

Oxford Town Board Meeting
Oxford Village Hall
Wednesday, May 10th, 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 Ron Charles, Town, Town Councilman John Weidman, Recreational Director Clayton Kappauf, Town Clerk Tammy Dilfer, Town Highway Superintendent William Pinney, Matt Grieger, Rich Kennedy, Carol Birdsall, Jean Cogshaw, David Moy, Pauline Speziali, Mark Speziali, and David Burrell owner Burrell Excavating Inc.

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

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for April 12th, 2023

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the Town Board Meeting held on April 12th, 2023, Councilman Weidman seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Monthly Reports:

Revenues	\$ 3,906.50
Appropriations	\$ 77,818.56
Pool Donations	\$ 0.00
General Fund Checking	\$ 124,733.48
Highway Fund Checking	\$ 23059.33
Trust & Agency Checking	\$ 14,677.23
Water District #1 Checking	\$ 2,948.02
CARES (ARPA) Checking	\$ 30,812.33

Communications:

Supervisor Alan Davis provided the Town's Excess Collateralization Reports for March to Town Clerk Dilfer for filing.

Public Comment:

Gerry Lake Association has questions regarding Town responsibilities and who they should contact about complaints. They are working with local State Police & Chenango County Sheriff to be more visible patrolling the area at various times to restrict ATV, 4- wheelers riding the roads and drug problems they are having.

They asked about chicken laws, the Town Board stated there are no laws in Town limits for having chickens however they should be maintained on owners' property solely. Additional enforcement would need to be governed by Gerry Lake Association privately.

Dog Leashing, Dog Licensing, Rabies Vaccines: Supervisor Davis addressed the dog leash law applies to any owner not able to keep dog on their own property must be leash or securely fenced in. Dog licensing and rabies vaccine is a NYS Law requirement.

Deteriorating properties, abandon properties, garbage, rat infestations. Supervisor Davis is aware of the complaints. As Dog Warden/Zoning Officer Mr. Barrows is working on these with the Chenango County Dept of Health but limited to the health concern aspect of complaints. It's a slow process but being addressed. The Board suggested the Gerry Lake Association file formal complaints with the Chenango County Code Enforcement about the sanitary & structural safety concerns to have them documented and addressed at a County level as well.

Mr. Barrows and Town Clerk Dilfer will work with Gerry Lake Association to get the Dogs licensed. The Oxford Town Court appearance tickets will be issued as last resort with additional penalties being added since it is a NY State Law your dog must be licensed with up-to-date Rabies vaccination.

The Town Board thanked the Association for coming and voicing their concerns and questions.

David Burrell, Burrell Excavating Inc presented his business capacity options available for the Town of Oxford needs. Their sand from the Kessler Pit meets County qualification criteria of dirt and silt amounts. The distance to Burrell's pit is closer than current Town of Oxford supplier.

Superintendent Pinney feels the quality is better from the current supplier. Mr. Burrell offered to have his and current supplier tested for quality at Supervisor Pinney choice of independent testing facility at Mr. Burrell's expense. Supervisor Pinney declined the offer. The entire Board thanked Mr. Burrell for taking the time to discuss his business.

Clayton Kappauf Recreational Director with the updates Pool Restoration Project

He is working with Aqua Concepts to resolve small details needing to be addressed. Mr. Kappauf mentioned a concern with the Flow Meter and 2 check valves on return line into pool with no isolation valves to shut off for future repairs. If a valve fails, there is no way to isolate them. It would be a great help if it could be installed.

It's still very wet to do a lot of grading work.

They resolved the locker room doors and fixed the window in door.

Mr. Kappauf worked on getting a pool vacuum consulting with Aqua Concepts who stated they will need a bigger one with a 70' lead than earlier anticipated. He needs about \$1400.00 for this vacuum.

Lifeguard applications are in the works, working on a group CPR/First Aid certification with a trainer who will come to the school training of everyone.

Supervisor Davis asked what size refrigerator-freezer they need? Mr. Kappauf states just something to keep ice and a place for the lifeguards to keep their meals cold if needed.

Town resident Matt Greiger added he has one he is willing to donate, there is nothing wrong with it, they wanted something a little smaller for their camp. They will work out details to get it transported to the pool. The Town Board thanks Matt for his generosity.

Supervisor Davis has the permit to operate the Town Pool, it will need to be displayed in the guard house area.

Supervisor Davis brought up phone internet. The Town will install a phone service for now. Cameras are being discussed for security at night.

Councilman Weidman moves motion to install Spectrum phone. Seconded by Councilman Charles, the entire board duly adopted.

Councilman Weidman moves motion to increase purchase amount for pool vacuum, filters, and test kits from \$1000.00 to \$1700.00 or less. Seconded by Councilman Charles, the entire board duly adopted.

Lifeguard salary discussion. Supervisor Davis spoke with Barbara McNitt who stated it was minimum wage with .25 cent raise per year they were employed with the Town of Oxford Pool in previous years. Mr. Davis went back in the history of the last pay range which was \$11.10-13.60/hr in 2019 year.

The minimum wages going forward are - year 2020 was \$12.50/hr, year 2021 was \$13.20/hr, year 2022 was \$14.20/hr.

In past years total hours used for lifeguard season were 1900-2000 hours. Looking to the future it will be very difficult to pay upcoming years minimum wage increases.

After lengthy discussion the hourly wage will be minimum wage \$ 14.20/per hour with 0.25cents for each past year worked with the Town of Oxford.

Councilman Chares moves motion for Lifeguard hourly wage \$14.20 with 0.25cents for each previous year worked with head Lifeguard pay at \$19.00 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Weidman, the entire board duly adopted.

Oxford Tech Class will not be able to complete the Pavilion repairs on their list for spring class projects. Rehabbing the posts is primary focus, the black top will not be replaced at this time.

New Business:

Mr. Ken Ryan unexpectedly passed away. The Town Board took a moment in remembrance of a terrific talented man who gave more than 50yrs of service to the Town of Oxford. He will be dearly missed.

Town Historian has a culvert collapsing. Superintendent Pinney got an estimate from a local company estimated quote of \$5,500.00 to replace and complete the project. Supervisor Davis went to the NYS DOT asking for help, they agreed to help with this repair if the Town of Oxford paid for the culvert. The culvert will cost approx. \$250.00. Board agrees to help.

The Town of Oxford Justice Clerk has put her resignation in with June 30th, 2023, being her last day. There is a person interested in the position but will need to speak to Justice Mrs. Ross to clarify the candidates for the position.

Supervisor Davis mentioned there was a stump on South Washington Street the contractor asked for help to remove. Mr. Davis drove by tonight and it has been removed.

Supervisor Davis anticipated \$432,000.00 in Chips money. This is a \$30,000.00 increase from the previous year to help with inflation costs everyone is absorbing.

Chenango Co Water and Soil – Jennifer Kelly Supplied drawings earlier in day of Vroman Rd. Superintendent did quite understand them, this will need tabling until next meeting. Councilman Weidman discussed a seat on the Village Advisory Board.

Old Business: None

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pinney reports Mr. Matt Dilfer who has been doing roadside mowing for several years in resigning from the position. With the heat from the tractor, it is at times unbearable. Mr. Pinney stated he has done it for the same rate per hour for several years.

There was a mishap at the Town Barn, the Town pickup truck was accidentally hit by one of the larger trucks. \$3032.90 in damages. Superintendent Pinney is in the process of working with insurance and collision shop for repairs.

Town employees are working on prepping roads for upcoming paving, one road has been currently paved, they are helping other towns with paving as well, and filling potholes. Also hauling stone in between current projects.

Bills and Claims:

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented with Abstract #5, Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Davis stated the next Town Board meeting will be held on June 14th 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Davis adjourned the meeting at 09:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Dilfer, Deputy Town Clerk