

**OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

The 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: Alan Davis  
John Hofmann  
Ron Charles  
Carl Koenig - Absent  
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Highway Superintendent: William Pinney

Others Present: Pool Director, Patrick Moore; Planning Board Chairman, Roger Barrows; and Town residents: Patricia Moore, Matt & Hans Gieger

**Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:**

Ron Charles made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2021. Motion was seconded by John Hofmann and carried with 4 Ayes.

**Supervisor's Monthly Report:**

Supervisor Wilcox handed out the Financial Accounting Information Sheets, Investment and Certificate of Deposit Reports, as of November 30, 2021. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

**November 2021**

Revenues	\$ 25,154.38
Appropriations	115,527.57
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 21,758.88
Highway	15,735.75
T&A	21,562.13
Water District #1	966.56
Pool Restoration	273,954.07
Cares Account	117,060.18

**OXFORD POOL REPORT:**

Patrick Moore, Pool Director, brought several pictures of the progress on the Oxford swimming pool project. He gave an explanation about all the work that has been accomplished. He felt that there is a need for a storage shed and will look into getting this done. Pat also stated that he and all the others that work at the new Pool will need to get certification to do so.

A change order No. 2 was received from Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. For Pool Construction Modifications at a cost of \$3,345.90. The following resolution was put forth by the Town Board: Be It Resolved that authorization be given to the Town Supervisor to execute Order No. 2 – Pool Construction Modifications for Contract TO1-G-2021, at the additional costs equal to \$3,345.90 and a revised contract price of \$490,912.90.

Motion was made by Ron Charles and seconded by Alan Davis to accept the resolution as stated. Motion carried by 4 Ayes.

**PUBIC COMMENTS:**

There was only one comment made and that was to opt out of allowing Cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Oxford.

Town of Oxford Local Law #1-2021, which was tabled until this meeting, was brought back on the table by a motion made by Alan Davis, seconded by John Hofmann and carried with 4 Ayes. Local Law #1-2021 reads as follows:

**TOWN OF OXFORD  
Local Law #1-2021**

**Local Law to Opt out of allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as Authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4**

Be it enacted by the Town of Oxford, County of Chenango as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites in the Town of Oxford that would otherwise be allowed under Cannabis Law Article 4.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law, paragraph 131 which expressly authorizes the town board to adopt a local law requesting the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses and/or on-site consumption licenses within the jurisdiction of the town and is subject to a permissive referendum, the procedure of which is governed by Municipal Home Rule Law paragraph 24.

**Section 3. Local Opt-Out**

The Town Board of the Town of Oxford hereby opts out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and onsite cannabis consumption sites from being established and operated within the town's jurisdiction.

**Section 4. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law #1-2021 or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law #1-2021 or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Permissive Referendum / Referendum on Petition**

This local law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with Cannabis Law paragraph 131 and the procedure outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law paragraph 24.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Following further discussion on local law #1-2021, motion was made by Alan Davis to adopt Local Law #1-2021 to opt out of allowing Cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Oxford.

Motion was seconded by Ron Charles and carried by a roll call vote of the Town Board as follows:

Alan Davis	Aye X	No _____
John Hofmann	Aye X	No _____
Ron Charles	Aye X	No _____
Lawrence Wilcox	Aye X	No _____

This Local Law #1-2021 is subject to a Permissive Referendum on petition in accordance with the Cannabis Law paragraph 131 and the procedure outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law paragraph 24. Only Town residents may sign the petition.

**NOTICES:**

Jim Hemstrought, Town Clerk, announced the following notices that will be published in the Norwich Evening Sun newspaper and added to the Town of Oxford website:

**Town Roads:** Take notice that all vehicles and garbage cans must be removed from roadsides during a snowfall. It is also against highway law for anyone to place, or have placed, snow or ice on town roads, thereby creating a hazard for the motoring public.

To protect your mailbox please make sure it is secure and away from snow banks. The Oxford Highway Department is not responsible for repair or replacement of damaged mailboxes.

Please take notice that any unattended vehicles, left along the Town of Oxford Roads, will be towed away at owner's expense.

**Re-Organizational Meeting:** The Annual Re-organizational Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Oxford, will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the Oxford Village Hall for the transaction of any lawful business to come before the board.

**2022 Tax Information:** The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be collecting taxes for the Town of Oxford, Chenango County, January 3rd through May 31, 2022 at the Oxford Town Clerk's Office. Taxes may be paid without penalty through the month of January. Office Hours are: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Also Saturday (during January only: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>) 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The November 2021 collateralized deposit account information report was received from BNY Mellon.

The Dog Control Officer Inspection report, completed on 11/22/2021, was received from New York State Ag & Mkts.

The new Town Judge, Matthew T. Voce, will be holding Town Court at 5:00 pm. The present Town Justice Clerk is resigning on December 31, 2021 and the Town Justice Clerk position will need to be filled.

The levy list of special district tax in Chenango County towns for the year 2022 was received, along with the relevy of unpaid 2021-22 school taxes and relevy of 2021 unpaid village taxes.

A list of Emergency Medical service calls by the Oxford Emergency Squad for Chenango County towns/villages was received for the period 8/9/2021 thru 11/29/2021. A grand total of 136 incidents were recorded.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

A company in Pennsylvania was finally found that could furnish the needed truck parts and will be shipping them in 5 to 7 days. Everything else is going well. The Highway employees are now back on five 8-hour days.

The Riverview Cemetery roads are in need of repairs. It was felt that we could save money by doing the work ourselves. Town Highway Superintendent, Bill Pinney, said that he is okay with this and will look over the situation and start work in the Spring.

**BILLS & CLAIMS: November 2021**

Claims #198 thru #221	General Fund:	Total:	\$22,120.92
Claims #186 thru #201	Highway Fund:	Total:	\$23,855.71

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

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to have our newly elected Supervisor, Alan Davis, and newly elected Town Clerk, Patricia Moore, go through the process of putting their signatures on their Town of Oxford NBT Bank accounts. Motion carried with 4 Ayes.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that a year-end meeting of the Town Board will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on January 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:20 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.  
Town Clerk