

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:00 pm on August 28, 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, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows and Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

**Absent:** SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Ron Martin, EMS Captain Mark Forrest

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

The Village Trustees reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for August 2018. Richard Rice asked if he could look at the invoices also. Mayor Stark agreed as it is public information.

Mayor Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

There were several visitors at the meeting: Brian Drake of 56 Albany Street, Autumn Markowski, Scott Markowski, DeAnna Ross and Mackenzie Ross all of 1177 Co Rd 27, Richard Rice of 2 Chenango Street, Clare Mulder and Gillian Mulder of 7 Water St and JoAnn Fucci of 187 Stafford Road.

Clare Mulder came to the meeting and reported that she was bit by a dog on August 14th at 15 Mechanic Street. Jason Barrows is living at the house but it is owned by William and Dawn Golden. The county has no land lease on file for that property. There is no record of vaccines or licenses for the dogs that live at 15 Mechanic Street. The St. Bernard and a hound dog were both loose and Clare was bitten by the hound dog. The dog was held for 10 days at a separate location and has shown no signs of rabies.

Richard Rice was attacked on Scott Street by the same dogs and a small white dog was attacked by the hound dog. Mayor Stark said that the Village does not have a dog warden and relies upon the Town appointed warden. Though the Village responds to verbal complaints, written complaints better document the events reported, reduce miscommunications, and result in a better follow up process.

Brian Drake mentioned that his dog was attacked three times by different dogs around the Village. The most significant was the Scheidelman's German Sheppard that tore his dog apart with four puncture wounds. He said that the town leash law is standard and asked that the village adopt a more restrictive leash law that would then allow Village police to respond if the dog warden isn't available at the time of an incident.

**ABSTRACT:**

Trustee D. Hendricks seconded by Trustee Leach made a motion to approve Abstract #003 as presented.

General Fund	\$ 61,324.75
Water Fund	\$ 25,842.29
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 98,726.01</u>
	\$185,893.05

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee C. Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the July 17th Reorganizational and the July 31st Monthly Board Meeting Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

There is no treasurer's report until our auditor has finished our yearly audit.

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee D. Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the July Justice Report from Judge Frye. All approved.

**OFD REPORT:**

Fire Chief Ron Martin was not present at the meeting.

**EMS:**

EMS Captain Mark Forrest was not present at the meeting.

**WWTP:**

WWTP Operator Noetzel took 11.16 ton of sludge to the landfill and he took in 24,000 gallons of septage.

The Flow meters were calibrated today. The DEC inspection went well. WWTP Operator Noetzel told the DEC inspector that he had one odor complaint and he received a satisfactory rating which is the highest that can be given out.

Mayor Stark will talk to the Village Attorney regarding the Rentals to Go monies that are owed.

Stan Barrows of Barrows & Sons has pumped some holding tanks at a lake. He asked WWTP Operator Noetzel if he can keep this at .05/gallon. This is not allowed to happen due to us raising our price to .10/gallon effective September 15<sup>th</sup>. We can't charge different prices to different companies for different types of pumping.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

DOG CONTROL ISSUES - Mayor Stark asked Chief Nolan and Dog Warden Roger Barrows to speak on the issue. Mayor Stark will write an article to The Evening Sun reminding residents to maintain control of their dogs at all times. The Village may be able to mimic what the town says regarding the leash issues. Their law says that an "at large" dog means an unleashed dog not under control of the owner and off the premises of the owner.

Overnight parking or storage out of doors in a residential district of a vehicle licenses for commercial purposes is prohibited in the Village. Mayor will send information to The Evening Sun and ask for a public service announcement be published in the paper.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Nolan went over his monthly report.

Gene Rood will undertake a new design for the police garage facility to be located at the Waste Water Facility area.

The Oxford School is planning a capital project and possibly could include a couple of police vehicle storage bays in a new maintenance building. The State may not have approve, but it is worth investigating. There is also property at the end of Mechanic Street for sale. Mayor Stark asked The Board if they are interested in putting in a bid. The Board agreed Motion by Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Marks to pursue a potential purchase of the old vault building. Mayor to report to the board on the next steps. All in favor, carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Stark has called Brandon Shaw regarding trimming of trees in the Village and is awaiting a response. Mayor Stark contacted Oxford Academy regarding the possible purchase of the property from the school upon where Well #3 is located.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Navy Island Block is being renovated.

The bid to remove all the pavers on Navy Island and replace with stamped concrete is about \$30,000. The Village can save about \$6,000 if DPW removes the pavers and the Village purchases the concrete directly instead of through a contractor. Current plan is to complete project in late September/October time frame.

Mayor Stark will write a letter to the residents regarding the pavers. Motion by Trustee D Hendricks and seconded by Trustee Marks to approve Flemvale to do the stamped concrete to replace the pavers not to exceed \$20,000.

It will cost about \$8,000 to do the stone work under the three big windows of Village Hall. Motion by Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Marks to do the stone work not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Chonghui Eldred of 24 Albany Street and Harold Ives on behalf of the United Church of Oxford have each requested sidewalk assistance. Our sidewalk policy currently pertains only to taxable property. Mayor will contact Chonghui and get more details and respond to the church that program does not apply to fully tax exempt property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash in Lieu of health insurance-policy was reviewed. Employee health insurance is currently \$11,000 a year for an individual. Trustee Leach made a motion seconded by Trustee Marks to leave the in-lieu amount of \$1,200 yearly the same and require proof of insurance annually, and to modify the current policy to allow coverage under parents' insurance. All voted Aye and motion was approved.

Lowes will remove the LaFayette Park fountain shrubs on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The Garden Club will remove the flowers and replant them in the spring in another location. We are waiting for a quote for bluestone from Barnes Bluestone.

Clerk to Justice position was reviewed. Board postponed approval of position pending clarification of several questions. Mayor and clerk to work on the issues and respond at a later meeting.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Marks mentioned meeting with Ray Baldwin regarding the light fixture outside Village Hall and agreed to replace with an LED bulb.

Mayor Stark also met with Ray Baldwin at Boname Park. Ray will install an LED light on back side of pavilion facing restrooms.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Stark made a motion to Adjourn at 9:48 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:30 with the fire department  
Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks  
Clerk-Treasurer