

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2015

The 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
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann
 Ron Charles
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Absent:

Others Present: Pat Moore, Pool Director and five Oxford residents.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke 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 May 31, 2015. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

May 2015

Revenues	\$ 8,585.50
Appropriations	100,617.55

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 93,507.69
Highway	247,461.87
T&A	8,057.62
Water District #1	3,429.32
Cemetery Restoration	3,042.30

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fred Lanfear made comments on the article appearing in the Norwich Sun newspaper concerning solar panels. He felt that the Oxford Town Board members, mentioned in the article, were not correct in their assessment of the cost, etc. of solar panel use. He gave his opinion on the subject and numbers that he suggested were more in line with the actual cost, etc. of solar panel use.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The May 2015 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

Invitation was received from the New York State Veterans' Home and the IV District Federated Garden Clubs of New York to attend the dedication ceremony unveiling the Blue Star Memorial, a tribute to the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The ceremony takes place on the grounds of the Veterans' Home, Friday, June 12, 2015 at 11:00 am.

A thank you card, with a picture of the restored "Little Merritt's Grave", was received from Stefan Foster and Kurt Riegel for the support and cooperation given them during their restoration project.

A letter was received from the New York State Dept. of Taxation and Finance announcing the Tentative State Equalization Rate for the 2015 Assessment Roll. The tentative equalization rate is set at 66.00, up approximately three points.

A letter was received from the NYS Division of the Budget concerning the Tax Freeze - Government Efficiency Plan. Supervisor Wilcox has registered the Town of Oxford in the Plan and will submit the necessary cooperation agreements, mergers, efficiencies and/or shared services specified in this plan by the end of the local fiscal year beginning in 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the May meeting of the Town Board, the Village requested the release of approximately \$20,000 in Oxford Town Court Justice Assistance Program funds. These funds are to be used for the repairs of the Village Hall roof.

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Jerry Locke to release the amount of \$20,000 from the Oxford Town Court Justice Assistance Program funds to be used by the Village of Oxford for repairs to the Village Hall roof.

It was brought to the attention of the Town Board that Oxford Dog Law #2-2010, doesn't have any redemption fee listed to charge dog owner's in order to get their dog back from the CSPCA shelter. When a dog's owner wishes to redeem their dog from the CSPCA, they are required to return with a receipt of the town redemption fee paid and a valid municipality dog license in order to redeem their dog. The shelter charges the Town \$75.00 for each dog that is turned into them. Decision was made to come up with the proper wording to change the local law fees to include a provision that would allow fees to be changed via resolution.

Patrick Moore, Pool Director, gave the following report: a three-phase switch has been replaced, three new doors have been installed and the boys are doing some painting. The pool inspection is scheduled for June 16 and the Pool will open on June 22. Everything is running very well and all the guards have passed their tests. So far 35 have signed up for swimming lessons. All dates and hours are now listed on the Town of Oxford website (townofoxfordny.com).

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Town Highway Superintendent, reported that the highway department continues road sweeping and mowing of road sides will start on Monday. Sand and gravel is being stockpiled and all highway equipment is working fine so far. Town roads are being inspected and shaped up.

BILLS & CLAIMS: June 2015

Claims #87 thru #106, General Fund:	Total: \$ 5,986.29
Claims #78 thru # 97, Highway Fund:	Total: \$59,335.07

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on July 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:20 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk