

Oxford Town Board Meeting
Oxford Village Hall
Wednesday November 08th , 2023 – 7:30 pm

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

The following individuals were present:

Supervisor Alan Davis, Town Councilman John Hofmann, Town Councilman Ron Charles, Town Councilman John Weidman, Superintendent William Pinney Dan Fagnani Engineer – Delaware Engineering D.P.C., Town resident Matt Greiger, Shawn Palmer, Ben Baker, Roger Barrows, County Planners: Allison Yacano & Shane Butler, Cemetery Representative: Mark Drewniak, Town Clerk Tammy Dilfer.

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

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from October 11th, 2023

Supervisor Davis made Correction to draft copy- Left out on September Account Sheets, Federal Aide A4089 adding \$30,8015.38, changing the revenues to \$197,142.66.

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve the corrected draft minutes for the Town Board Meeting held on October 11th, 2023, Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Monthly Reports:

Revenues	\$ 110,494.61
Appropriations	\$ 95,035.03

Bank Balances:

General Fund Checking	\$ 14,676.94
Highway Fund Checking	\$ 13,968.59
Trust & Agency Checking	\$ 14,823.00
Water District #1 Checking	\$ 1,504.27

Communications:

None

Public Comment:

Ben Baker thanked the Town crew for all their hard work on the roads.

Shawn Palmer thanked Town crew for the Yield sign off Lyon Brooke Road. He asked about an 18-ton limit for larger vehicles. Superintendent Pinney feels Town would need to speak to County for guidance, Supervisor Davis will inquire.

Town Pool Updates:

Supervisor Davis – spoke with Dan Fagnani Engineer – Delaware Engineering D.P.C. earlier in week. Aqua Concepts pressurized gutter system and found one spot leaking; he looked inside with a camera finding some rusty spots but doesn't prove those are leaking. There are a few options to fix this, #1 run system from another season to see how much water is lost, #2 Add stop leak, or #3 cut open the area at approximate cost of \$3,000.00. Nothing needing a decision right now. The Board agrees to table this.

Public Hearing on 2024 Town of Oxford Budget:

Supervisor Davis read the affidavit of published legal notice dated October 27st , 2023, and published on October 31st , 2023, was read by Supervisor Davis. Since there were no further questions or concerns presented by the public, a motion was made by Councilman Charles, Seconded by Councilman Weidman to close the Public Hearing, the entire board duly adopted.

Town of Oxford 2024 Budget

Councilman Hofmann made a motion to adopt the 2024, Seconded by Councilman Charles and carried by Roll Call vote as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Ron Charles	Aye	
Carl Koenig	Aye	
John Weidman	Aye	
Alan Davis	Aye	

Supervisor Davis declared that the foregoing 2024 Town of Oxford Budget was duly passed and adopted.

The 2024 Town of Oxford Budget will be filed with Chenango County and placed on file in the Town Clerk's Offices and available during regular business hours.

Town of Oxford Water District # 1 – 2024 Budget

The Town of Oxford Water District #1 Budget of 2024 was presented by Supervisor Davis and reviewed by the Town Board. No changes were made. A motion was made by Councilman Charles, Seconded by Councilman Weidman, Motion carried by Roll Call vote as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Ron Charles	Aye	
Carl Koenig	Aye	
John Weidman	Aye	
Alan Davis	Aye	

Supervisor Davis declared that the foregoing 2024 Town of Oxford Water District # 1 Budget was duly passed and adopted.

The Water District #1- 2024 Budget will be filed with Chenango County and placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available during regular business hours.

New Business:

Shane Butler & Allison presented the 2050 Vision Plan. It's a new plan for the County since the last 2020 Vision Plan was written in 1992 basically updating this currently the County does not have an Economic Development Strategic Plan or Renewable Energy Plan as well as Broad Band, childcare. They are holding meetings across the county asking as a community what they would like to see. Board mentioned more Mentorships opportunities, Trade School knowledge accessibility, high speed internet, Railroad resource for walking/bike paths, mentoring recreational opportunities for kids during the summer months, and additional public transportation for those who are without vehicles. The entire Board thanks them for allowing input towards the 2050 Vision Plan.

D.C.O. Roger Barrows discussed SPCA and Ag and Markets options for Dogs at large.

Councilman Hofmann also talked with Ag and Markets looking for options.

They are working on options to hold dogs at large temporarily to find owners before taking to SPCA.

D.C.O Barrows is speaking with other shelters as options due to the higher cost involved with SPCA. Ag and Markets just completed the yearly Oxford D.C.O. inspection.

Town Clerk Dilfer mentioned several Village and Town residents who do not have their dogs licensed with deadline letters sent to residents. The deadline letters are in Supervisor Davis's folder now needing Court tickets issued.

Town named Secondary Dog Warden Kelly Small as back up for DCO Barrows for SPCA contract requirement. Entire Board agrees.

Old Business:

None

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pinney stated a Town Barn employee will be retiring on January 11th 2024.

The Board agrees to place the ad in local newspapers for MEO Town Barn position available. All agreed to allow Town Clerk Dilfer to put the ad together with final approval from Town Board and Superintendent Pinney via email before she publishes it.

Salaries options were discussed for the Town Barn MEO position and what other local municipalities are currently paying as comparable.

Start date was discussed due to snow plowing season, Town Clerk Dilfer mentioned the need for training before employee retire date using new Deputy Clerk example of no training before 2023 tax season started and how difficult it was in middle of busy season.

Superintendent Pinney now has own mailing address with a mailbox in place at the Town Barn to eliminate mail being accidentally opened by the Town Clerk and trips to the Town Clerk Office to pick it up.

Bills and Claims:

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented with Abstract #11 Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Davis stated the next Town Board meeting will be held on December 13th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Davis adjourned the meeting at 09:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Dilfer, Town Clerk