

OXFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 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
Carl Koenig
Ron Charles
Town Clerk: James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Highway Superintendent: William Pinney

Others Present: Patrick Moore, Pool Director; Paul Romahn, Planning Board Chairman

Minutes Previous Monthly Meeting:

Alan Davis made a motion to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Carl Koenig and carried with 5 Ayes.

Supervisor's Monthly Report:

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

September 2021

Revenues	\$ 258,428.01
Appropriations	128,605.81
Check Book Balances:	
General	\$ 40,328.99
Highway	137,975.10
T&A	14,027.81
Water District #1	966.94
Pool Restoration	438,846.46
Cares Account	117,063.45

Pool Report:

Patrick Moore, Pool Director, brought information on the Oxford Town Swimming Pool progress and showed pictures using his I-pad. The pool base has been filled in and expects the concrete work to be done before winter. Some progress has been held up due to material shortages, but the contractor is sure that the pool will be completed by June 1, 2022. The new electric is now in and the new LED lights are a big improvement. Also, painting of the bathhouse rooms has been completed.

Communications:

Monthly report was received from BNY Mellon concerning the collateral Deposit information as of September 30, 2021.

Letter was received from Real Property Services with the 2022 senior citizen income levels - \$16,000 - \$24,400.

A list of Oxford Town and Village property tax foreclosures for 2021 was received and placed on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Local Law #1-2021 – Opting out of Cannabis

A local law to opt out of allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites in the Town of Oxford was discussed by the Town Board. The State of New York has not issued any rules and regulations for Cannabis. Opting in at this time would mean that there wouldn't be another chance to opt out if it is deemed necessary to do so. On the other hand, opting out at this time still gives us one chance to opt in at a later date and give the Town Board time to receive and review the rules and regulations made by the State of New York.

Motion was made by Carl Koenig and seconded by Ron Charles to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 at the November 3rd Town Board meeting. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

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.

Preliminary 2022 Budget Review:

The Town Council reviewed the 2022 preliminary budget that was presented by Supervisor Wilcox. Changes were made to total figures in various accounts to keep the budget within the 2% increase mandated by the State of New York.

Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by John Hofmann to accept the 2022 Town Budget as corrected and to hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:40 pm in the Village Hall. Motion carried with 5 Ayes.

Board Meeting Date Change:

Motion was made by John Hofmann and seconded by Carl Koenig to change the November Town Board meeting from November 10th to November 3rd at 7:30 pm. Motion was carried with 5 Ayes. This time change was is in keeping with the law that the Public Budget Hearing must take place before the first Thursday following Elections.

Notices of the budget hearings and meeting date change will be published in the Norwich Sun newspaper, posted at the Town Clerk's office and put on the Town of Oxford website: townofoxfordny.com

Resolution:

A resolution was made by Carl Koenig to add the cost of advertising one time in the local newspaper to the minor subdivision fee of \$90.00. Motion was made by Alan Davis and seconded by Ron Charles and carried with 5 Ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Bill Pinney requested the purchase of a Skid Steer and

The Town Board tried to figure out where the money would come from for this purchase. The 2022 Highway budget was already very tight and money is still needed for the new truck which was purchased last year for delivery this year.

BILLS & CLAIMS: October 2021

Claims #162 thru #179 General Fund:	Total: 61,449.58
Claims #166 thru #178 Highway Fund:	Total: 205,289.80

Motion was made by Alan Davis 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 November 3, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. (note change of date)

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor at 9:10 pm.

James W. Hemstrought Jr.
Town Clerk