

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 pm on August 25, 2015 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Police Chief Richard Nolan, Brandon Lummis, Fire Chief Hans Franklin, Mindy Natoli, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Trustee John Todaro, Trustee John O'Connor, SPW Rick Paden

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Abstract (#003) as presented.

General Fund	\$33,235.65
Water Fund	\$36,734.97
Sewer Fund	\$23,400.85
SRTS – Fund	\$ 1,235.00
TOTAL	\$94,606.47

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the July 28th and August 11th 2015 meeting minutes. All approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The EMT class is almost finished in Norwich. Oxford should have two (2) EMT's once that training is over.

The application for a controlled substance has been received and an on-site visit will be coming. They will be checking to be sure the narcotics safes have been installed properly, etc.

Mindy has been notified that the Emergency Squad will have to purchase new scoop stretchers as they are getting away from the current stretchers that were in service. She has been researching prices they range between \$400 and \$800. She is figuring somewhere in between for a price. The metal style is less expensive than the plastic style.

Chief Franklin mentioned that Truck 265 was delivered. The plan is to take it get the body built on Wednesday or Thursday and then to HarRob on Friday as long as McCredy Motors has all the rust proofing done, which will be at a discounted price. The price for that fire truck will be about \$110,000. Ownership should transfer by the end of October.

There is a buried 300 gallon propane tank outside of the fire station. This was buried when the station was built about 40 years ago. Chief Franklin talked about disconnecting the tank and possibly getting a smaller tank. Blueox has refused to fill this tank. Another possibility would be to go with natural gas and convert the hose dryer and cook stove. The hot water heater and boiler are already natural gas.

Kenneth Thompson is a paid Ithaca Firefighter who is asking for membership. Ken had some training at Weidman's Pond with the Explorers, which went very well. Motion by Trustee Spence and seconded by Trustee Leach to approve the application for membership. All approved.

The Department has been awarded the DEC Grant which gives them \$1,500 toward the hose as this is a 50/50 match. There has been no news on the ladder grant, however.

Chief Franklin has spoken to a couple of representatives regarding bunk gear and pricing is \$2,700 for pants and a coat. He has found another place for \$2,670 that includes the full suit. With this match, they would have enough for ten (10) new bunk gear.

Department physicals have been scheduled for October 22, 2015.

Tentative meeting has been set for September 15th or 22nd at Village Hall to discuss the RFP's that were received for the EMS Billing.

Police Department:

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report.

The Police Department has received a \$5,000 narcotics grant. There were only two (2) stations in Chenango County that received this grant. Brandon located a police vehicle that would be donated to our Police Department and we could get a new one every four (4) years. This vehicle wouldn't have to be heated as all the "usual" police equipment isn't in the vehicle. Mayor Stark would like something in writing as to what the Police want to do with the \$5,000 Grant monies that were donated to them. The money has to be used for narcotics control. The State Police in Sidney have a canine as well as the Sheriff.

The quote from Oxford Motors to repair the 2009 Dodge Charger was \$3,921.40. Some items were missed that the insurance adjustor found bringing the total to \$4,861.35 from the insurance company. Trustee Leach brought up the possibility of selling the Charger "as is" and keeping the insurance money. Depending on how much we receive, maybe we would end up further ahead.

Police Department has received complaints regarding the parking on State Street. Chief Nolan was told to have people write a letter to the Board regarding these issues. There is a 35 MPH sign at the top of State Street that is falling down toward the top (missing screw). The 15 MPH signs still need to be put up by the Middle School and around the park.

The option to store a police vehicle at Rapid Reproductions is still out for discussion. Mayor Stark told Chief Nolan that he would take a look at the location and make a decision.

Cole Samsel was approved by the Governor to take the Civil Service Test in November for employment.

Chief Nolan thanked Kirk Noetzel for putting up the blinds on the second floor of the police department.

WASTE WATER:

WWTP Operators Kirk Noetzel and Bill Kelsey are working on cleaning out the storm drains, 33 of the 80 have been completed in the two (2) days they have been working on them. The debris from the storm drains is being dumped at Boname Park.

WWTP won't be helping the DPW much at the moment until Mayor Stark handles the two grievances he has already received from the Union. Mayor Stark does have a list of things that needs to be done, however.

Mayor Stark said that Bill and Kirk can work on cleaning up by the river by weed whacking the area if they want to get out of the Plant.

DPW:

Greene Street-FEMA project storm drains. NBT Bank purchased the property formerly owned by Frank Golden. A family member of Frank's has purchased this property from NBT and wants

to tear down the house and put in a double wide or modular home. FEMA approved the scope change of work and Mayor Stark requested an extension.

OLD BUSINESS:

SAM (Libous) Grant-all information has been mailed to them so we're just waiting to hear the outcome of that grant.

Boname Park-OYSP wants to move their Little League sheds to the Park so they can plug in coffee pots, etc. during games. Trustee Spence wants to know what "The Village" wants the park to be. One thought is to get rid of the pavilion and just make athletic fields. We would no longer have issues with garbage, vandalism, messes being left behind.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stark received a Union Grievance from when Bill Kelsey helped the DPW pick up leaf bags on Monday, August 10th. Mayor Stark has responded to Roberta Dunker at Teamster's.

Henderson water leak-it was discussed on how or if we should be giving credit for the overage on the water/sewer bills. It was decided to use only two quarters for usage as long as they are comparable. Same quarter of previous year should be used to compare. We would then give them a credit for 50% of the overage for the sewer only and not the minimum amount used when billed.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Leach mentioned that the bench at The Stadium is about to give out and needs to be taken away before anyone is hurt. Mayor Stark said that the DPW will have to get those benches removed.

Mayor Stark adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk/Treasurer