

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING

Oxford Village Hall

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Oxford Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Davis 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 a salute to the flag of the United States of America. Due and timely notice concerning the meeting was published in the Norwich Even Sun and placed on the Town website (<https://www.townofoxfordny.com/>).

The meeting was brought to order at 7:33 pm.

Present were:

Supervisor: Alan Davis

Council: John Weidman

Carl Koenig

John Hofmann

Town Highway Superintendent: William Pinney

Town Clerk: Mary Olmsted

Other present: Matt Geiger

Doug Moore

Shawn (Rocky) Ryan

Ann Chernoch

Approval of Minutes - Town Board Meeting July 10, 2024

Minutes Previously Monthly Meeting:

A motion to approve the July 10, 2024, minutes as written. A motion was moved by Carl Koenig, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

Communications:

Excess Collateralization given to the Town Clerk for filing.

Supervisor's Monthly Reports:

Revenue: \$190,161.85

Appropriations: \$172,607.48

Bank Balances:

General Fund Checking Account: \$2,802.70

General Savings: \$60,634.83

Highway Fund Checking Account: \$99,417.14

DA Savings: \$63,121.69

Trust & Agency Checking Account: \$13,908.09

DB Savings: \$1,354.89

Water District Checking Account: \$3,160.52

Public Comment:

Doug Moore and Shawn (Rocky) Ryan expressed to the Board their concern that the issue with dangerous dogs was not settled in Court. They now need a Petition to present to the Court, written up by Roger Barrows the Dog Control Officer, for the next step in the process to settle the issue.

Doug also questioned the Board about the buildings near his property and the conditions they are in. They appear to be unsafe and not up to code.

Matt Geiger wanted to express to the Board his appreciation for the pool and the work that has been done on it.

Ann Chernoch expressed to the Board that the dog issue continues and wants to know the next step because the arrangement with the Meilheims' to work to settle this is not working. Matt Geiger, representing the Planning Board, confirmed that the dog noise ordinance is correct and it is a case of proper enforcement.

Old Business:

Supervisor Alan Davis informed the Board that there was \$8,200 in grant money available to pay Jerry Knapp for the work completed on the pavilion. Motion was moved by John Weidman, seconded by Carl Koenig; all approved.

New Business:

Fire Contract with Indemnity clause

Carl, Alan, and Ron attended the meeting and were able to learn more about the Contract. The insurance company would like an Indemnity clause added to the Contract. Motion to add the Indemnity clause was moved by John Weidman; seconded by Carl Koenig; all approved. Fire contract approved pending inclusion of Indemnity Clause. Alan Davis, yay; John Weidman, yay; Carl Koenig, yay; John Hofmann, yay.

Subdivision Regulations/campground zoning changes, public hearing

The County has approved the changes to regulations for the subdivision and the campground zoning changes. The Board will have a public hearing scheduled for September 11, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Motion moved by Carl Koenig, seconded by John Hofmann; all approved.

Highway Superintendent Monthly Report:

There are emergency road repairs that need to be completed. The Town Highway is down to three employees with another retiring at the end of September and needs to hire additional help. The Board suggested an ad in the paper to hire additional help. Motion moved by John Hofmann, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

The Superintendent expressed to the Board that there is an interest to purchase a bumper from the Highway Department if they cannot use it. The bumper will need to be claimed as surplus. The bumper was declared surplus and approved for the Highway Superintendent to sell it for \$1,200.00. Motion moved by John Weidman, seconded by John Hofmann; all approved.

The new truck is at the Town Barn but still lacks some minor issues that need to be addressed before it can be used.

Review and Approval of Bills and Claims motion was moved by John Hofmann, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

General Fund vouchers: #136 through #160 - \$12,272.48

Highway Fund vouchers: #151 through #167 - \$51,589.31

Supervisor Davis requested an Executive Session to discuss the contract and personnel issues at the Highway Department. The motion was moved by John Hofmann, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:31 pm.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Board approval to accept the employee Highway Contract pending employee hourly rate corrections. Motion moved by John Weidman, seconded by Carl Koenig; all approved. Alan Davis, yay; John Weidman, yay; Carl Koenig, yay; John Hofmann, yay.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Meeting Adjourned - Next meeting, September 11, 2024 - 7:30 pm - Village Hall