

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

The regular scheduled 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. Because of the coronavirus pandemic the public was not allowed to attend, but were to use e-mail or postal mail to ask questions or express concerns. Those present had masks and kept social distancing per the Governor's Covid-19 guidelines.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Ron Charles
 Alan Davis
 John Hofmann
 Carl Koenig
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Bill Pinne
Pool Director: Patrick Moore

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 5 Ayes. Motion was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Alan Davis to approve the minutes of the cancelled April 8 meeting, which were written for historical purposes. The motion 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 March 31 and April 30, 2020. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

April 2020

Revenues	\$ 71,730.16
Appropriation	79,901.27
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 78,106.49
Highway	406,117.32
T&A	8,093.95
Water District #1	2,263.24
Pool	63,468.04

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter, with all the necessary forms and maps, was received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) concerning a new bedrock mine on a proposed 123.1-acre site located on the south side of County Route 32, just west of Lyon Brook Road. Since the DEC has primary, statewide responsibility for the regulation of mining, it is the Department's policy to seek Lead Agency for the purposes of the SEQRA review for all mining projects. They requested that the Town of Oxford consider them as the Lead Agency.

The Town Board agreed to let the DEC be the Lead Agency on this project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Announcement was made by Supervisor Wilcox that due to a variety of health, safety and repair concerns, the Oxford Town swimming pool will not be open this year. Also entering into the decision was the fact that the Chenango County Board of Health will not be issuing pool permits until sometime in July and the increased truck traffic on the road, going by the Pool, caused by the construction of the school bus garage.

The new swimming pool project maps and charts are still being updated. Pool director Patrick Moore, stated that maps need to contain more detailed information and specifications to make sure we get what we are paying for during construction. The original charts, with updates have been submitted. One of the next steps will be to decide on a project engineer firm and to get all the required information needed for bids. The Town Board agreed that we should go with two new pools to replace the present one. Ron Charles, Town Councilman, will be contacting the several foundations and organizations that have stepped up to help with pool financing. Pool Director Moore is looking for a place to store all the extra pool equipment and chemicals. The Town Board suggested that one of the local storage units be used.

Supervisor Wilcox attended a meeting with Mayor Stark on Monday. He says that nothing has changed with the Fire Department projects and that the Town Office lease with the Village is expected to be increase.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

William Pinney, Superintendent of Highways, reported that there is an issue with the 2005 truck. While in use recently, it just quit and had to be towed for repair. Unfortunately the repair company didn't want anything to do with it. Board member, John Hofmann, said he knows of someone who might take a look at it to see what repairs need to be made. The truck will be towed back to the highway garage. Mr. Pinney said that the paving on New Virginia Road should be completed tomorrow and parts of Lyon Brook Road would be next on the schedule.

There was concern over the damage being done on West Park Rd. that goes past the swimming pool. With all the heavy truck traffic and the construction of the new school bus garage, the road and properties along it are in need of repair.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that CHIPs money will be about 20% less this year, which is about \$46,000.

BILLS & CLAIMS: May 2020

Claims #81 thru #100 General Fund: Total: \$11,013.65

Claims #64 thru # 80 Highway Fund: Total: \$55,992.11

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Carl Koenig to pay the bills and claims.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on June 10, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:45 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk