

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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. The regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, December 12 was changed to Wednesday, December 19 by motion at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Due and timely notice was published in the Norwich Sun and placed on the Town website.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Ron Charles
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann
 Carl Koenig
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Bill Pinney

Others Present:

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2018. Motion was seconded by John Hofmann and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets and a list of the Fund Balances as of November 30, 2018. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

November 2018

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| Revenues | \$ 2,766.25 |
| Appropriation | 104,006.25 |

Check Book Balances:

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| General | \$ 5,656.05 |
| Highway | 38,101.18 |
| T&A | 285.25 |
| Water District #1 | 1,065.79 |

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Douglas Townsend and Virginia Gans, Treasure Hill Highlands LLC, inquired about financial help and or tax incentives that may be available to purchase the property at 3 Greene St. for a bed & breakfast or art gallery.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that the Town of Oxford doesn't have any programs that would be available to residents purchasing property in the Village of Oxford. He suggested contacting the Village Board and agencies in Norwich that might be able to help with this project.

Richard Rice had several questions concerning taxes and properties in the Town and Village of Oxford and asked about the proposed school bus garage site and the use of the access road in the swimming pool area.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that he is also concerned about the school bus garage site and will be looking into this and the problems that might affect the swimming pool.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Sue Meyers concerning the State's answer to changing the traffic light at the intersection of Rts. 32 and 35.

Letter was received from RC Woodford, County Auditor, announcing the new mileage rate for 2019: .58 per mile.

Information was received concerning the Federal Surplus Property Application. Carl Koenig will look over the information and give a report to the Town Board at the January 9, 2019 meeting.

New Dog Control Officer (DCO) Policies were received from Chenango SPCA. These policies are as defined in the Animal Shelter Agreement and NYS Ag & Markets Law.

The following 2019 tax levy information was received from William C. Craine, Chenango County Budget Officer:

- (A) 2019 Tax Levy sheets including special districts
- (B) totals of school taxes to be relieved upon the town and school districts for unpaid 2018-2019 school taxes
- (C) totals of 2018 unpaid Village taxes to be relieved with the 2019 Town and County taxes

OTHER BUSINESS:

The appointment of Paul Romahn to the Board of Assessment Review has expired. Motion was made by Carl Koenig to reappoint Paul Romahn to the Board of Assessment Review for the term 12/19/18 to 9/30/23. Motion was seconded by Alan Davis and carried with 5 Ayes.

The new 2018 Sexual Harassment Policy 2018 was presented to the Town Board to replace the Sexual Harassment Policy adopted on 06-11-2014. The new policy was distributed to the Town Board for their approval and adoption. Suggestion was made that the Board members take the policy home, read it over and bring it back to the next meeting on January 9, 2019.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Bill Pinney, Superintendent of Highway, stated that they have a few issues with the Town trucks and repairs are being made. Snowplow parts are hard to get through our present supplier. A problem with a culvert pipe on Basswood Road is being repaired. There is low water pressure at the highway garage and makes cleaning the trucks a problem. Superintendent Pinney suggested that a new system be installed to help take care of this problem. He presented two systems, with pricing, for the Board to consider. He said that our new employee, Allen Franklin, is doing very well.

BILLS & CLAIMS: December 2018

Claims #208 thru #229 General Fund: Total: \$19,640.96
Claims #182 thru #192 Highway Fund: Total: \$20,345.08

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

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on January 9, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 9:34 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk