

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
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: Carl Koenig
Jerry Locke
Ron Charles

Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Absent: John Hofmann

Others Present: Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2016. Motion was seconded by Carl Koenig and carried with 4 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Review of Monthly Financial Accounting Information.

Supervisor Wilcox gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

October 2016

Revenues	\$ 67,258.46
Appropriations	\$ 40,447.53

Check Book Balances:

General	\$ 19,095.91
Highway	\$ 186,808.57
T&A	\$ 3,878.23
Water District #1	\$ 1,455.52

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Romahn, Chairman of the Planning Board, presented their decision on the petition received from the Lake Gerry residents concerning domesticated fowl on their properties as requested by the Town Board at their August 10, 2016 meeting. The decision as presented: "Since the township is an agricultural township and the Zoning Law's do not cover any domesticated ANIMALS within R1, R2. It is recommended that the Lake Gerry Association try to solve the problem using by-laws as a guideline".

The Town Board recommended that a change be made in the next revision of the Town of Oxford Zoning Law.

Public Hearing on 2017 Town of Oxford Budget

Supervisor Wilcox opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm. The affidavit of published legal notice dated November 2, 2016, was read.

No concerns were presented by the public or the Town Board members. Motion was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Jerry Locke to close the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm

Town of Oxford 2017 Budget

Jerry Locke made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget. The motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4 Ayes by Roll Call vote as follows:

Carl Koenig	Aye
Jerry Locke	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

Supervisor Wilcox declared that the foregoing 2017 Town of Oxford Budget was duly passed and adopted. The 2017 Town of Oxford Budget will be filed with Chenango County and placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available during regular business hours.

Town of Oxford Water District #1 - 2017 Budget

The Town of Oxford Water District #1 Budget for 2017 was presented by Supervisor Wilcox and reviewed by the Town Board. No changes were made. Motion was made by Jerry Locke to adopt the 2017 Water District #1 Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 4Ayes by Roll Call vote as follows:

Carl Koenig	Aye
Jerry Locke	Aye
Ron Charles	Aye
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye

Supervisor Wilcox declared that the foregoing 2017 Town of Oxford Water District #1 Budget was duly passed and adopted. The Water District #1 – 2017 Budget will be filed with Chenango County and placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available during regular business hours.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The October 2016 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, reported that Cook's Tree Service has taken down several trees around the Town area as well as the Riverview Cemetery area in the Village of Oxford. A fire inspection has been completed and everything found to be in order. This inspection is preformed every three years. The NYMIR list of recommendation is still being worked on. The master switches have been installed on the trucks and the other items are pending. The brush mower, borrowed from the County, has been put to good use with most of the town roadsides cut back for better visibility.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox stated that seven towns in Chenango County are considering a cooperative contract with Stokes & Levy Attorneys, Cazenovia, NY to provide legal counsel as needed. The Town Board recommended that the Town of Oxford consider using an hourly rate contract with this firm.

The 2017 contract was received from the SPCA in Norwich for our approval. The Town Board only questioned one part of the contract which had to do with who gives the final approval for extra veterinary services. Supervisor Wilcox will follow up on this with the SPCA.

Supervisor Wilcox recommended Doug Moore to fill the unexpired term of office on the Zoning Board of Appeals to December 31, 2020. Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to appoint Doug Moore to fill the unexpired term of office on the Zoning Board of Appeals to December 31, 2020. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

BILLS & CLAIMS: November 2016

Claims #174 thru #185 General Fund: Total: \$6,141.62

Claims #160 thru #175 Highway Fund: Total: \$22,426.82

Motion was made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilcox at 8:28 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk