

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Oxford Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lawrence Wilcox at 7:30 pm in 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. Only twelve people were allowed to attend meeting due to the Covid-19 guidelines. Others were asked to use e-mail or postal mail to ask questions or express concerns. Those present wore masks and kept personal distance per the Covid-19 guidelines.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Ronald Charles
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann
 Carl Koenig
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr. - Absent
Deputy Town Clerk: Lorraine W. Rice
Highway Superintendent: William Pinney
Code Enforcement/Dog Warden: Roger Barrows
Pool Director: Patrick Moore

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets and a list of the Fund Balances as of June 30, 2020. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

June 2020

Revenues	\$ 27,187.99
Appropriation	69,292.09

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 45,298.77
Highway	28,525.60
T&A	9,483.72
Water District #1	2,263.24
Pool Restoration	63,463.86

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Rice inquired about the letter received from the DEC concerning a new bedrock mine on a proposed 123.1 acres site located on Lyon Brook Road and asked who is working the bedrock mine and who owns the land. Supervisor Wilcox responded that Burrell's is working the bedrock and Tom Vincent owns the land.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

The collateral deposit information for the month of June 2020 was received from the Bank of New York Mellon as part of the Tri-Party Collateral agreement among customers of NBT Bank.

Received a letter from New York State Board of Electric Generation citing environmental processes from New York State concerning the High Bridge Wind Project in Guilford. There has been some local people bringing contest against the project. Project projection will probably be close to 2022 before they can get anything done.

Received a letter from Representative Brindisi stating he is working to get federal aid to come directly to the county, town and village governments bypassing the all State Governments. The proposal has \$22,290,000 for New York. If his proposal goes through, it would bring \$1.2 million for the Town of Oxford and \$17 Million for Chenango County.

POOL REPORT:

Supervisor Wilcox stated he met with Jeff Fransico, Delaware Engineering, DPC, Oneonta. Mr. Fransico recommended repairing the pool in lieu of building a new one. He stated similar repairs were completed on a pool in Oneonta 15 years ago and the pool is still in use and in good repair. Gutter and Stress testing on the concrete will determine if repairs can be done successfully. Patrick Moore, Pool Director, asked if someone could be hired to assist getting the pool drained and ready for the testing to be done. Supervisor Wilcox gave the okay to go forward to prepare for the testing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox also reported that the CHIPS money for the Highway has been set as follows: Year 2019-20 (185,801.61) - Year 2021 (185,788.04) - Difference (-13.57). He also said that the amounts detailed in the apportionment tables may be subject to a reduction of up to 20 percent. Appropriation was granted.

Supervisor Wilcox and William Pinney met with the Superintendent of Schools, Facilities Manager, and Jeff Nelson on June 15 to discuss the school bus access road, recent damages resulting from recent construction, and future maintenance. The entrance is located adjacent from the Oxford Pool. The school officials agreed to take over the repairs and maintenance of the access road to the bus garage and grant the Town of Oxford easement to the pool entrance. They did a survey and determined it is a 50x206' strip abutting West Park Street. The school will be responsible for the legal work required to proceed with this proposal. Carl Koenig made a motion to accept the School's proposal. Motion was seconded by John Hofman and carried with 5 Ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

William Pinney, Superintendent of Highways reported the new truck will be delivered Monday, July 13. A bid was placed in the amount of \$3,300 for the 2005 truck which was declared a surplus and cannot be fixed and beyond repair. Motion was made by Alan Davis to accept the bid and seconded by Ron Charles. Motion was carried by 5 ayes.

Projects for roads - chipping and paving: State is milling just the shoulders on Route 12 between Chenango Forks to Greene and Greene to Brisben. We may get more millings from the State project. Leftover millings will be placed on Town Line and Cooper School Roads. Suit-Kote will be doing the work.

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There was discussion to purchase a good used truck to be used as a backup. William Pinney has been given the authority to investigate various auctions sites for possible purchase of a used truck. Monies have been allotted for this purchase up to \$50,000. Motion was made to approve this authority to investigate, bid and purchase a used truck to Mr. Pinney by Carl Koenig and seconded by Ron Charles. Motion was carried by 5 ayes.

BILLS & CLAIMS: June 2020

Claims #121 thru #133 General Fund: Total: \$ 4,489.60

Claims #94 thru #109 Highway Fund: Total: \$27,044.62

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

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on August 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 9:10 pm.

Lorraine W. Rice
Deputy Town Clerk