

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

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

Absent: Jerry Locke, John Hofmann

Others Present: Paul Romahn, representing the Town Planning Board; Bryant LaTourette and Stacie Edick speaking about the recent decision by the State of New York on home rule, fracking, etc. Seven other residents of Oxford were also in attendance.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 3 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets, Investment and Certificate of Deposit Reports, as of June 30, 2014. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

June 2014

Revenues	\$ 22,381.82
Appropriations	99,078.26
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$150,121.18
Highway	178,673.40
T&A	2,046.01
Water District #1	3,134.56

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bryant LaTourette commented on "Home Rule" and gave an explanation and views on the problems with it in certain cases. With approximately 73% of Oxford land under lease and the company leasing is in bankruptcy, damage costs may be involved.

Stacie Edick presented and read a letter addressed to the Oxford Town Board concerning what she feels in the Town Board's misunderstanding of Home Rule in regards to Oxford's zoning of hydrofracking, gas drilling and ancillary activities such as material staging areas. She stated, in part, "for the Oxford Town Board to truly exercise Municipal Home Rule in relationship to HVHF gas development, it needs to act quickly to enact a ban on fracking for oil and gas in the entire town". The letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The June 2014 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

A letter was received from the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Div. of Water, following up on their recent routine visit to the Clarks Creek Dam, Town of Oxford. They stated that the condition of the Dam appears similar to that observed during prior visits to the site. Two minor deficiencies were noted.

A letter was received from NBT Financial Group notifying the Town of Oxford that the last remaining income beneficiary of the Howard F. Brown Charitable Unitrust has passed away. They stated that a very detailed report will be submitted at a later date and will require the Town's approval.

Two complaints, using official Chenango County forms, were received from the Lake Gerry Association concerning unoccupied and dangerous buildings. Supervisor Wilcox stated that he will contact the Chenango County Code Enforcement agency about the situation and proceed accordingly.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox reported that Saratoga Associates, the company being contracted with on the Town and Village Comprehensive Plan, comes with a very high rating according to Chenango County officials. He also stated that it is very important that the Town residents step forward with their ideas to be included in the Plan. \$38,000. The contract amount of \$38,000 would be paid equally (\$9,500) from the Village, Town, NY Main Street Grant and the Oxford Industrial Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles that the Town of Oxford participate in Phase 3 of the Plan and contributed our share of the contract in the amount of \$9,500. Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

Supervisor Wilcox announced that there will be a work session on the new Fire Contract, Tuesday, July 15, in the Village Court Room. He and Alan Davis, Fire District Liaison, will be attending. The main objective of the meeting is to discuss issues or concerns from the town regarding fire protection services and planned initiatives.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Tefft reported that various culvert pipe replacement projects should be completed this week. He has rented the boom mower for two weeks and grass mowing is underway. Repair work continues on the loader and trucks and stone and oiling is being scheduled.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS LOCAL LAW #1-2014
OF 2007 ZONING ORDINANCE**

Revisions were introduced by Lawrence Wilcox upon the recommendation of the Town of Oxford Planning Board. Results of the 239-review Notice were received from the Chenango County Planning & Development Board. The County Planning Board approved the application with no concerns. No environmental impact was found in the proposed revisions to Local Law #1-2014.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Oxford:

Local Law #1-2014 revising Local Law #1-2007

The full text of the revisions will be published in The Evening Sun newspaper and put on the Town of Oxford Website (townofoxfordny.com) Wednesday, July 30th in keeping with the laws of the State of New York.

Motion to proceed with Local Law #1-2014 revising Local Law #1-2007 was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Alan Davis.

Roll Call vote:

Alan Davis	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles to publish in the July 30, 2014 edition of The Evening Sun the Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1-2014 to be held on August 13, 2014 at 7:45 pm at the Village Hall, 20 Lafayette Park, Oxford.

Roll Call vote:

Alan Davis	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

BILLS & CLAIMS: July 2014

Claims #107 thru #126, General Fund:	Total: \$ 7,861.75
Claims #102 thru #121, Highway Fund:	Total: \$51,797.04

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims.
Motion carried with 3 Ayes.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on August 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the American Legion, So. Washington Ave.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilcox at 8:26 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk