

Oxford Town Board Meeting
Oxford Village Hall
Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 – 7:30 pm

Town Supervisor Alan Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were present:

Supervisor Alan Davis, Town Councilman Ron Charles, Town Councilman John Weidman, Town Councilman Carl Koenig, Recreational Director Clayton Kappauf, Dan Fagnani Engineer – Delaware Engineering D.P.C., David Crane from NBT Insurance Agency, and Town Clerk Tammy Dilfer

Supervisor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from July 12th, 2023

Councilman Koenig made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the Town Board Meeting held on July 12th, 2023, Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Monthly Reports:

Revenues	\$ 56,040.12
Appropriations	\$ 173,521.11

Bank Balances:

General Fund Checking	\$ 29,051.89
Highway Fund Checking	\$ 40,042.23
Trust & Agency Checking	\$ 18,311.58
Water District #1 Checking	\$ 2,948.02
CARES (ARPA) Checking	\$ 30,813.87

Communications:

Supervisor Alan Davis provided the Town's Excess Collateralization Reports for July to Town Clerk Dilfer for filing.

Public Comment:

David Crane from NBT Insurance Agency presented the 08/29/2023-08/29/2024 Insurance Proposal. Supervisor Davis asked for additional quotes with higher deductibles due to the increased costs in yearly premiums the Town will be absorbing.

Clayton Kappauf Recreational Director Town Pool Updates:

There have been 4,864 visitors to the Town of Oxford Pool to date.

The shed repairs, screen door, and Lifeguard T-shirts are completed.

Mr. Kappauf added new shelving inside the shed with the leftover wood from the repairs.

Mr. Kappauf contacted Upstate to get all the lights running on photocells from dusk to dawn.

The Rotary received a \$50.00 anonymous donation to be utilized for The Town Pool. They purchased hooks for life jackets so they can dry properly preventing mildew.

The Rotary Club wrote a \$5,000.00 grant helping replace 12 failing picnic tables with new ones, a Rubbermaid 7'x7' shed to store the various daily pool supplies right inside pool area during season, along with additional toys, and life vests. The entire Board is very grateful for the Rotary Clubs ongoing generous donations to the Town Pool.

Sarah Smith is working to secure funding up to \$100,000.00 for Pool Project with the Town of Oxford required to contribute 25% initially at startup of funding. This money would be used for pavilion repairs, handicap parking to the right of building steps, upgraded camera system with a wish list of; Baby pool/kiddie pool, pouring concrete pads over in same area for picnic tables and chairs for easier mowing access and a resident lounging area.

Dan Fagnani Engineer – Delaware Engineering D.P.C. reports they are winding down on final phase of the restorations project. Aqua Concepts is finalizing the end of the restoration project. There are a couple of things that need to be looked at one the drainage box holding water.

Upstate Companies exterior pole lighting will need to install 2 junction boxes for lighting not to exceed \$1000.00. Councilman Charles moves motion for payment to Upstate Company not to exceed \$1000.00 for pole lighting repairs. Seconded by Councilman Weidman, the entire board duly adopted.

Aqua Concepts will need approval to close the pool for 2023 season costing \$670.00 and open 2024 season costing \$628.00.

Councilman Weidman moves motion to accept Aqua Concepts to close pool \$670.00 2023 season and open pool for \$628.00 2024 season, Seconded by Councilman Charles, the entire board duly adopted.

Supervisor Davis asked about the inch of water daily water loss. Mr. Fagnani mentioned he had spoken with Mr. Kappauf about it and will work with Aqua Concepts to locate the leak at the time of closing pool for 2023 season.

New Business:

Chenango County Office of Emergency Services is asking for a permanent certificate of need to support their Ambulance Service. The entire Board agreed in support of their need.

Riverview Cemetery – Superintendent Pinney contacted FS Lopke who generously donated 4 of the 7 truckloads of driveway mixed needed to finish the Riverview Cemetery road repairs project.

Supervisor Davis stated we will be in need of a loan to cover CHIPS Funding. To secure the loan, we need the AUD's which the accountant is behind on. Supervisor Davis is hoping to have the initial paperwork by the September Board meeting.

Supervisor Davis met with Shawn Smith and Terry Potter from Interconnect Wireless. They are working in Norwich and New Berlin. Interconnect Wireless is working on a grant to install fiber cable in Preston and South Oxford areas. They are looking for a letter of support from the Town of Oxford showing the need of internet in those areas. Mr. Davis may have them come to the next Board Meeting to present in more detail their company and intentions.

Old Business:

None

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pinney was absent from the meeting.

Supervisor Davis reports the Highway report:

First part of July the Town Crew was on vacation, remaining of the month they worked with Town of Guilford, worked on Bradley Hills Rd, patched various holes, mowed roadsides, worked with Vestal Asphalt recycling Dutcher Rd, and part of Bradley Hill Rd.

Councilman Weidman presented a used Grader option for possible purchase option with CHIPS money keeping it for 10 years to help save the \$13,0000 average being spent on renting this equipment. These might be options for Superintendent Pinney to look at purchasing options of what might be available for next year to help him. Possible to use up the pile of sand for one year to help save money to put towards equipment needed. Councilman Weidman agrees with Superintendent Pinney they need equipment. Supervisor Davis agrees it's something to look at.

Clerk Dilfer asked for options to help with Dog Control Licensing. She is inundated with daily Registrar and Clerk duties learning she goes while trying to build dog licensing in Town of Oxford. There are many dogs not licensed by the Town and Village of Oxford. Supervisor Davis will take the folder with unlicensed dog warning letters to try get those either licensed or court appearance tickets issued.

Clerk Dilfer is offering dog owners 3-year dog licensing option aligning within their rabies vaccination.

Bills and Claims:

Councilman Charles made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims as presented with Abstract #9 Councilman Weidman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Davis stated the next Town Board meeting will be held on September 13th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Dilfer, Town Clerk