

**OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**  
**Town & Village Hall**

The regular 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  
John Hofmann

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

Absent: Larry Beckwith

Others Present: Two Pro-Gas Residents and Ten Anti-Gas Residents

**Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:**

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013. Motion was seconded by John Hofmann and carried with 4 Ayes.

**Supervisor's Monthly Report:**

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets as of January 31, 2013. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

**January 2013**

Revenues	\$ 211.50
Appropriations	\$ 66,623.36
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 5,660.29
Highway	\$156,025.05
T&A	\$ 14,908.27
Payroll	\$ 16,531.00
Water District #1	\$ 1,522.36

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paul Brennan, member of the Oxford Visionaries Research Committee, read a document directed to Mr. Wilcox concerning recent decisions by the Oxford Village Board and the Chenango County Planning Board on the subject of zoning and hydraulic fracturing. It also contained several questions that the Research Committee asked to be answered at the next Town Board meeting. By order of the Town Board, the document will be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Bryant LaTourette stated that New York State is still working on their decision concerning Gas Drilling and that the Town Board is right in waiting for the State decision before proceeding with zoning changes, etc. He said that he feels that anything we do at this point would be unproductive and a waste of valuable time that could be better used in other areas of Town government.

Mina Takahashi gave each of the Town Board members a copy of Local Law #1-2011 from the Town of Dickinson entitled "Town of Dickinson Road Preservation Law" to help with our Road Use Agreement.

Susan Granata, member of the Oxford Visionaries Research Committee, read a document directed to Mr. Wilcox concerning the Town Road Use Agreement that was passed at the last Town Board meeting in January. The Research Committee asks the Board to reconsider the agreement and include the entire Oxford Community in dialog with the Town Planning Board and two Oxford Village Boards. She also submitted a copy of the letter sent to Village Mayor Stark from the Chenango County Planning Board in response to their FOIL request regarding M-239 Review denials, etc. By order of the Town Board, the document will be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Willard Bradley voiced his appreciation to the Town Board for the manner in which they are handling this gas drilling and road use issue.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The January 2013 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

Letter was received from the County of Chenango Industrial Development Agency stating that they are working to obtain funding and to negotiate agreements to repair and restore to operable condition the flood damaged New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corporation's railroad line located in Chenango County. The Agency has obtained funding in the amount of approximately five million dollars to undertake the project.

Letter was received from Chenango County Public Works stating that there is \$250.00 set aside of Town of Oxford road pickup work.

Notice received from the Norwich YMCA that the costs for the American Red Cross training course for Swimming Pool personnel have been set as follows: Non-members - \$350. and Members - \$250.00.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, reported that all the trucks are in good working order and the highway crew is keeping up with the snow and ice.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Wilcox proposed the name of Gary Wade as a member of the Planning Board for a term of seven (7) years to replace Jeff Locke whose term ended. Jeff Locke was reappointed to fill out the unexpired term of Tim Carr who resigned.

Jerry Locke was asked to bring the Board up-to-date on the "Vision Plan". He said that Chenango County is in the process of reviewing the plan. Following their review and comments we will need to get together with the Village and forge ahead. Suggestion was made that the Town and Village Boards and the Town and Village Planning Boards meet together so that everyone is headed in the same direction as far as the "Vision Plan" is concerned. Supervisor Wilcox will contact Mayor Stark and work on setting up the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Supervisor Wilcox called for an executive session to discuss "Labor Negotiations". Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by John Hofmann to go into executive session to discuss "Labor Negotiations" at 8:20 pm. Motion carried with 4 Ayes. Negotiations having been completed, motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by John Hofmann to come out of executive session at 8:38 pm. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

**BILLS & CLAIMS: February 2013**

Claims #19 thru #31: plus payrolls of General Fund:	Total: \$19,003.14
Claims #23 thru #38: plus payrolls of Highway Fund:	Total: \$24,673.13
Claim #2: Water District #1	Total: \$ 3,366.56

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor 8:42 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Town Clerk