

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2019

The regular monthly 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.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Ron Charles
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann
 Carl Koenig
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Bill Pinney

Others Present: Canice Paliotta; Ray Baldwin; Roger Barrows, Planning Board Rep.; Patrick Moore, Oxford Pool Director; Terry Stark, Oxford Village Mayor

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Ron Charles made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019. Motion was seconded by Alan Davis 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, 2019. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

June 2019

Revenues	\$29,646.00
Appropriation	73,812.97
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$75,314.99
Highway	19,594.28
T&A	10,207.04
Water District #1	2,505.48

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrick Moore, Pool Director, stated that the Oxford Pool had an excellent first day despite having to start a few days later than previously scheduled. Swimming lesson classes are being extended to accommodate the required number of lessons. The Pool has been inspected and approved for operation. Fifteen guards have been hired and they are well organized to protect the swimmers.

The Town Board thanked Pat for all his work in keeping the swimming pool in operation.

Terry Stark, Village of Oxford Mayor, brought up the five-year fire contract that expires on December 31, 2019 and the various items that need to be addressed. He asked first that a Town Board member be appointed as a liaison to work with the Village and Oxford Fire Department during the contract renewal process. Mayor Stark handed out a well prepared 4-page document that summarized the critical assumptions being used to draft a proposal for the new five year contract. He asked that each member of the Town Board read over the document and bring to his attention anything that they feel needs more clarification. Some of the items that need attention are: Firehouse - riverbank erosion, drainage, apparatus storage; Emergency Squad – manpower, funds, paid staff; Consultant – need to hire, conduct building and grounds assessment, equipment and apparatus plan, firestation costs, Coe house, budget projection.

Ray Baldwin brought up his concern over the creek between him and the farm next door. The creek contains a huge gravel bar following the recent rain storm. He wanted to know if the Town highway department will be cleaning up the mess left behind.

Supervisor Wilcox pointed out that the creek is a protective stream and would come under State and/or Federal laws for any cleanup.

Canice Paliotta asked that the highway department be aware of the road-side dropoffs that the recent storm created and to fix them at the same time the roads are repaired.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Kenneth Ryan, Oxford resident, commending the Town Superintendents in the Towns for Oxford, Guilford, Bainbridge, Norwich and Greene for their good work and great response to the recent flooding. He said, and I quote, “when our bridges were flooding out I thought it would be days or weeks before the roads became open. By noon the next day you and the other towns had it opened”.

A request was received from Dale Utter that he and his wife be given approval to clean up and restore the Blackman Cemetery on County road 4, at no cost to the Town.

Approval was given by the Town Board with their thanks and appreciation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A proposal was received from P.A.K. Construction Inc. to repair the Brooksbank road culvert at a cost of \$81,110.00.

A motion was made by Carl Koenig to hire P.A.K. Construction Inc. to repair the Brooksbank road culvert, as soon as possible, at a cost of \$81,110.00. John Hofmann seconded the motion and the motion carried with 5 Ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent of Highway, William Pinney, stated that he met with a representative of the Soil & Water Conservation Service concerning the roadsides near the Lyon Brook bridge as reported at the June town board meeting. The Soil & Water representative, after inspection of the roadsides near the bridge, stated that he didn't feel there was a problem at the present time.

Superintendent Pinney reported that the Basswood project has been completed and that New Virginia road will be scheduled for resurfacing. Many of the roads that were damaged during the recent rain storm have been repaired, but there is still a lot of work to be done. He said that the town highway departments around Oxford have been very helpful in getting the roads back in service. He especially thanked the Town of Guilford highway department for their immediate response. They were on site the very next morning with equipment and crew ready to help out.

BILLS & CLAIMS: July 2019

Claims #129 thru #146 General Fund: Total: \$ 5,293.10
Claims #108 thru #127 Highway Fund: Total: \$46,351.62

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 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:40 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk