

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 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: Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman; Katie Hanson, Oxford Youth Center; Grace Coffey, resident.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2016 with one spelling correction. 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:

September 2016

Revenues	\$ 214,001.09
Appropriations	\$ 194,673.37

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 27,783.79
Highway	\$ 163,478.00
T&A	\$ 2,963.17
Water District #1	\$ 1,455.52

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At the request of the Town Board, Katie Hanson, Interim President of the Oxford Youth Center, gave a report on what the Youth Center is all about.

The Youth Center has been in existence for 20 years and run by a local Board. The number of participants has expanded from 20 to 40 ranging from 2nd to 7th Grade. There are also two adults and four mentors volunteering their time, along with high school students. The Youth Center is open at the Middle School 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm and Friday is open gym night supervised by volunteers. The youth enjoy crafts and helping with local community activities.

The Town Board expressed their appreciation to Katie for helping them understand the importance of our continued monetary support of this organization.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Letter received from Chenango County Real Property Tax Services pertaining to Senior Citizen income levels for 2017. Supervisor Wilcox stated that our Senior Citizen income level in \$16,000 - \$24,400. Decision was made to leave the income level the same for 2017.

Letter was received by New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation advising the Town of Oxford that the application for a DEC permit for the Lehmer Sand and Gravel Mine at 142 Bowman Creek Rd., is complete and a technical review has commenced.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The representative from the Oxford Senior Center / Taste & See Soup Kitchen wasn't available to make a report from the organization and Supervisor Wilcox gave us the following overview:

The County delivers meals to the Oxford Soup Kitchen each week at a cost of \$4.50 per participant. There are 9 participants that meet on Wednesdays and Fridays and our donation each year helps to underwrite expenses to keep this Senior Center open.

Ron Charles gave a report on the funding progress of the playground equipment project for Boname Park. He stated that most of the cost has been raised, but they are still \$1,000 short of the goal. Motion was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Jerry Locke that the Town donate \$1,000 toward the purchase of playground equipment for Boname Park. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW:

Supervisor Wilcox presented the 2017 Preliminary Town Budget for review. Following the review by the Town Board and suggested changes made, a motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to adopt the Preliminary Budget. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

A motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Jerry Locke to hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7:45 pm in the Village Hall. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, stated that a boom mower has been rented from Stephenson Equipment, Syracuse, to help with roadside mowing. The crew is preparing the trucks for winter use by installing the plow frames, etc. One truck is still out for repair. Cook's Tree Service will be coming on Monday to check on several trees that we may need help cutting down. All the patch material we made has been used up.

BILLS & CLAIMS: October 2016

Claims #153 thru #172 General Fund: Total: \$6,806.13

Claims #148 thru #159 Highway Fund: Total: \$12,625.31

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

Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on November 9, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilcox at 8:50 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.

Town Clerk