

Oxford Town Board Meeting
Oxford Village Hall
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Town Supervisor Alan Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor David led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

The following individuals were present:

Supervisor Alan Davis, Town Councilman Ron Charles, Town Councilman Carl Koenig, Town Councilman John Hofmann, Town Councilman John Weidman, Town Historian Vicky House, Recreational Director Patrick Moore, Dan Fagnani, Engineer - Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., Town Highway Superintendent William Pinney, Town Resident Matt Gieger and Town Clerk Patricia Moore

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022

Councilman Koenig made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the Town Board meeting held on May 11, 2022. Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Monthly Reports:

Revenues	\$ 90,076.46
Appropriations	\$103,530.47
Pool Donations	\$ 0.00
General Fund Checking	\$ 89,749.20
Highway Fund Checking	\$ 13,978.89
Trust & Agency Checking	\$ 15,750.50
Water District #1 Checking	\$ 2,730.38
Pool Restoration Checking	\$186,753.08
CARES (ARPA) Checking	\$117,553.08

Communications

Supervisor Alan Davis provided the Town's Excess Collateralization Reports for May 2022 to Town Clerk Moore for filing.

Public Comment

Supervisor Davis asked if anyone would like to be heard by the Board. With no one wishing to be heard, Supervisor Davis welcomed Town Historian Vicky House to the meeting.

New Business

Vicky House, Town Historian

Project #1 - Vets Home Cannons - Larry Barkley, Resident Council President:

Ms. House told the Board that she had been contacted at the end of January by Larry Barkley, a resident of the New York State Veterans Home and the President of the Resident's Council. She reported that the Vets Home has rediscovered two cannons that were manufactured for the US Army in 1862 by the Phoenix Iron Co. out of Pennsylvania.

Ms. House explained that the cannons were known as 3" ordinance rifles and they weigh in at 617 lbs. Ms. House went on to say that the cannons used to adorn the outside of the Old Vets Home and after they are restored they will be placed on concrete pads in front of the new buildings.

Ms. House provided some history of the Vets Home. She said that before the home was built Oxford was one of forty five locations being considered for the facility. She said that the community of Oxford came together to buy 100 acres of property to build on. Ms. House stated that New York State easily decided that Oxford was the best place to construct the planned facility. She said that the people of Oxford are also the individuals that actually built the original Vets Home complex. Ms. House reported that local residents did almost all of the work. She said that there were only two small contracts awarded to someone other than the Oxford residents. Ms. House also stated that when the Vets Home was in danger of being closed at a later date the people of Oxford came together once again and waged a letter writing campaign to convince Governor Rockefeller to keep the facility open. It worked.

Ms. House noted that she has nicknamed the cannons Jimmy and Willie after two local soldiers who were captured in the war and never returned home. Ms. House noted that both of these Oxford soldiers died in Salisbury prison. She noted that it feels to her that restoring the cannons at the Vets Home is almost like bringing those soldiers home.

Ms. House reported that they will be creating a plaque to document the cannons. She said that the plaque is going to be wordier than is actually ideal but she does believe that it is important to have the cannons well documented. Ms. House asked the Board to consider making a small donation toward this plaque.

Project #2 – Stories Written by Vicky House, Town Historian:

Ms. House told the Town Board that she has a collection of stories about Oxford as well as corresponding images. She said that she has been encouraged over the years to print these stories and share them with others. Ms. House said that she plans to have about 300 copies of the story collection printed. She said that the cost will be \$12.00 each for an approximate total cost of \$3,600.00. Ms. House said that she hopes to have the collection printed and for sale by Alumni Weekend. She noted that all sale proceeds will be returned to those who donated toward the printing costs. She said that any additional minutes will be put toward the Charlotte Stafford fund. Ms. House asked The Town Board to consider a small donation to defray the initial printing cost. The Town Board members offered Ms. House several suggestions for funding sources that may very well consider aiding in this project.

RESOLUTION # 2022-09

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
NEW YORK STATE VETERANS HOME
RECOGNITION DAY IN THE TOWN OF
OXFORD, NEW YORK**

Councilman Koenig offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Veterans Home will be Celebrating its 125th Anniversary on September 14, 2022,
and

WHEREAS, the New York State Veterans Home was Originally formed as the Women’s Relief Corps Home in 1897,
and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the New York State Veterans Home is to provide Care and Services to Military Service Men and Women and their Families, and

WHEREAS, as proud Members of this Community and Country we owe our Military Service Men and Women infinite gratitude and respect, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Veterans Home has Served this Community Proudly for 125 years, and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that recognition be given to Military Service Men and Women who provide us with the Liberties and Freedoms that we so readily enjoy,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of Oxford hereby Proclaims September 14, 2022 as New York State Veterans Home Day in the Town of Oxford, New York and call upon the Citizens of this Township to recognize the Past, Present and Future Contributions of its Military Men and Women, the Sacrifices of their Families and the Dedication of their Caretakers, who, on a daily basis, Perform their Jobs with Pride.

Seconded by the entire Board and duly adopted.

Old Business

Follett Foundation Grant Application:

Supervisor Davis reported that the Follett Foundation denied the Town's grant application for the Town Pool restoration Project. He said that a large number of applicants and the amount of money requested by those applicants were cited as reasons for the denial.

Recreational Director Monthly Report

Prior to the start of this Town Board meeting the Town Supervisor and all four Town Councilman met Recreation Director/Clerk of the Works Patrick Moore and Engineer Dan Fagnani at the Town Pool to review the progress of the Pool Restoration project.

In addition to the storms and the rain, The contractors have been unable to obtain the main electrical panel and that delay is holding up progress for all involved. The Board was asked to consider a no cost time extension of 54 days for both the General Contract and the Electrical Contract. As with everything else, they are having difficulty obtaining the parts that they need to complete the project.

Payment Application No. 7 - Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. - Aqua Concept:

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Payment Application No. 7 in the amount of \$33,910.25. Councilman Hofmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Contract - Change Order Request No. 4 - No Cost Time Extension from June 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022:

Councilman Koenig made a motion to approve Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Change Order Request No. 4 - No Cost Time Extension for General Contract T01-G-21 to extend the contract completion date from June 1, 2022 to July 24, 2022 (56 days). Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Electrical Contract - Change Order Request No. 3 - No Cost Time Extension from June 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022:

Councilman Weidman made a motion to approve Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Change Order Request No. 3 - No Cost Time Extension for Electrical Contract T01-E-21 to extend the contract completion date from June 1, 2022 to July 24, 2022 (56 days). Councilman Charles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Hauling Sand/Contract Trucking - Cost Comparison between hauling sand with Town Employees and Town Vehicles versus Hiring a Contractor to deliver sand.

The Board reviewed the following figures:

Hire Contractor to Haul Sand:

\$170.00 per hour

36 Tons per Load

2 Trips per Hour

72 Tons = \$170.00

Use Town Employees/Vehicles:

\$22.00 per Hour

1 Hour = 2 Trips = 36 Tons

2 Hours = 4 Trips = 72 Tons

2 Hours Labor = \$44.00

4 Trips = 80 Miles

5 Miles per Gallon

16 Gallons Fuel @ \$5.00 per Gallon = \$80.00

Labor Cost = \$44.00

Fuel Cost = \$80.00

Total Cost = \$124.00

Wear and Tear on Vehicles?

'09 Truck @ 300,000.00 Miles

Repairs @ 33.3 cents per Mile

The Board held a discussion of the cost comparison. Councilman Koenig noted that \$22.00 per hour for using the Town's own employees is not an accurate rate as the employees actually cost the Town much more than that. Supervisor Davis agreed and noted that this comparison is something that was thrown together quickly and uses very rough figures.

The Board held a discussion on the merits of possibly not stockpiling such a large supply of sand this year or even next year. Superintendent Pinney is against that idea. He stated that the pile dwindles very quickly during an ice storm. Mr. Weidman said that the Coventry Superintendent states that the hauler will bring sand any time of the year it is needed. Mr. Pinney voiced his fears that he and the Highway staff would end up hauling snow and chunks of ice if sand was delivered during the winter months.

Councilman Koenig said that The Town Board has to walk the line between cost saving measures in these financially stressful times and keeping local roads safe for travel in inclement weather.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Davis requested an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

Councilman Koenig made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Councilman Charles seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Charles made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. Councilman Hogmann Seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bills and Claims:

Councilman Koenig made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented with Abstract #006. Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Davis stated that the next Town Board meeting will be held on July 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia M. Moore, Town Clerk