

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 12, 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: Jerry Locke
 Alan Davis
 Ron Charles
 John Hofmann

Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Absent (working)

Others Present: Eleven local residents.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014. Motion was seconded by Jerry Locke and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets, Investment and Certificate of Deposit Reports, as of February 28, 2014. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

February 2014

Revenues	58,472.34
Appropriations	70,272.72

Check Book Balances:

General	363,548.33
Highway	345,805.04
T&A	13,849.39
Water District #1	3,134.56

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bryant LaTourette expressed his concern about the new zoning map and the changes that may be made to the residential and residential/recreational areas. He said that placing a ban on gas drilling in those areas will adversely affect the overall value of all other properties adjacent to these areas. He also cited Town Law #265 regarding amendments to regulations and boundaries of zoning maps.

Irving Hall handed out copies of a Town of Preston Brine Spreading Locations map to the Board Members and expressed his concerns over possible use of this material from well drilling on Town of Oxford roads. He feels that our zoning laws should include a ban on brine spreading on our roads.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Announcement was received from PERMA (Public Employers Risk Management Assoc.) about OSHA Annual Refresher Training to be held at the Canasawacta County Club, Norwich, NY, on Friday, April 4, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. The training covers HAZCOM, BBP Awareness, LOTO, PPE, Preventing Slips & Falls, Occupational Exposure to Rabies and Sun Safety Heavy Equipment Safety and Trenching Awareness.

Letter was received from NYSEG containing names and telephone numbers of responsible officials of the Corporation who may be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Notice was received from the Southern Tier Regional Planning Development Board (STE) concerning a critical Economic Development Workshop on the topic of Disaster Resiliency. The

Workshop will be held on Monday, March 31, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 225 Water St., Binghamton, NY.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ron Charles handed out copies of his suggestions and wording for proposed changes to the current zoning ordinance. He asked the Board members to look them over and let him know their comments before he presents them to the Planning Board for their consideration.

Discussion was held on the use of gas drilling waste water brine on Town of Oxford roads. Decision was made to adopt a resolution to prohibit this type of material to be used on town roads.

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Alan Davis to approve the following Resolution concerning the use of well drilling “brine” on Town roads:

– RESOLUTION –

WHEREAS; The Town Board of the Town of Oxford believing that the use of well drilling “brine” on Town roads would be detrimental to the overall condition of our roads,

RESOLVED, that the use of welling drilling “Brine” be prohibited on the Town of Oxford roads as defined herein.

“Brine” shall mean (a) production brine; or (b) produced waters; or (c) flowback; or (d) flowback fluids; or (e) hydraulic fracturing fluid, any or all, which are generated as a result of drilling for, or seeking gas in wells including but not limited to High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing, as defined herein.

“High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing” shall mean a natural gas well stimulation technique consisting of the injection into the earth of a water and chemical mix with the intent of increasing the ability to extract natural gas from very tight rock.

The motion to approve the Resolution was as follows:

Alan Davis	Aye
John Hofmann	Aye
Jerry Locke	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent of Highway, Tim Tefft, did not attend as he was out with the highway crew plowing/sanding roads because of the current snow storm. Supervisor Wilcox reported that the box has been installed on the new truck and the snowplow should be put on by the first of the week. The broom used for road sweeping is ready to go when needed.

BILLS & CLAIMS: March 2014

Claims #35 thru #50	Total: \$174,394.88
Claims #35 thru #48	Total: \$ 11,924.41

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on April 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:21 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk