

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
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.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Jerry Locke
Alan Davis
Larry Beckwith
John Hofmann

Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Absent:

Others Present: Bob Vincent, Oxford Planning Board Representative and other Oxford residents Jean Cogshall, Susan Granata, Vincent Granata, Mina Takahashi, Ellen Anderson, Irving Hall, Will Bradley, Ron Charles and Bob Vincent.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Larry Beckwith and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets, Investment and Certificate of Deposit Reports, as of November 30, 2012. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

November 2012

Revenues	\$63,792.11
Appropriations	\$74,303.91

Check Book Balances:

General	\$41,060.75
Highway	\$242,862.59
T&A	\$15,804.33
Payroll	\$16,531.55
Water District #1	\$1,522.36

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Irving Hall, Anti-Gas representative, read a letter written by Oxford Zoning Board of Appeals member Anne Altschuler concerning the absence of any guidelines or directives within the existing Oxford Zoning Ordinance by which to consider applications for high volume hydraulic fracturing of natural gas. A PDF of this letter is on the Oxford Town Website. Mr. Hall also asked several questions concerning the need for changes in the present zoning regulations to cover procedures when permits for gas drilling are received by the Town of Oxford. He feels that a Moratorium should be passed by the Town Board since it takes several months to make changes to the existing regulations.

Mina Takahashi presented another binder, containing 78 additional signatures, for a total of 1,050 Oxford residents who support a moratorium on gas drilling in Oxford. She also read a document she wrote and requested to be included in the minutes of tonight's meeting. A PDF of this document is also on the Town of Oxford website.

Will Bradley spoke briefly on the subject as a representative of the Pro-Gas coalition. He wanted to make sure that the Board understood their position on a moratorium and that, if passed, lawsuits could be forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The November 2012 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

A letter was from the County of Chenango Board of Supervisors announcing an increase in the

mileage reimbursement from the IRS was read. The mileage reimbursement will increase to 56.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2013. The Town of Oxford has been using the IRS figures for mileage reimbursement and will continue to do so.

A letter was received from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Regional Office announcing that a community residence will be located at 4346 County Route 32, Oxford, NY across from the Oxford Vet's Home. The home is currently under construction by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. Projected completion date is June 2013. A not-for-profit agency, Springbrook NY, Inc. has been awarded the operation of the home.

The new contract for 2013 was received from CSPCA, Norwich, NY, to handle all stray or lost dogs that are picked up by employees of the Town of Oxford. Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Larry Beckwith to renew the CSPCA contract for 2013. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

A large binder, containing the "Vision Plan" document was received from Maren King, SUNY College of Forestry, Syracuse, NY. Board member Jerry Locke was asked to review the document and report back to the Town Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The highway crew is patching roads and cleaning out ditches while the weather holds. The trucks are all in good condition and ready for the winter season. Tim stated that all the truck radios are required to be updated to narrow-band. He also reported that one highway employee had an auto accident and will be out of work for awhile.

Discussion was held on what to do with the old radio equipment. It was decided to declare the old radio equipment as surplus. Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Alan Davis to declare the old radio equipment as surplus. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Clerk Hemstrought announced that he has selected Lorraine Rice, 24 South Washington Ave, Oxford, as Deputy Town Clerk to replace Marie Christian who retired. This appointment is for the term December 12, 2012 to December 31, 2013.

BILLS & CLAIMS: December 2012

Claims #183 thru #202, plus payrolls of General Fund:	Total: \$ 18,916.22
Claims #180 thru #197, plus payrolls of Highway Fund:	Total: \$652,192.75

Motion was made by Larry Beckwith and seconded by John Hofmann to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The Town Board Re-organizational meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. This is a change from the regular second Wednesday meeting date.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:35 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk