

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:00 pm on October 31, 2017 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee John Todaro, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Police Chief Richard Nolan, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, SPW Rick Paden and Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Fire Chief Hans Franklin, Interim EMS Chief Mark Forrest

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Mayor Stark and the Trustees reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for October 2017.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

A resident expressed his concern with two trees that have limbs hanging over the roof of his house at 23 Mechanic Street. His insurance company has dropped him until those limbs are removed. Cook's Tree Service has been in and has surveyed the whole village. Mayor Stark said that we have to listen to the professionals and that is why we hire them. Resident said there are beetles in the trees and they are infested. Cook's is planning on removing one tree on the corner and trim and cable the tree on the left. Mayor Stark asked SPW Paden to get in touch with Cook's to discuss these trees.

Ann Scorza E-Mailed Mayor Stark and told him that she was told that there was a dangerous tree at the end of her driveway. Mayor Stark asked DPW Paden to look at this tree for him.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Marks made a motion to approve the Abstract (#005) as presented.

General Fund	\$ 76,172.73
Water Fund	\$ 8,120.17
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,990.26
WW Capital	<u>\$ 13,953.67</u>
TOTAL	\$103,236.83

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to approve the September 26, 2017 minutes. All approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the July, August and September Treasurer's Report. All approved.

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded a motion to approve the September Justice report. All approved.

A bill was received from Pope, Schrader & Pope, LLP regarding the John Weidman Court Investigation. Services rendered was in the amount of \$7,841.31. The Village has already sent \$3,941.30 regarding this issue. Mayor Stark thought \$3,000 was to be paid each by The Town, The Village and John Weidman, personally. Mayor Stark doesn't feel we can or should pay this since John resigned May 3, 2017.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Franklin was not present and did not send a report

WASTE WATER:

WWTP Operator Noetzel reported that the 2011 Ford Ranger sold at Auctions International for \$14,300. The Village paid \$20,000 and it was driven for four years.

The DEC annual inspection was conducted at the Plant.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Marks thanked SPW Paden for the informative tour of the Village.

SPW Paden said that the milling and paving on Park Street turned out good and he is pleased with it.

The Board received the 2017 Pump report for January - September. We still must figure out where The Village may be losing water. Possibly this is happening underground on upper Albany Street.

SPW Paden wants to replace the 2004 Ford F-350 Dump Truck. He feels this is the best time to sell their current truck to get the most payback. He received a quote from Van Bortel Ford in Rochester and from Palmer's Truck & Accessories, LLC to purchase and outfit a new truck for \$44,099.89. The Village's current debt schedule doesn't allow for this new truck due to adding a new employee to the payroll with benefits. This isn't going to happen this year at least.

The 2012 backhoe has 1,100 hours on it.

Discussions were made regarding replacement of vehicles, debt schedule, budget narrative, etc. SPW Paden says they are good for this year as far as equipment is concerned.

SPW Paden has committed to Cargill for 250 ton of salt. He is no longer involved in prebuying the salt. He will purchase as it is needed. There is no special reason for this. He does have an operating budget for what he needs, however.

There is a water leak issue at the Corner of Scott and Chenango (Charles Izard). This coincidentally happened while the car hit the fire hydrant on North Washington Avenue. The pipes in the Izard's basement vibrate from the water going through the 10" valve. The noise did not stop after SPW Paden hoped he took care of it. There is a leak at 37 Scott Street (Josh Rathmell-prior was Bob Carey). The gas service is right on top of where the DPW has to dig up near the Barnes property. This issue has turned into a nightmare.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Trick or Treat started out with a couple of issues but things have quieted down after the night went on. Chief Nolan went over his monthly report.

He discussed the recall on the 2014 and 2015 Ford vehicles. Chenango Sales can get these units in and it would take about a week to finish the repair.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Engineering Projects will be discussed on November 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Warren Auto Sales is requesting relief of their 3Q water bill for a leak they had underground. This bill was about 13 times the regular amount of a normal water bill (he doesn't have sewer). The State of Wisconsin has a policy that Mayor Stark thinks we should look at for the future regarding excessive leaks. It was decided that we need two separate policies. One for water users only and one for those that have water and sewer usage. Mayor Stark will come up with a policy and get it out so it can possibly be voted on at the next meeting. We will let Warren

Auto Sales know that The Board is working on getting him some relief on his bill and will get back to him. He should pay the entire bill and a credit will be issued to this account due to the leak.

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the Mayors Annual Recycling Proclamation for November. All approved.

The Mayor is looking for a resolution to at least apply for a Restore New York Grant. The house at 27 Greene Street was purchased by Sarah Caldwell and Robert Marrone and should be torn down rather than trying to fix it up. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to execute a resolution to apply for the Restore New York Grant not to exceed a \$1.2 million.

Dave Lawson from Norwich called Mayor Stark and expressed his interest in putting in a BMX Track at Boname Park. This would be a bicycle track. Mayor Stark discussed the plans he was presented with and asked The Board if they would be interested in learning more. We could then ask Mr. Lawson to make the presentation to The Board. The land he would need (one acre plus parking) wouldn't interfere with the park that we currently are using. There are currently only five (5) of these parks in New York State. We need to discuss insurance, parking, facilities, etc. as some questions.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Marks asked if we have software for the computers in the village. Mayor Stark said we have to check to see what "speaks" to our current accounting system. We need a computer consultant to talk to us about this. Basically, the Village is on our own. We need to find a consultant that can help us out with this.

Trustee Marks also asked about the status of the employee bathroom. We need to speak to WWTP Operator Noetzel (he is also in charge of Village Hall repairs) about fixing the private restroom. We need to have him see what needs to be fixed and have him come do this for us. Board says the renovations need to be completed including a lock on the bathroom from the outside.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer