

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:00 pm on July 31, 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, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows, Fire Chief Ron Martin, EMS Captain Mark Forrest, Village Engineer Gene Rood and Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Richard Rice wondered what was going on with the BMX Track. Mayor Stark said that they are waiting for financing but still plan on moving ahead.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Marks seconded by Trustee D. Hendricks made a motion to approve Abstract #002 as presented.

General Fund	\$36,678.20
Water Fund	\$ 6,733.15
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,674.75
Water Project	\$ 2,930.00
Bank Bldg - Cap Project	<u>\$ 1,999.50</u>
	\$56,015.60

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the June 26th Regular and the July 17th Reorganizational Board Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There is no June Treasurer's Report due to our auditors being in the process of completing our yearly audit and not being able to close out the May 31, 2018 FYE books.

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee C. Hendricks moved and Trustee Leach seconded the motion to approve the June Justice Report from Judge Frye. All approved, carried.

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin has another applicant wishing to join the fire station. 1,600 hours have been invested in training for the fire department side. The DEC's Brush and Fire Grant has been released. It is a 50/50 match at \$1,500.00. The fire department will be applying for this grant.

On January 1st, 2019 the new cancer policy takes effect. Some companies have come out with quotes for this coverage. Twenty-five (25) firefighters qualify right now. Hartford quoted \$225 per firefighter and is the only quote they have received right now.

The Brisben Fire Department has had some manpower issues and a lot of people are no longer part of that department. There is a strong possibility that Brisben may dissolve and Oxford may pick up some of the Brisben area. Chief Martin will attempt to get more information. Trustee D. Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the Allen Hurlburd application.

EMS:

Mark Forrest updated the Board about the new members and where they stand as far as getting trained and when they will be EMT certified.

They don't have any scheduled classes on a regular basis. The Village will end up paying mileage for a class that is offered. There is training in Montour Falls, New York and it was asked if there were any grants available. There is a struggle for individuals to get the appropriate training that is needed.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Noetzel received 58,000 gallons of septage this month for a total of \$2,900.00 at .05/gallon and he took 8.98 ton of sludge to the landfill. Carter Brightman from Rentals-To-Go has been cut off due to a nasty load he dumped at The WWTP recently. WWTP Operator Noetzel talked to Pete Andrews from Norwich and they are going to start taking septage again soon. He suggests that we raise our prices to .08/gallon. Carter Brightman has a guy taking three (3) loads a day to Syracuse to dump. Trustee Leach suggested we raise our fee to .10/gallon. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee D. Hendricks seconded a motion to raise our septage price from .05/gallon to .10/gallon effective September 1, 2018. Mayor Stark will write a letter to send to each of the four (4) companies that we do business with.

Bodek Septic & Excavation Services, Inc. came with a load from Binghamton. WWTP Operator Noetzel has reserved space for Barrows & Sons due to him being a local guy. All approved, carried.

On July 20th at 11:00 a.m. an individual from S Washington Avenue took a picture of WWTP Operator Noetzel Kirk at the WWTP so he waved and the individual waved back. He considers this harassment. Trustee Leach will speak to this resident to try and get some details of the event.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

SPW Paden went over his monthly report. Mayor Stark said we can send out an RFP if we get the information on the well pump that needs repairing/replacing. Layne Christensen has given us a quote of \$18,985.00 to clean, rehabilitate and inspect the pump on well #1 for wear. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to go ahead with the quote from Layne Christensen, Co. for the cleaning, rehabilitation and inspection since our backup water system has failed and has been deemed an emergency. The Village is fortunate enough to have three wells that we can alternate. All approved, carried.

Mayor Stark was questioned about tree removal at 2 Franklin Street. It is a big tree and should come down. Cooks Tree Service gave us an estimate of \$4,500 to remove this. It is not in the right-of-way of the Village. There are other trees in the Village that have branches that need trimming but the DPW can't reach up that high. Cooks Tree Service charges \$5,000 per day for tree trimming. Trustee D. Hendricks will get in touch with Brandon Shaw to see if he could trim trees that are too high for the DPW to reach.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The bids for the police garage are as follows: C&M Construction-\$173,000, Wilcox Construction-\$267,770 and Richard Wakeman, Inc.-\$275,000. Gene Rood wants to pull these bids since he received serious questions from a few contractors and the drawings aren't complete. A two bay could fit down by the WWTP according to Gene and he wouldn't mind going ahead with that. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee D. Hendricks seconded a motion to reject all three (3) bids that were received for the Police Garage Facility. All approved, carried.

There are two other locations where a police garage could be constructed; by the fire department (where the Coe House currently is) and the other sight is at the Middle School. The school is trying to come up with a capital program to build a bus maintenance facility. It was suggested that the architect for the school include room for a police department. All possible

sites are: Middle School, WWTP Facility, purchase a building or, any other suggestions that The Board may have.

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report for June and July. It was mentioned that Boname park needs to have lights installed for security. This will help with people hanging out there after dark. Officer Francis said if the area is lit up, people won't be inclined to go there and do things they shouldn't. He has had issues up there about 1-2 times a week but has gotten there before anything can be done illegally or otherwise.

All the police officers (full and part-time) have been certified for Fire Arms Training.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter has been written to Head Start that The Village is not interested in selling the land that their building is on.

Dan Rickard plans on using 30,000 square feet for his insurance business of his newly purchased Navy Island Block and will lease out the rest of the building. He is requesting tree trimming and pavers in front of the buildings that need to be replaced.

LaFayette Park Veteran's Memorial Paver Project – there are currently two options to purchase pavers. On September 15 & 16th, Lowe's will be removing the shrubs around the fountain at LaFayette Park.

Mayor Stark wants to run the monies through the Village much like the way MedEx is currently done. Trustee Marks moved and Trustee D. Hendricks seconded a motion to open a separate checking account for the Veterans Memorial Park based on the Village being the sponsor of the project. All approved, carried. Mayor Stark will let the office know what name to use when opening the account.

An engraved paver will be \$50 and there will be a 20% discount if the paver is purchased by Veterans Day (\$40).

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Rice asked Mayor Stark about the equalization rate that went from 66.7% to 65.8%. These figures don't make a difference in the Village. The Village and the Town are the same or are supposed to be.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Marks is going to check with Tim Ross regarding painting the Village Hall Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer