

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:05 pm on March 28, 2017 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee John Todaro, Trevor Natoli, Police Chief Rich Nolan, and Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks. Via Skype were Mayor Terry Stark and Trustee John O'Connor.

Absent: SPW Rick Paden, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Fire Chief Hans Franklin

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and the Proposed Water/Sewer Rate increases at 7:03 pm. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

There being no public comments, Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Water/Sewer Rate increases at 7:14 pm. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

Following the FY 2018 Budget Public Hearing, Mayor Stark recommended the following proposed Budget and Water/Sewer rates be adopted.

General Fund - \$1,132,000 (A decrease of \$62,000.00)

Revenue - \$459,540
Tax Levy - \$672,460 (An increase of 1.0%)
Tax Rate - \$24.24585 (An increase of 1.2% or \$.29)
Appropriations - \$1,132,000

Water Fund - \$224,000.00 (A decrease \$7,000.00)

Effective April 1, 2017, water rates will remain the same. The Base rate for Water Usage will remain at \$50.00. The excess rate will remain at \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons inside the Village and in the Town Water District and will remain at \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons outside the Village.

Sewer Fund - \$339,000.00 (A decrease of \$11,750.00)

Effective April 1, 2017, sewer rates will remain the same. The Base rate for Sewer Usage will remain at \$53.00. The excess usage rate will remain at \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 as proposed. It was further moved that there will be no increase to residential water and sewer rates and that bulk septage rates at the WWTP will be raised as necessary to be aligned with the City of Norwich, NY Bulk septage rate during FY 2018. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

Trustee Joe Spence arrived at 7:29 pm.

Mayor Stark called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee O'Connor made a motion to approve Abstract #010 as presented with the addition of a \$216 cleaning bill from Rich Hadlock.

General Fund	\$ 48,241.78
Water Fund	\$ 1,417.70
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,599.42
Waste Water Cap	<u>\$ 45,327.50</u>

TOTAL	\$104,586.40
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee O'Connor moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to approve the February 28th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to approve the February Justice Report.

EMS:

Trevor Natoli reported that the ambulance service is in great shape. They are kicking people off the ambulance to make room for the patient. They just got three new members last week. Trevor is inquiring about the replacement of the 1999 Ford Ambulance (2691). Members that drive the ambulance the most are reporting that it is starting to show its age. It was painted a couple of years ago and that prolonged its life. It's probably the oldest ambulance in the state that is still running. The squad needs to find out what is the best vehicle that meets the EMS needs. Trevor said most of the equipment would just be transferred from the current ambulance to the new one and, therefore, no new equipment is necessary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report. Mayor Stark asked that Chief Nolan go over the police budget figures. They will get together in the future to discuss the issues on the summary for the police budget. There will be a meeting in May dedicated to this.

Trustee O'Connor talked to Gene Rood. Gene will develop a site plan once the snow is gone regarding the new police garage. He is hoping to have the site map to the Board by the end of May at the latest.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The Village has to address the Bida Nursing Home and the loss of water due to their leak. Mayor Stark will send a letter saying we will turn off the water if the leak is not repaired. There may be a possibility that we could shut off the sprinkler system. Mayor Stark will check on this to see what can be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Ratification – Some items that were discussed are: \$.50 an hour increase (2.5-3.5%) in salary, increase in boot allowance, call-in time on weekend and holidays will be four (4) hours instead of two (2). We are locked in on the health care rates for the next three years and Mayor Stark thinks this is a good deal. The Board must ratify the contract. June 1, 2016 Matt Diamond gets an increase (2080 x .50) for last year in a lump sum payment. Motion by Trustee Spence seconded by Trustee Todaro to ratify the union contract as recommended by the Mayor. All in favor Aye and motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a quote from Laytham Time Clocks for four (4) new time clocks. Mayor Stark is tired of the hand-written time sheets. He would like a program that is compatible with Williamson Law Books. Trustee Spence will check with a couple of Human Resources people that he knows to find out if they have any suggestions.

Emergency office closing issues-Clerk-Treasurer Marks did some investigating on what other municipalities do in these conditions. Mayor Stark will get in touch with Shelly regarding these issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Spence made a motion to Adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer