

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2018

The Regular 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.

Present were:

Supervisor: Lawrence Wilcox
Council: Jerry Locke
Carl Koenig
Ron Charles
John Hofmann- late arrival
Town Clerk: James Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Others Present: David Crane, NBT-Mang Insurance Rep; Roger Barrows, Oxford Code Officer; Richard Rice, Sue Meyers, Canice Paliotta,

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets and a list of the Fund Balances as of July 31, 2018. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

July 2018

Revenues	\$ 86,148.34
Appropriation	127,651.81
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 49,166.09
Highway	99,897.07
T&A	5,226.78
Water District #1	2,726.10

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Oxford resident Sue Myers was present to ask the Town Board to leave the traffic lights in place at the intersection of Routes 220 and 35. She has lived next to that intersection for thirty-three years and observed numerous accidents there over the years. She sited the excessive speed of vehicles going up and down the hill and how the lights helped to slow down the traffic. When the lights were changed back to just caution lights, the traffic speed picked up and drivers again took chances while crossing.

Supervisor Wilcox explained that traffic lights are under the control of the New York State Department of Transportation. He stated that the Town Board could help initiate the process to leave the lights there. Town Board members, Carl Koenig felt that we should get more facts and not rely on personal feelings. He suggested sending a recommendation to the State Department of Transportation.

Motion was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by John Hofmann that the State Department of Transportation investigate the feasibility of keeping the traffic lights at the corner of State Route 220 and County Route 32 in Oxford, NY. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

David Crane, Mang Insurance Agency Representative, handed out the Annual NYMIR summary of insurance for all the Town of Oxford renewal policies. This policy covers the Town of Oxford properties, equipment and autos. Mr. Crane went over each policy coverage item individually and made recommendations for the board to consider. One recommendation was the addition of flood insurance for the Town office location at 20 Lafayette Park. The board decided not to go with the flood insurance. The all other policy coverages were approved by the Board.

Town Court Cashbook Report:

Justice Susan F. Frye's Oxford Town Court Cashbook Report for the period 01/01/2018 to 06/30/2018 was received and reviewed by the Town Council. Carl Koenig suggested that the meaning of the Action Codes, listed on the report, be given to the Board members for reference.

POOL REPORT:

The lifeguards have saved six swimmers this season and usage has increased. Some residents are concerned about the condition of the Pool surfaces and the break-down that is occurring. Supervisor Wilcox stated that the Pool is forty-two years old and information on its replacement is being sought. Also under consideration is the replacement or repair of the existing bath house and facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The final 2018 State equalization rate for the Town of Oxford was received and set at 65.80%.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A request was received for a zoning change from Commercial Excavation (CE) to Agricultural (A-1) for the DeBois property. All excavation has been done and land reclaimed. Supervisor Wilcox suggested that the Planning Board review any other changes they may want to make to the Zoning regulations and make all the changes at the same time.

Several employment applications have been received for the Highway Superintendent position and were handed out to the Board members for their review.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Timothy Tefft reported that work has been completed on Charles Kelley Road, Scouten Hill Road and Loomis Road. Williams Road is scheduled to be shimmed.

BILLS & CLAIMS: August 2018

Claims #140 thru #158 General Fund: Total: \$40,460.11
Claims #120 thru #136 Highway Fund: Total: \$55,022.05

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims, including the insurance bill presented tonight. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on September 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:58 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk