

**OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

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: Jerry Locke  
              Carl Koenig  
              Ron Charles  
              John Hofmann - Absent  
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Others Present: Canice Paliotta, Donna Huttleston, Caroline Jankowski, George Phillips.

**Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:**

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2017. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4 Ayes.

**Supervisor's Monthly Report:**

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets and a list of the Fund Balances as of July 31, 2017. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

**July 2017**

Revenues	\$ 72,120.52
Appropriations	222,524.48

Check Book Balances:

General	\$104,032.24
Highway	48,114.14
T&A	1,287.56
Water District #1	2,920.96

**PUBIC COMMENTS:**

Donna Huttleston, Lake Gerry resident, was concerned about the condition of the Lake Gerry Road ditches which is causing standing water and mosquito breeding grounds.

Road Superintendent Tim Tefft stated that he is aware of the problem and it is on the schedule for repairs.

George Phillips, Southern Tier Regional Director for "Reclaim New York" said he was here to listen and learn about small Town Board meetings. He said that Chenango County is a very good model of good government and is interested in what is going on around the County.

David Crane, Mang Insurance Agency Representative, handed out the Annual NYMIR summary of insurance for all the Town of Oxford renewal policies. This policy covers the Town of Oxford properties, equipment and autos. Mr. Crane went over each policy coverage item individually and made recommendations for the board to consider. The board decided to go with the new policy with one change: eliminate the 2005 John Deere Loader and replace with the new loader. The renewal premium for 2017 increased by \$63.16.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The July 2017 monthly collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon Broker/Dealer Services.

Notice was received that the final 2017 State equalization rate for the Town of Oxford has been set at 66.70%.

New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (MYMIR) is holding a free seminar on "Distracted Driving Prevention" on September 28, 2017 at the Hamilton Public Library, 13 Broad St., 9:00 - 10:30 am. This is an exclusive service to NYMIR subscribers.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A report of a fallen tree, on a shed at the Butler Street cemetery, was brought before the Board. Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, said that it will be taken care of.

Jerry Locke, Town Councilman, made the following report on the Swimming Pool for Pool Director Patrick Moore: Swimming lessons have been completed . . . the number of outside visitors to the Pool has increased greatly this year . . . everything is going quite well.

Discussion was held concerning the 38-year-old Swimming Pool and its deteriorating condition. It is estimated that it would take \$200,000 to rejuvenate the Pool. The electrical issue itself would be between \$40,000 to \$55,000 and the center drain around \$90,000. The Town Board felt there is a real need for a Pool in Oxford, but where is the money going to come from? It was decided to look into other financial sources such as grants, foundation money, local service groups, interested resident support, etc. The question is: “are the residents of Oxford and the surrounding area willing to support the Pool financially”?

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, reported that road paving of Charles Kelley Road around Lake Gerry has been completed. The town crew has been hauling sand and repairing culvert pipes. Roadside grass cutting is continuing and has been done at least two times along all roads. One truck is being repaired at the present time. Cosen and Race Road are on the schedule for repairs. The Town Highway Department has also been helping the County with stone and oiling roads per shared services.

**BILLS & CLAIMS: August 2017**

Claims #115 thru #130, General Fund: Total: \$39,688.80  
Claims #116 thru #129, Highway Fund: Total: \$25,464.71

Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims.  
Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on September 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:30 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Town Clerk