

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2015

The 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
 Alan Davis
 Ron Charles
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Absent: John Hofmann

Others Present: David Crane, Mang Insurance Representative; Daniel Taylor, Bryant LaTourette and six other residents.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

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

July 2015

Revenues	\$ 78,866.71
Appropriations	80,670.82

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 50,664.57
Highway	210,739.82
T&A	2,638.50
Water District #1	3,429.32
Cemetery Restoration	1,694.00

Public Hearing on Local Law #2-2015
Proposed Revisions to Dog Local Law #2-2010

Supervisor Wilcox opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm. The affidavit of published legal notice dated August 5th, 2015 was read. He then called for public comment. Since there was no public comment a motion to close the Hearing was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Jerry Locke at 8:48 pm. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Jerry Locke to adopt Local Law #2-2015. Motion carried with 4 Ayes by Roll Call vote as follows:

Alan Davis	Aye
Jerry Locke	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

Supervisor Wilcox declared that the foregoing Local Law #2-2015 was duly passed and adopted.

Town of Oxford Local Law #2-2015 is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available during regular business hours. Local Law #2-2015 will also appear on the Town of Oxford website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Taylor was concerned over the Town Board's discussion at the July 2015 board meeting to set policy limiting public comment.

Bryant LaTourette commented on how things have settled down in Pennsylvania and everything is better now than when fracking started and the economic benefits have outweighed the early problems. He felt that the State of New York and our area has missed the opportunity to benefit financially.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The July 2015 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon. Town of Oxford 2015 final State equalization rate stands at 66.00%.

The Teamsters Union / Highway Department contract ends on December 31, 2015 and the Union representative has changed. A meeting with the new Union Representative is scheduled for September 16, 2015 to start negotiations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Crane, Mang Insurance Agency Representative, handed out the NYMIR Annual Report for 2014 and the commercial insurance proposal booklet for the Town of Oxford. Mr. Crane gave a summary of insurance in connection with the August 29, 2015 renewal policies. He stated that heavy trucks less than ten years of age should be insured at replacement cost, since NYMIR pays replacement cost on such vehicles as long as replacement cost limits are carried. He also asked the board to please note the information concerning a new available endorsement known as “Cyber Breach and Liability Coverage”. He would like to quote this for the town's consideration.

Information was received from Patrick Moore, Pool Director, that there is a need to replace the electrical boxes at the Pool because of corrosion. Supervisor Wilcox will contact Patrick and ask him to get cost estimates.

Supervisor Wilcox asked Board Member Jerry Locke to work with him on a new format for the public comments portion of the town meetings. Supervisor Wilcox stated that when he first became a member of the town board, several years ago, there was no time given to public comments. Feeling very strongly that this should be a part of the agenda at every town board meeting public comments became a regular part of the meetings. He still feels that public comment is very important, but that there should be some guidelines to follow so that this portion of the board meeting doesn't get out of control.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent reported that road shoulders are being repaired on several roads in the town of Oxford and the town crew is hauling sand and patching pot holes. The Suit-Kote company will be applying stone and oil during the week of August 17 -21. Superintendent Tefft presented a list of items that could be declared as surplus: eighteen 8-ft. ceiling lights, one 275 gal motor oil tank, one York Rake and one 5-ft Woods cutter.

Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to declare the items listed by Highway Superintendent Tefft as surplus and put up for sale. The motion carried with 4 Ayes.

BILLS & CLAIMS: August 2015

Claims #129 thru #150, General Fund: Total: \$30,479.08
Claims #112 thru #131, Highway Fund: Total: \$44,684.20

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

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on September 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:35 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk