

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

The Monthly 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: Carl Koenig
John Hofmann
Jerry Locke
Ron Charles

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

Absent:

Others Present: Patrick Moore, Pool Director; Joan Swertfager, Planning Board Representative; Fred Lanfear, Oxford Resident.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2016. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Review of Monthly Financial Accounting Information.

Supervisor Wilcox gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

June 2016

Revenues	\$ 9,878.61
Appropriations	\$147,338.77

Check Book Balances:

General	\$115,895.51
Highway	\$171,507.87
T&A	\$ 7,607.92
Water District #1	\$ 3,190.08

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The NBT Bank collateralized deposit information was received from BNY Mellon as part of the Tri-Party Collateral agreement.

Charter Communications and Time Warner Cable have completed their merger and the cable franchisee for the Town of Oxford is now under the control of Charter Communications, Inc.

NYS Real Property Services reported that the 2016 Equilization Rate for Oxford has not changed for 2016 and has been set at 66%.

POOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pat Moore, Pool Director, stated that the number of lifeguards is down from 14 to 12 and that 3,000 swimmers have used the pool since opening day. The pool had to be shut down a couple days because of pump problems. It was discovered that the wiring in the new pump motor was wired wrong and was never tested before installation. Everything is running well now and one hundred and twenty-five (125) swimming lessons are given each day. Residents have asked about having evening hours at the pool? Pat said that there are no lights in the pool and the liability insurance would be very expensive.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox said he has talked with Mayor Stark about the Town cutting some trees along the roadside at the Riverview Cemetery and asking if the Village would help with the expense. Mayor Stark wants to do some measuring to see if the trees are in the Village. Cook's Tree Cutting is also being asked to look over the situation to see what danger the trees pose.

Letter was received from the NYS Local and State Retirement system stating that the Town of Oxford needs to establish a standard work day of 6 hours per day for the elected and appointed officials participating in the program.

RESOLUTION

WHERE AS the New York State Local and State Retirement system has informed the Town of Oxford that there needs to be a standard work day of 6 hours per day established for the elected and appointed officials participating in the retirement system program and a record of such time be submitted.

WE THEREFORE, by a motion called for by Town Board member John Hofmann and seconded by Town Board member Jerry Locke, have established a standard work day of 6 hours per day for the elected and appointed officials participating in the retirement system program and, IN ADDITION, will provide time records for those employees effected by this resolution.

Motion was approved by Roll Call vote as follows:

Carl Koenig	Aye
John Hofmann	Aye
Jerry Locke	Abstain
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Abstain

Chenango County SPCA, Norwich, has asked for an alternate Dog Control Officer to take over when the current officer isn't available in an emergency situation. Supervisor Wilcox recommended that the Town of Norwich Dog Control Officer, Matthew Bates, be hired as the alternate.

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Jerry Locke to hire Matthew Bates, Town of Norwich Dog Control Officer, as an alternate, for emergency situations, when the Town of Oxford Dog Control Officer isn't available. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor Wilcox and Town Board members Ron Charles and Carl Koenig attended a New York State Department of Transportation public open house meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 concerning two proposed bridge improvement projects along NYS Rte. 12 in the Town of Oxford, Chenango County. (1) One project proposes to replace the bridge carrying NYS Route 12 over Bowman Creek, which is nearing the end of its useful life. (2) The second project proposes a deck replacement for the bridge carrying NYS Route 12 over Fly Meadow Creek to extend the bridge life for 15 years or longer. An off-site detour using NYS Route 220 and County Roads 32 and 32B is proposed to maintain traffic during construction.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, said that we are using the Town of Norwich mower for roadside grass cutting. The new mower we purchased was equipped with the wrong size cutter blade bar and was ripping the grass instead of cutting clean. The company has been notified and they are trying to solve the problem.

BILLS & CLAIMS: July 2016

Claims #96 thru #118 General Fund: Total: \$23,561.28

Claims #102 thru #120 Highway Fund: Total: \$49,783.11

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 August 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilcox at 8:55 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk