

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 9, 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 - Absent
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann - Absent
 Carl Koenig
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Bill Pinney

Others Present: Sally Nuzzolese, Terry Aldrich, Logan Nuzzolese, Becky Coleman-Provo, Christine Franklin, Maryann Champlin, Eric Kennedy, Paul Romahn, Clayton Kappauf, Canice Paliotta.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2019. Motion was seconded by Carl Koenig and carried with 3 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets and a list of the Fund Balances as of September 30, 2019. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

September 2019

Revenues	\$ 80,817.10
Appropriation	150,786.66

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 28,304.14
Highway	33,355.97
T&A	5,174.98
Water District #1	884.36

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maryann Champlin brought several issues concerning dogs being housed on Mechanic St., Village of Oxford, including running loose, non-stop barking all day every day and with no food or water. Because of these issues she and many of the neighbors asked if it would be possible to hire Rebecca Provo as Dog Warden for Oxford. Maryann stated that two private citizens, Rebecca Provo and Erin Insignia actually saved the two dogs lives because they knew the law regarding animal abuse and could take care of them.

Supervisor Wilcox said that the Town of Oxford has a Dog Warden at the present time but would hold on to the resume received from Rebecca.

Eric Kennedy spoke on behalf of Lake Gerry residents who want to have the speed limit around the lake lowered from thirty (30) to fifteen (15) miles an hour. A petition, signed by Lake Gerry residents, was also received.

Supervisor Wilcox questioned whether the road was the property of the Town of Oxford or the Lake Gerry Association. The Town has made several improvements to the road over the years.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he was under the impression that there is an agreement with the Town of Oxford that the Town Highway department will maintain the road around the lake.

Supervisor Wilcox asked to see the agreement, but no one knows where it is. Supervisor Wilcox said he will need to find out who actually owns the road and will need a copy of the agreement with the Lake Gerry Association.

Canice Paliotta talked about the County transportation plan to help with transportation for our aging residents and those who are in need of transportation to and from work.

Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman, brought information concerning Town / Village cemetery subdivisions and boundaries. He stated that a subdivision of a cemetery can only happen when the last living relative of deceased relatives buried in said cemetery vacates the property or dies. Mr. Romahn asked that if a cemetery is subdivided, is it then owned by the Town and since people can be buried on their own property should our zoning laws be changed to include cemetery subdivisions.

Supervisor Wilcox said he will look into this issue and see what may need to be done.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The collateral deposit information for the month of September was received from the Bank of New York Mellon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox met with the Oxford High School Superintendent to discuss the driveway right-of-way leading from the School to the Swimming Pool. The question is the 180 feet of Pool property that the driveway would cross.

Supervisor Wilcox and Councilman Alan Davis attended the Oxford Fire Department meeting at which the river bank erosion and other big money items were discussed. All these projects combined could be in the five to six hundred thousand dollar range.

PRELIMINARY 2020 BUDGET REVIEW:

The Town Council reviewed of the 2020 preliminary budget that was presented at the September 11 board meeting. The opinion of the Supervisor and board members was that all the line items that could be changed are already as low as can be without going over the 2% increase mandated by the State of New York. Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Carl Koenig to accept the 2020 Town Budget as presented and to hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:45 pm in the Village Hall. Motion was carried with 3 Ayes.

Motion was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by Alan Davis to change the November Town Board meeting from the 13th to the 6th at 7:30 pm. Motion was carried with 3 Ayes. This is in keeping with the law that the Public Budget Hearing must take place before the first Thursday following Elections.

Notices of the budget hearing and meeting date change will be published in the Norwich Sun newspaper, posted at the Town Clerk's office and put on the Town of Oxford website: townofoxfordny.com

2020 WATER DISTRICT #1 BUDGET:

Supervisor Wilcox presented the 2020 Water District #1 budget for approval. No changes were made and a motion to accept the 2020 Water District #1 budget as presented was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by Alan Davis. Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

William Pinney, Superintendent of Highway, stated that the 2005 truck is still out of service at this time. He didn't have anything else to report.

BILLS & CLAIMS: October 2019

Claims #188 thru #204 General Fund: Total: \$7,165.81
Claims #159 thru #168 Highway Fund: Total: \$6,437.32

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Carl Koenig to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on November 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. This meeting night was changed to abide by the law that the Public Hearing on the budget must be held by the first Thursday after election.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:47 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk