

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 pm on April 28, 2015 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee John Todaro, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee John O'Connor, Police Chief Richard Nolan, Brandon Lummis, SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Hans Franklin, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Gene Rood, Audrey Johnson, John Godfrey, Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Trustee Joe Spence

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Audrey Johnson mentioned the inability for people with disabilities to get around in The Village. There are problems with the curbing and she wonders if there is something in the works to change these sidewalks/curbs. Mayor Stark mentioned the SRTS Program and the sidewalks/curb cuts to meet all the Federal Qualifications.

The Community Room at the Fire Department has a lip going through the door that is not wheelchair accessible. Audrey Johnson has seen a woman going in to vote with her wheelchair bound husband and she struggled to get him inside. She told Audrey that they were going to quit voting due to the difficulties getting into the building.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Todaro made a motion to approve the Abstract (#011) as presented.

General Fund	\$24,645.66
Water Fund	\$ 4,823.37
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,149.71
<u>WWTP Capital Project</u>	<u>\$ 1,503.77</u>
TOTAL	\$40,122.51

NYSEG & K W REESE PRESENTATION:

Everyone went into the Court Room where a slide show was set up. NYSEG gave a presentation regarding the tree pruning and/or removal of trees on North and South Washington Avenue, and State Street to Butler Street. NYSEG Power lines are always at the top of the pole due to their high voltage. K W Reese won't be grinding the stumps from the tree removal. However, a homeowner will be able to mow over the stump. This work will be taking place for approximately two (2) months and it is a 54 mile circuit.

Links regarding trees can be found at: NYSEG.com/electrical safety, treesaregood.com, Arboday.org.

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the March 24, 2015 minutes. All approved.

Unpaid water/sewer bills need to be relevied to Village June taxes. The Clerks need to know what can/can't be sent for relevy for the unpaid bills. It was discussed and Mayor Stark said that anything not paid by the end of the month it is due (i.e. April 30th) and an amount due that is over \$150 can be sent to The County for relevy. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to send any water/sewer bills with a balance over \$150 (unless they have a payment agreement) to the County for relevy.

A resolution was made by Trustee Leach and seconded by Trustee Todaro to set up the SRTS (Safe Routes to School) as a separate fund to better keep track of monies used.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Officers for the year 2015-2016:

Chief: Hans Franklin
1st Assistant Chief: Tim McGowan
2nd Assistant Chief: Kevin Bartle
1st Captain: Shane Ingraham
2nd Captain: Stu L'Hommedieu
3rd Captain: Nate Eldred
4th Captain: Dale Meek
1st Lieutenant: Allen Ross
2nd Lieutenant: Chad Stein

Justin Burdick and Jonathan Chesebro sent in applications for membership with the Fire Department. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve these two new volunteers.

According to Chief Franklin, Truck 261 is going to Binghamton for a day for front spring work. There is a week lead-time on getting parts. Repairs are most likely to happen in the first full week of May. \$3,500 is the estimate and there is enough in their budget to take care of this cost.

The first round of awards for the AFG Grant have been published on the FEMA web site. We have not received a rejection letter as of yet. Chief Franklin will E-Mail us the information.

NYSEG still has an electric pole near the high school roped up. This will be fixed any day now.

The OFD is working on quotes for outdated bunk gear. Most of their gear is seven (7) years old or older. They are not up to current NFPA and OSHA standards. The last quote they had for five (5) sets was for \$10,045. That quote was from September of 2014. They are soliciting quotes for five sets. Three grants are currently out per Chief Franklin.

BANK PROJECT:

Gene Rood has a new estimate for the windows on the third floor along with other items that needed to be changed. \$4,500 is left in contingency. Gene said there will be some money back due from Driscoll. Truss wasn't in the contract to Driscoll and we won't be using them any way for this project - \$19,700. There are windows at the back of the building. Gene will check the specs on that. Energy efficiency, uniform in terms of looks while we are doing them. Gene will check to see if the windows on the second floor are included from Driscoll. They will be using antique slate shingles and galvanized metal with a coating so it won't have to be painted or treated again. Motion by Trustee O'Connor and seconded by Trustee Todaro to approve change orders with contractor for windows up to \$10,000. The Police Evidence Room has to be moved over before Driscoll Masonry comes back. There is a concern about the contractor being in the Evidence Room once it is moved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Nolan mentioned the metal on the bars are corroded and don't hold.

Those nominated for The American Red Cross Hero Award were: Jessie Gates-The Good Samaritan Youth Hero Award, Officer Cole Samsel-The Law Enforcement Hero Award, and Margot Barrows-The Educator Hero Award. Chief Nolan reviewed the monthly report-this is very high for the month of April.

The DPW and Police will report next month regarding the "No Parking" situation on State Street. At that point, the Police would monitor that parking issue.

There will be no Driver Education Program this summer as Jerry Locke isn't going to teach. A Masters in Drivers Education is a pre-requisite with 12 credit hours (3-4 classes). The High School is still looking for someone that can teach this class.

HANG UP AND DRIVE - Jacy Good was in the hospital over one year after an accident that killed both of her parents. Jacy and her husband, Steve Johnson, are booked for a year with this presentation. Brandon Lummis found two dates that are available for them to come to Oxford from Pennsylvania. They will be making a presentation to Oxford on May 28th for the juniors and seniors and also a presentation on May 27th for the community during the evening. Grant monies were obtained from BOCES and they are donating the \$1,500 to pay for Jacy to come to Oxford for this Program.

Millers Movers has moved the Police Department to the second floor. Brandon Lummis and Chief Nolan helped with the move and this reduced the amount of money we had to pay to the movers.

Corey Davis fixed the phone lines for free on the second floor so we didn't have to call Frontier. Kirk Noetzel helped a great deal with doing work on the 2nd floor so we didn't have to pay another contractor.

A wall is needed for the evidence room. There is a quote for \$2,200 from Chad Brown. The room needs to be under lock and key. Mayor Stark mentioned using another room on the second floor that already has a lock on it (Roger Monaco's old office). The Mayor hesitates building/taking down walls in a historic building. Mayor asked Chief to take a look and see if a current room can be used for evidence until we make other decisions. Trustee Todaro feels keeping all evidence on the same side of the building as the Police Department would be more secure. Trustee Todaro made a motion to build the wall to complete the evidence room and finish the Police area. Trustee Leach agrees with this and seconds the motion. Motion carried.

WASTE WATER:

WWTP Operator Noetzel hasn't heard from the Engineers on the project. Bill Kelsey called and left a message a couple days ago. Karen Clark is getting back to us and is committed to the second week of May. Need to have a project this summer as we were promised. Taking screw press out and putting in a bench press. We have been set since June of 2014 on this plan. Mayor Stark will get in touch with Karen Clark on Friday regarding her lack of actions.

Some complaints of odor near the Middle School. Sludge was sitting since November but it has since been hauled away.

Bill Kelsey was in Greene for two days repairing water leaks with them.

DPW:

SPW Paden talked about the difficulty of trying to avoid mailboxes in the Village when snow plowing.

Backhoe information-CASE ogs State bid is going away and NJPA (gov't regional companies present their product at discount); have to become a member for free. 45% off the cost, DPW machine just turned 1,000 hours. A \$2,000 set of tires will be needed if we keep the back hoe instead of buying a new one. \$25,291 with trade-in, discount, etc. We still owe \$15,000 to pay off this piece of equipment from 2012. An identical machine as to what we currently own was priced at \$67,000 and is now \$82,000. Mayor Stark says we should do the same thing next year when our loan is down some and we will just have to purchase new tires.

Onondaga Contract to purchase a dump truck. This won't arrive until December/January if it is ordered in April. \$155,000 plus change is the price.

Bonding authorizes us to borrow money. When do we have to come up with the funds to make the purchase. Bonding Resolution is a necessity unless we have all the money needed. BAN's are short term financing.

If The Board is in agreement that we need to purchase this equipment at the request of the DPW, we can buy on Onondaga Contract through BAN.

There is a Resolution by The Board that the Ford Dump Truck is surplus and sold at auction at a minimum bid of \$10,000. It was decided that we need the authority to purchase and how will it be funded.

BAN, renewable for five years-

Trustee O'Connor made a motion for a resolution authorizing for a Western Star truck and seconded by Trustee Todaro for the need to purchase a new truck and declare old as surplus. Motion carried.

Bonding Resolution made by Trustee Todaro and seconded by Trustee Leach from Orrick to purchase the said truck. All in favor, passed.

There is an issue with Clark's Creek that originated from The Sheriff's Office. There's a hole in the road where the salt water ran down Scott Street, it made it through the concrete and ate a hole in it. This can't be repaired as you can see the water through the hole.

Slurry Seal-need to bid 5,800 square yards if we are going to bid per SPW Paden. Put out to bid says Mayor Stark.

Clean up the river edge-DPW should work on the South end and WWTP can head north to keep everything cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS:

SRTS-money is out there and trying to get out to advertise. We want to get the work done after school lets out for the summer. We are working with Delta Engineers to be our Engineers for this project.

Deb DeForest is working on the union contract for us from Teamsters. We want permission to use WWTP guys to drive trucks on specific jobs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Attorney issues--Alan Gordon suggested Ed Downey. James Gregory is interested and they will get us a proposal (Hogan and Sarchinsky & DeLong). They also do the Oxford School.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Leach asked about Woollybear Web. Mileage was incorrect in the County book in the tax information section.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk/Treasurer