

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Oxford Village Hall  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Oxford Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Davis at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall for the transaction of such business that may lawfully come before the Board. The meeting opened with a salute to the United States of America flag. Due and timely notice concerning the meeting was published in the Norwich Evening Sun and placed on the Town website (<https://www.townofoxfordny.com/>).

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were:

Town Supervisor: Alan Davis

Council: John Weidman  
John Hofmann  
Ron Charles

Town Highway Superintendent: NA

Town Clerk: Mary Olmsted

Other present: Ann Chernoch  
Matt Geiger  
Mark Drewniak

Approval of Minutes - Town Board Meeting April 12, 2025

Minutes from the previous monthly meeting

A motion to approve April 12, 2025, minutes as written. Motion to accept moved by Ron Charles, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

Communications:

Excess Collateralization was given to the Town Clerk for filing.

The Town Supervisor has received the permits from the Department of Conservation for the Basswood Stone quarry for mining from May 2, 2025 through May 2, 2027, and Lopke from May 5, 2025, through May 5, 2030.

## Supervisor's Monthly Report:

Revenue: \$16,916.58

Appropriations: \$56,268.50

### Bank Balances:

General Fund Checking: \$15,062.32

Highway Fund Checking: \$22,268.89

Trust & Agency Checking: \$14,362.57

Water District Checking: \$3,372.02

General Savings: \$136,385.77

DA Savings: \$183,604.20

DB Savings: \$261,858.02

### Public Comment:

Riverview Cemetery has provided a letter requesting money from the Town for tree removal and other expenses. Mark Drewniak attended the meeting to represent the cemetery.

Ann Chernoch questioned the Board if there is a better way to communicate with the Town or at least get confirmation that the Highway Department has received the emails being submitted. She would also like to know if there is a schedule for road maintenance that the public could be notified of. She has concerns about the ditch on her road being cleaned out.

Ann has brought it to the Board's attention that the neighbors dogs are still barking. She expressed concern whether the dogs are also licensed and registered with the Town.

### Old Business:

Councilman John Weidman submitted a letter to the Supervisor and the Board stressing his disagreement in the decision to purchase the CAT loader versus the John Deere loader. He feels that the CAT would have been a better choice for what the Town needs and a better value financially.

### New Business:

Supervisor Davis and the Board would like to express their gratitude to the neighboring Town Highway Departments, Chenango County Highway Department, NY State Department of Transportation, Village of Oxford Highway Department, and various businesses that provided trucks for a Memorial Ride for Town employee, Michael "Weeze" Crandall, who lost his life in a motorcycle

accident. The Town also thanks the people who volunteered their time, provided food, tables, and chairs for the luncheon after the Memorial Ride. The Town of Oxford appreciates the 39 years of dedication Weeze provided.

The Board accepts the letter of resignation from Oxford Dog Control Officer (DCO), Roger Barrows. Motion moved by John Weidman, seconded by Ron Charles; all approved. The Board thanks Roger for his time as the Town of Oxford DCO.

Taylor (TJ) Smith has applied to be the Oxford DCO and Nancy Cody (Town of Preston DCO) has offered to be his backup officer if he is unavailable. A motion to appoint TJ was moved by John Weidman, seconded by Ron Charles; all approved. Motion to appoint Nancy Cody as the secondary DCO moved by John Hofmann, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

Supervisor Davis has reached out to Gates/Cole Insurance for quotes for the Town to carry their insurance.

Highway Town Superintendent Monthly Report:

Supervisor Davis and Highway Superintendent Bill Pinney are working with FEMA to acquire \$6,319.69 for Puckerville Road, \$11,757.42 for Acorn Road, and \$64,763.38 for Scouten Hill Road. These monies will be used to repair the damages that remain from the previous floods.

The Highway Department has started its summer repairs on the roads. They have also hired two new employees, Glen Naber and Matthew Currie.

General Fund vouchers: #61 through #76 for a total of \$6,294.91

Highway Fund vouchers: #51 through #65 for a total of \$77,949.66

Review and Approval of Bills and Claims

Approval of Bills and Claims motion to move by Ron Charles, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

Supervisor Davis requested an Executive Session.

Motion to enter an Executive Session moved by Ron Charles, seconded by John Weidman; all approved.

The Executive Meeting began at 7:52 pm.

Motion moved to end the Executive Meeting, moved by John Hofmann, seconded by Ron Charles, all approved. Executive Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm - Next meeting, June 11, 2025 - 7:00 pm - Village Hall