway department was plugging along and the new truck is in use. He has had an offer of \$8,000 for the old truck that was put up for auction. The town was asking \$10,000. Suggestion was made that the 1999 International 10-wheel dump truck, with plow and sander, be declared surplus and put in the next auction. Superintendent Tefft is getting quotes for surveillance cameras to be installed around the Town Barn area. The J P Hunter Property Inspections company has completed their inspect of the Town Barn. Their report is pending and should be received soon. John Hofmann reported that they did find moisture in the upstairs storage area coming from a broken water pipe and there is some mold in the garage area. Air quality samples were also taken in various parts of the building.

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles that the 1999 International 10-wheel dump truck, with plow and sander, be declared surplus. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

**BILLS & CLAIMS: January 2016**

Claims #1 thru #15 General Fund: Total: \$ 7,340.46

Claims #1 thru #21 Highway Fund: Total: \$129,394.98

Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on February 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilcox at 8:40 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.

Town Clerk