

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

The Re-Organizational 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. Due and timely notice, concerning this meeting, 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: Roger Barrows, Planning Board Representative; Richard Rice.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by John Hofmann and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets as of December 31, 2019 and Accounting Sheets as of December 31, 2019 after budget changes and a list of the budget changes that were made. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

December 2019

Revenues	\$191,839.17
Appropriation	86,632.99

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 28,958.86
Highway	124,516.09
T&A	5,576.91
Water District #1	884.36

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Rice was concerned about assessments and building additions and how this effect the taxes. He feels that the taxes on his property are way out of line with others of the same size, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The collateral deposit information for the month of December 2019 was received from the Bank of New York Mellon.

A thank you note was received from the Oxford Library for the donation given to them to help improve the library.

Town Supervisor Annual Reports:

Supervisor Wilcox presented his annual reports for the year 2019, including after year-end budget changes and 2020 starting balances. Motion was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by John Hofmann to approve and adopt the Supervisor's annual report. Motion carried with 5 Ayes. These reports will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector Annual Reports:

Town Clerk James W. Hemstrought Jr. presented the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector's reports for the year 2019. Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to approve the Town Clerk and Tax Collector reports for the year 2019. Motion carried with 5 Ayes. These reports will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

Supervisor Wilcox thanked the Town Clerk's office staff for their excellent work on behalf of all our residents. He also praised the tax office staff for the work they are doing and stated that the County Tax Department is very pleased with our professional work ethics.

Town Supervisor 2020 Appointments:

Supervisor Wilcox went over the list of 2020 appointments for approval by the Board. Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles to approve the Supervisor's appointments for 2020. Motion carried with 5 Ayes. The other re-organizational items concerning depository, newspaper, time and place, bills and claims, etc. were presented for approval. Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Carl Koenig to approve the other re-organizational items as presented. The motion carried with 5 Ayes. These reports will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

Town Justice Annual Report:

Susan F. Frye, Town Justice, will present her annual report at the February 12 meeting of the Town Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fire Contract:

Supervisor Wilcox stated that the towns of Preston and Smithville have decided not to go with the Village of Oxford Fire Department contract, which leaves the contract up to the Town of Oxford. After much discussion the Town Board of Oxford decided to go with the five-year contract as originally agreed too. Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by John Hofmann to give Supervisor Wilcox authority to sign the 5-year Village of Oxford Fire Department contract. The motion carried with 5 Ayes.

Swimming Pool:

Board member Ron Charles gave a report on the new Oxford swimming pool project. He stated that everything is looking very good. We have been notified by two trust funds and a foundation that they will be contributing sizable monetary gifts to support the pool project. Sarah Smith has volunteered to contact local organizations to let them know about the new pool project. The engineering plans are being looked over and possible changes made. Bids applications will soon be going out to the various pool companies in the area .

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent of Highway, William Pinney, said everything is just all right, but he has a few issues to bring before the board. Residents want a stop sign at the intersection of Moran and Dunn roads. The sign is okay with the Town Board, but Supervisor Wilcox stated that we need to go through the proper channels to get this done and that he will look into this.

There is also a real need to replace two of the plows that are in very bad shape. He would like the plow on the Terra-Star truck replaced first. Supervisor Wilcox asked the highway superintendent to look into getting a new plow for the Terra-Star.

BILLS & CLAIMS: January 2020

Claims #01 thru #16 General Fund: Total: \$ 5,032.68

Claims #01 thru #13 Highway Fund: Total: \$28,637.15

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

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on February 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:35 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk