

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 pm on June 17, 2015 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

**Present were:** Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee John O'Connor, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Trustee John Todaro, SPW Rick Paden, Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**SCOTT STREET ISSUES:** SPW Paden mentioned that the last time we met, the consensus for the hole was to place a small steel plate over it. We will also erect signage and potentially close the street at the hole site. Mayor Stark has had other individuals look at the problem (Engineer, Contractors and Burrell's Excavating). Suggestions have been to do a precast box culvert or a slip line.

Pending a review by Village Engineer Consultant Gene Rood, the initial steps will be to stripe the area, put up 30 x 36 signs which say: DANGER, 3 Ton Weight Limit and utilize DOT steel plates. We may need 1" steel plates that are 8 x 20 at a cost \$3,200.

Trustee Leach is very comfortable with calling this an emergency due to the situation. We will obtain new pictures from Gene Rood of the affected area as documentation and seek his agreement that this is an emergency situation. Resolution was made by Trustee O'Connor and seconded by Trustee Leach to declare this an Emergency Situation and to repair as soon as possible to ensure public health and safety. All approved, passed.

**SRTS:** The bids that we received came in much higher than anticipated. The NYS DOT estimated the job to be approximately \$205,000. Burrell's Excavating (low bidder) bid of \$334,000 was the lowest of four bids received. We will now consider different options including the following:

1) Eliminate West side of Columbia Street and West side of South Washington Ave. We would just do Fort Hill Park and Main Street.

2) Pending State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), complete South Washington Ave with concrete only. Eliminate Episcopal Church to save \$47,000 (stop at RR tracks).

Mayor Stark recommends that the Board reject all bids for the SRTS Project due to excessive costs. Project should be rebid in the fall when there may be a better economic climate with construction in spring of 2016. Project scope may need to be reduced. One suggestion to maintain the Spirit of the project is to only do the area around the Middle School.

Steve Driscoll of Driscoll Masonry (currently working on the Bank Building Renovations) suggested to Mayor Stark that we consider purchasing bluestone directly. We could use smaller bluestone pavers instead of 5' wide walks. Barnes Bluestone priced bluestone at 2 to 4 1/2 feet and 5' long as \$15.00 a square foot. If we went 4' foot wide, we would save 20%. Trustee Spence seconded by Trustee Todaro made a motion to reject all bids due to the excessive cost of the project. All in favor, Carried.

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 the Board will tour the SRTS route sites.

A final bill was received from A Wild Sign Company for \$2650 (Voucher 1464). Mayor Stark asked for approval from the Board to pay this before the monthly meeting. Motion by Trustee Leach and seconded by Trustee Todaro to pay this before the end of the month. All in favor, Carried.

Trustee Todaro asked about 15 MPH signs being placed around the Middle School. SPW Paden said that the signs on South Washington and the School Zone signs aren't right. The picture, signage, etc. is incorrect. They all need to be laid out with proper signage prior to being

installed. The Village must also amend local law and conduct a public hearing. It was also mentioned that Merchant Street should also be included to get people to slow down. Signs have to be 18" x 24".

**FIRE PIT:** The DEC Open Burning State regulations and the Village outdoor burning code are similar. However, Mayor Stark suggests that the Board review a Chapter of our Code Book on a regular basis and the Outdoor Burning Chapter 109 should be a start this summer. Matt White (52 South Washington Avenue) has a fire pit in his back yard and we have had several complaints from a neighbor about the height, width, etc. of the pit as well as the height of actual fires. Police have investigated as well as Village code Enforcement and have determined the pit is consistent with current village code. The review will be helpful in clarifying any issues.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 9:29.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks  
Clerk/Treasurer