

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:00 pm on October 30, 2018 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Carly Hendricks, Police Chief Rich Nolan, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Ron Martin, 2nd Assistant Chief Kevin Northup, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows and Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: EMS Captain Mark Forrest

The Village Trustees reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for October 2018.

Mayor Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

John Knapp, Commissioner of the Brisben Fire Department spoke to the Board. He said that enrollment is down in their department and they hardly have any officers left due to people stepping down. Their Fire Chief wanted to retire in September and no one wanted to be part of this. Mr. Knapp talked to Matt Beckwith, Emergency Management and Fire Coordinator and he was told that they could dissolve the department or possibly get a member from Oxford that would be willing to transfer to Brisben and be trained by the outgoing Chief.

They hope getting a new Chief would get prior members to rejoin and/or get new members to join the department. Dale Meek has quit in Oxford and is the 1st Assistant Chief in Brisben, he is being trained to be the new Chief. Mr. Knapp doesn't want Oxford to feel they are stealing their guys. Dale Meek didn't feel he could advance in Oxford. The Brisben Department is made up by 70% Greene, 25% Oxford and 5% Smithville.

Chris Palmer asked about the property at 48 South Washington Avenue. He wants to know if the R-1 Residential Zone can be changed to have ¾ of the house as a business. Mayor Stark said that he must live in the residence to have a business in this location. He could put in a permit for this if he wants to pursue it. Mayor Stark said he could send some information to him if he is interested. The decision could be appealed if he doesn't like what is being done.

Richard Rice said he read in our minutes that we are buying the property at 38 Mechanic Street and that we were quoted \$18,000 for flood insurance by Mang. This is true but the Village isn't getting flood insurance on this property. He also asked about our offer to buy the property for \$55,000 instead of \$45,000. The lower bid was not accepted. We have not closed on the purchase of this property yet.

He also asked if the DPW is going to continue salting the sidewalks at Navy Island Block now that it has been sold. SPW Paden said that they have never salted this area as it isn't a Village sidewalk.

There are two big puddles at the end of Columbia Street that need to be maintained. Rich Rice says he walks his dog down there. The asphalt ends and it is wearing away and needs to be filled in. The area at the end of Scott Street is brimmed and they are saying it isn't a good job and needs to be corrected. Leaves were plugging up the storm drain at the bottom of Butler Street and all the water goes down the road and ends up on Scott Street, this was the reason for the brim being installed.

He complimented us on the good job on the sidewalk upgrades in downtown but mentioned that The Stadium needs to clean up their sidewalk with all the grease on it. Mayor Stark said that The Stadium is responsible for this.

ABSTRACT:

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

General Fund	\$ 89,249.40
Water Fund	\$ 8,180.36
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,211.48
Water Project	<u>\$ 153.00</u>
	\$103,794.24

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee D. Hendricks moved and Trustee C. Hendricks seconded a motion to approve the September 25th Monthly and October 16th Public Meeting Minutes. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee D. Hendricks seconded a motion to approve the June 2018 monthly report. All approved.

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee C. Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded the motion to approve the September Justice Report from Judge Frye. All approved.

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin announced that Marlene Martin Brown was named Fire Fighter of the year. It has been a busy month of training-four (4) individuals attended advanced extricating training for 70 hours. There were vehicles on top of others, vehicles under tractor trailers, etc. All four (4) passed with flying colors. There was also emergency escape training and 180 hours of training, the fire department is getting a lot of mandated training. There are five (5) new enrollees taking training for EMT.

Engine 261 is their lead engine (primary attack engine) and there have been tests run due to oil puddles underneath it. They took the truck out and ran it around to check things out and the oil started blowing back. This engine had the same problem a year ago which indicates major issues. Northeast's recommendation is to fix what has already been fixed in the past and add another head to the engine (it was never replaced) for approximately \$20,000. A new engine would be \$40,000 for a truck going on 18 years old. They would like to replace this truck in 2021, it was on the schedule to do this any way. Northeast said the truck can be run as it is for now. If it gets worse, they will have to talk about replacing it sooner.

Chief Martin asked Mayor Stark to write a letter to NYS DOT asking if the ladder truck can be stored at the DOT effective in November.

They hope the equipment is shipped mid November for the 50/50 grant they applied for. Total cost \$111,583.

Physicals were performed for over 40 individuals on October 17th. Also, inspections were done on their fire gear and eight (8) don't meet current standards and need replacing.

The Harvest Dinner is this Saturday, November 3rd and Chief Martin hopes all attend that can.

Another meeting is needed for the fire contract for next year. Mayor Stark is looking at November 6th if people are available as he wants to meet before the holidays.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Noetzel reported that everything is going well. 51,500 gallons of septage was received which is \$5,150 extra with the .10/gallon being charged. He took 39.06 ton of sludge to the landfill for \$1,953. He expects the septage to decrease due to the time of year. Rentals

to Go has been bringing septage to Oxford and haven't been pushing as hard as they have in the past.

Mayor Stark thanked Kirk for his help with the paver project and the use of his bobcat. They may need help with some of the bluestone tomorrow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows met with Kevin Schultz. He said that the mess at 22 Main Street is not his stuff but his tenants. He owns the house and has been given a letter that he has until November 2nd to get things cleaned up.

Mr. Mulder sent Mayor Stark an E-Mail complaining about Jason Barrows' truck being at the DPW. Rick Paden said that he is storing that piece of equipment there.

Three tickets have been issued to Jason Barrows and the judge postponed the hearing until November 5th. Roger Barrows has issued four tickets to Jason as well. Mayor Stark will have to speak to the Village Attorney about what our next steps will be.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

SPW Paden went over his monthly report. He thanked Chief Nolan and Josh Lynch for their help with directing traffic on Butler Street.

He was asked about his ability to remove the old stone and concrete bridge that at one time provided a path for vehicles to get from Liberty Street to St. Joseph's cemetery. This is a big job and DPW can't do this work. The creek runs over Larry Bishop's land which causes flooding.

The Department of Health is coming for their annual inspection tomorrow. Camera has been sent in.

DPW has been mowing most of the area north of the Wastewater Plant and has trimmed the bank along the side of Route 12. They will keep working on the area if the weather holds.

Layne Christenson says redeveloped will be scheduled for November 6th or 20th.

We are still looking for someone to do some tree trimming in the Village and some small projects.

The snow brochure has been updated with Mayor Stark's name. There is also information about mailboxes and plowing the snow into the road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report.

There will be four officers out during Halloween. Everything is covered by a grant as far as payroll goes. Trick or Treat is 5:00 - 8:00 on October 31, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

People are being allowed to look at the pavers if they inquire about them.

Jason Fleming is going to look at his schedule with the front panels on the bank building.

Health Insurance opt-out is allowed for an individual if he/she is interested. Mayor Stark will get together with the clerk to write him a letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

November 11th on LaFayette Park at 11:00 there will be a Veteran's Program by the American Legion and then the dedication of the walkway. They will have to have a tent set up along with some chairs as they are expecting quite a few people to attend due to the pavers.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to Adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 on the OFD Fire Contract

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer