

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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 Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Matt Dilfer

Others Present: Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman; Richard Rice, Debbie Davis, Alan Davis, Doug Moore Jr., Canice Paliotta.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Ron Charles made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2018 with one correction. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke 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 September 30, 2018. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

September 2018

Revenues	\$143,562.47
Appropriation	212,752.10
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 18,104.25
Highway	7,740.40
T&A	786.14
Water District #1	1,065.10

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Doug Moore was very concerned about all the mess and damage to town roads by the Cortland logging company. He stated that they don't seem to care about safety or damage that is being done. This leaves the Town Highway workers having to clean up the logger's mess. The Town should make them pay for the clean-up.

Supervisor Wilcox said he would contact the company to see what can be done to reimburse the Town of Oxford.

Canice Poliotta stated that there is concern about emergency services keeping up with demand and said that the personnel standards are from New York City and not our County. She also mentioned the recent rain showers washing out several areas of the newly reconstructed railroad beds.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that the County is aware of the emergency services problem and the condition of the railroad tracks. The County is working on the EMT shortage and the cost involved with emergency services.

Alan Davis informed the Town Board about the recent problems with the Brisben Fire Department. Their long-time chief passed away and a new chief was appointed and now he has resigned. They didn't know what to do or if they should just shut down the department. Fortunately another resident has come forward to take the chief position.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter was received from the New York State Department of Transportation in reply to our recent letter to them on August 22, 2018 concerning the traffic light at the intersection of NYS Route 220 and county Routes 32 and 35. The letter stated that they have completed their review of our request for a 3-color traffic signal at the intersection. A signal warrant analysis was performed in accordance with the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. These warrants are based on traffic volume and accident history and did not meet the threshold for installing a 3-color traffic signal.

A letter of resignation was received from Town Councilman Jerry Locke, stating that he is unable to continue to fulfill his duties. He stated that he has enjoyed working with the present and past Board members as well as Lawrence during his years of service. He also stated that Jim Hemstrought has been a mainstay and anchor fulfilling his duties as Town Clerk.

Motion was made by Lawrence Wilcox to accept the resignation of Jerry Locke, Town Councilman, with regrets. The motion was seconded by Carl Koenig and carried with 4 Ayes. Supervisor Wilcox said that he is thankful for all Jerry's valuable input during his several terms of office since 2008. Jerry has acted as Deputy Supervisor since 2012 and always willing to take on duties assigned to him. All the Board members gave thanks to Jerry for his service and wished him good health and safe travels during his retirement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox recommended the appointment of Holly Cirello to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Joan Swertfager to December 31, 2023. Motion was made by Carl Koenig to appoint Holly Cirello to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Joan Swertfager to December 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke and carried with 4 Ayes.

The 2019 Contract was received from the Chenango County SPCA, Norwich, NY. There were no changes made to the 2019 contract from the previous year. Motion was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Jerry Locke to approve the Annual Chenango County SPCA contract for 2019. the motion carried with 4 Ayes.

Supervisor Wilcox recommended the appointment of Alan Davis to the Town Council to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Locke to December 31, 2019. Motion was made by Carl Koenig to appoint Alan Davis to the Town Council to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Locke to December 31, 2019. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW:

Decision was made to continue the review of the 2019 preliminary budget and adopt at our November 7 meeting. Motion was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by Ron Charles to hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall. Motion was carried with 4 Ayes.

A notice of the Public Budget Hearing will be published in the Evening Sun newspaper, posted at the Town of Oxford Town Clerk's Office and placed on the Town of Oxford website (townofoxfordny.com).

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Town Highway Supervisor Matt Dilfer stated that the highway crew has been very busy working on the recent flooding of Moran Road. Portions of the road walls were washed down the creek bed and plugged the road. Burrell's Excavating helped to place stackable stone along the road walls. Cosen Road also had to be cleaned out. Pictures and documentation will be used for this FEMA event.

BILLS & CLAIMS: October 2018

Claims #177 thru #192 General Fund: Total: \$ 9,236.24

Claims #152 thru #167 Highway Fund: Total: \$24,187.74

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Wilcox asked that an Executive Session be called to discuss the Union Contract and a personnel issue. Motion was made by Ron Charles to go into Executive Session at 8:50 pm to discuss the Union Contract and a personnel issue. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke and carried with 4 Ayes. No official action was taken. Motion was made by Jerry Locke to come out of Executive session at 9:33 pm. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on November 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 9:35 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk