

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 pm on July 28, 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, Police Chief Richard Nolan, SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Hans Franklin, Mindy Natoli, Brandon Lummis, Gene Rood and Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Trustee John Todaro, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Spence made a motion to approve the Abstract (#002) as presented.

General Fund	\$28,180.75
Water Fund	\$ 3,967.45
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,100.29
<u>WWTP Capital Project</u>	<u>\$ 6,769.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,017.49

Mayor Stark asked if we can mail a monthly check to Bill Tefft Trucking for services regardless whether we get a bill from them monthly or not. This would eliminate having to send him such a large payment when we do receive bills for six (6) months at a time or more.

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee O'Connor moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the June 17th, June 30th and July 14th, 2015 minutes. All approved, carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Department is still in the running for the grant per Chief Franklin. They are in line for ten (10) full sets of bunk gear which costs \$3,700 per set. \$13,690 would be amount due after the grant. Chief Franklin is going to speak to another company to try and get better prices. It should be another month or so before we hear on the grant according to Chief Franklin.

The Ladder Grant is for a 7500 foot Arial as that is how it is listed. They can't fluctuate on the size.

ISO report mentioned that if the OFD has a functional ladder company, they will be happy. They don't dictate how big we buy, however.

Training on the air boat is taking place. Videos have been shown and trainings are taking place.

The OFD is not going to think about pool filling as they have too many other pressing matters.

265 chassis is in place for the end of August or early September. We can expect delivery for October or November at best.

Annual Clam Bake is August 15th. Everyone has been asked to attend.

EMERGENCY SQUAD:

Mindy Natoli reviewed the RFP that Mayor Stark sent her. She added a couple of billing companies and also added her contact information. The Village of Greene is very happy with the company they are using and that information has been added as well. Once we receive the

proposal's back, we can pick a couple of places and ask them to make a presentation to us to review and then make a decision.

WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT:

Capital Project-Karen Clark has been on vacation so proposals still need to be completed for electrical, plumbing and heating.

EFC short-term loan is being converted to a long-term loan. This has to be completed by September 15th not in November as had been originally thought.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Stark mentioned that he received a letter from ESL regarding a fraud case. This was a case that went through Route 12 and Central New York State. It mentioned that the Oxford Police Department was very helpful to them and it was appreciated. Mayor Stark thanked Chief Nolan for his help with that investigation.

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report.

The OPD has been awarded a \$5,000 narcotics grant and they have to find something relating to drugs to use this money on. Brandon Lummis found a 4-wheeler for this amount. This would enable the Police to sneak up on people, ride in wooded areas, etc. It runs on three (3) batteries. Trustee Spence doesn't feel this is needed. Trustee Leach asked for more information on how the 4-wheeler will be used and we can put it up for vote when all Board Members are present. What else is out there that can be purchased with this grant money? We don't have a lot of woods in the Village and we're not sure all Board members are on board with this. Mayor Stark has asked Chief Nolan to put something together for the next meeting so it can be discussed. How many hours will it be used yearly, etc.

We will get a \$5,500 trade-in for the police car we are getting rid of.

Robert Jones was working in New Berlin and stopped in to see Chief Nolan to see if we had any openings. Chief took him on the road with him. He is working at Ithaca College currently. Bob has twelve (12) years experience and he also has canine and drug training.

A complaint came from the Oxford H.S. and three (3) 15 year olds were arrested for possession of marijuana at the summer school program. Two were released to their parents and are going to family court. One is still on the run but the Police know who it is and just have to find him.

DPW:

Cooks Tree Service gave us a quote for \$7,950. Mayor Stark says we can't approve this even though it is their typical fee. Cooks Tree Service normally breaks down their bill and doesn't just give us a grand total. SPW Paden will check into this with them.

Scott Street situation-Gene Rood has talked to Fred Lanfair. There are maps from 1926 which show the culvert. There is also a map from 1875 and the culvert may be on that map. Gene has maps from Soil & Conservation from 1975 as well. He went through a 4x8 tunnel then it went to less than 4' tall and, at Gross' his knees were in the water. This is not going to be an easy project he said. The land is in worse condition than what we are already having problems with on the street.

A 17 1/2' box culverts weigh 39,000 lbs each and \$16,000 is the gross estimate. Five (5) houses will be out of power when this is put in place. \$100,650 is the estimate Gene came up with. He talked to Payne's Cranes (bought out Dexheimer & Sons). These figures are estimates-whole job is \$250,000 estimated. We will have to put a package together and get it out there. It is not looking like this will be able to get accomplished this year. We can wait until next year if we are not in imminent danger. The street will be shut down 2-3 months for this work to be completed. People need to be prepared and more time is needed to get this entire project

accomplished. Reservoir can be drawn down according to SPW Paden. Board approves to put this off until next year during the dry season to give us time to prepare, talk to people, etc.

SPW Paden says that the DPW isn't quite a month behind in the work that needs to be done. He needs to spend time getting things ready for winter. Mayor Stark said to use the WWTP people to help and he will take the complaints, etc. from the Teamsters Union. He needs himself and three others to work from 6:00 - 2:30 five days a week. SPW Paden stated that whoever helps the DPW has to join the union and become part of Rick's department permanently. They have to be able to drive the vehicles and trim the grass. That is the only thing that Rick and Allen have been working on. He gets enough done to keep the residents off his back. He needs the help now and can't wait to get someone to join the union. A temporary hire doesn't have to join the union according to Mayor Stark.

Mayor Stark asked SPW Paden to come up with a list of the top ten things that aren't getting done and need to be done. Mayor Stark is to follow-up with SPW Paden on the "issues" at the DPW. He says we may hire someone for 40 hours on a temporary basis and to take lawn mowing off his to do list for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stark mentioned that Chief Nolan asked that Brandon Lummis' pay be increased to \$11.00 an hour retroactive to the first payroll of this fiscal year. Trustee Spence moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve increasing Brandon's pay to \$11/hour retroactively. All approved, carried.

Chenango County Personnel called Mayor Stark. It was stated that the Police test will take place in November for the opening in the OPD. Anyone that passes the written exam will be qualified to take the agility test at the Norwich YMCA. Mayor Stark approved the Village of Oxford paying the \$20 entrance fee per person for this test.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk/Treasurer