

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 p.m. on February 10, 2015 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Deputy Mayor John O'Connor, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Trustee John Todaro, Police Chief Rich Nolan, Gene Rood, Fire Chief Mike Cobb, Hans Franklin, Mindy Natoli, Trevor Natoli, James Dean, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Paula Crippen

Absent: Mayor Terry Stark

Deputy Mayor O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

BANK BUILDING: Gene Rood contacted Gregg Eldridge at Payne's Cranes and asked him to add us to their Spring schedule for truss work on the bank building. Payne's Cranes needs a purchase order from the Village. This is new contract for work, not added to original. Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion for truss work to be performed on the bank building. All approved.

POLICE DEPT.: Discussion regarding hiring Cole Samsel as full-time police officer. Chief Nolan stated Officer Samsel will have to pass the civil service test and physical before actually getting the position. Because Officer Samsel is over age 35, the NYS Assembly and Senate have to approve via a home ruling. Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion for a resolution to approve signing the home rule application for hiring Cole Samsel as a full-time police officer. All approved.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BILLING TRANSITION: Mayor Stark emailed Mark Butler, the attorney the squad has been working with, and received a quick response. Mindy Natoli looked over all documents and the only thing she had an issue with is wording regarding prearranged transports. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion, upon recommendation of Emergency Squad members, to retain Mark Butler as counsel for billing transition. All approved.

Mindy Natoli reported Sherburne squad has a part-time paid employee. Chief Cobb said the Oxford Fire Department will have a Safer Grant written by Mike Tenkate that will include two paid personnel. Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion giving the Oxford Fire Department permission to have the Safer Grant written. All approved.

Trustees Leach and Todaro asked if proposed billing rates are consistent with other local squad billing rates or are they from the Buffalo area where the attorney is from. James Dean said he believes they are based on local rates. Trustee Leach stated he thinks we should accept whatever payment is authorized by insurance/Medicaid/Medicare and not expect additional payment from the customer.

Trustee Leach proposed new billing services begin June 1, in line with start of the fiscal year. Therefore the date for receipt of billing service proposals should be changed from March 1 to April 1. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to proceed with Request for Proposal process. All approved.

Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to create the Oxford Emergency Medical Services Department (combining the Oxford Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services). All approved.

Gene Rood asked if there is a need for flood insurance for the fire station. He suggested contacting Paul Koerts from Greene, who has been doing flood plain review in Greene and Sidney. Will leave the decision up to Mayor Stark.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM: Deputy Mayor O'Connor met with Shawn Fry at Chenango County DPW regarding this program. Next step is to send Requests for Proposal to

local engineering firms to have sidewalks inspected. Deputy Mayor O'Connor will put packets together in the next few days to send to them. If other Village residents question why their sidewalks aren't being replaced as well, they would be eligible for the 50/50 program of Village paying for half of the work on their sidewalks. Resident would need to put request in writing and then be put on the list to be done as money becomes available.

DPW CONSOLIDATION PLAN: Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked Gene Rood to provide comment from the Wastewater Commission when the documentation is completed.

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. All approved. Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. All approved.

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the 2015 negotiation agreement with Deborah DeForest to renegotiate the union contract. All approved.

Next meeting: February 24, 2015

Deputy Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Crippen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer