

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 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
Town Clerk: James Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: Timothy Tefft

Others Present: Patrick Moore, Pool Director; Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman; Roger Barrows, Code Officer and Dog Warden; Linda Jewell and Canice Paliotta.

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2018, with one correction. Motion was seconded by Carl Koenig and 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 May 31, 2018. He also gave the following Revenues, Appropriations and Checkbook Balances:

May 2018

Revenues	\$ 11,118.45
Appropriation	77,934.66
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$107,706.97
Highway	176,543.41
T&A	4,179.81
Water District #1	2,726.10

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Linda Jewell asked if anything has been done or will be done to bring Broad-Ban Service to the Oxford rural area.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that this would be handled by the Chenango County Planning Department and not the Town of Oxford. Several cell towers in the area are being upgraded at the present time and Spectrum is also working to upgrade their lines of communication.

Canice Paliotta was also interested in the Broad-Ban project and how the tax abatement was handled by the Town and County. She also wanted to know if we were aware of the VA Clinic closing in Bainbridge and suggested that the Town Board and all residents contact the Chenango County Veteran Service Officer and the US Congress representative to voice their disapproval of the clinic being closed and ask to have it remain open. It serves a large part of several towns in and around this area.

Supervisor Wilcox said that the tax abatement issue is handled by the County and the properties that the cell towers are located on are assessed by the local assessor.

Patrick Moore, Pool Director, gave the Town Board an update on Pool activities. Fifteen guards have been hired, of which five are new and have been certified. The Pool House has been painted and the area cleaned. There are no other issues to be addressed at this time. Eighty-five swimmers signed up for lessons on the first night and it is expected that there will be many more on the second night of sign-ups. The Pool will be opened for school grades Pre-K through 6th grade on June 18, 19 and 20. The official opening of the Pool will take place on Monday, July 25, 2018 and swimming lessons start on Monday, July 2, 2018.

Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman, stated that the property for the BMX Track is owned by the Village of Oxford within the Town of Oxford. There is still a concern over traffic in the area and water drainage. We are also waiting for the engineering report. Other items being addressed by the Town Planning Board concern subdivision notices published in the paper and who is responsible for printing fees and adding perk tests to the current building permit.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter received from the Town of Oxford Planning Board stating that they have reviewed the plans for the proposed BMX bicycle track and that everything appears to fall within the zoning restrictions. The final approval, however, will depend upon the engineer's final plans. The Board did have some concerns which they felt compelled to express. First – we assume the DOT will conduct a traffic study as to not only the number of vehicles but also the potential of blind spots for entering and exiting traffic. Second – that the DEC will be involved in how the spring water excess is addressed and the correct permits issued. Third – the placement and anchorage of additional bathroom facilities and a sufficient number of parking spaces to ensure there will be no roadside parking. Fourth – any additional plans for camping at the site (tents, campers). Fifth – the matter of liability since the park is owned by the Village but lies within the Town of Oxford.

Letter received from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services establishing a tentative 2018 State equalization rate of 65.80 for the Town of Oxford.

Letter received from Charter Communications announcing a new point of contact for Government Affairs and franchising in the Town of Oxford. The new Director of Government Affairs is Kevin Egan of Latham, NY.

The collateralized deposit information, dated May 30, 2018, for the Town of Oxford was received from the NBT Broker/Dealer Services, BNY Mellon, New York, NY.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Tim Tefft, Highway Superintendent, reported that he had to postpone the paving of the road around Lake Gerry until after the logging company has completed its work. Culvert pipes are being replaced on several town roads. Stone and oiling of Millbrook Road is tentatively planned for this coming week. Two roadside mowers are being used at the present time, along with the usual daily work routine.

BILLS & CLAIMS: June 2018

Claims #90 thru #115 General Fund: Total: 8,265.45

Claims #77 thru # 98 Highway Fund: Total: 67,531.98

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Ron Charles to pay the bills and claims. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

The next monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held on July 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 8:20 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk