

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on October 25, 2022 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830. Audit Committee met at 7:00 P.M. and Regular Board meeting started at 7:30 P.M.

**Present were:** Deputy Mayor Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice, OIC Adam Francis, Fire Chief Ron Martin, EMS Captain Mark Forrest, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

**Absent:** Mayor Terry Stark, DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey, WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout

The Village Trustees (Audit Committee) reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for September 2022.

Deputy Mayor Dale Leach called the Regular meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Sally Nuzzolese and her daughter, Terry Aldrich came to the meeting. Sally said on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 p.m. there was a man at her door and her video doorbell showed he came past the further end of the house, went past her house then came back around to her front door but never rang the doorbell. Next day she said her daughter sent pictures of the man to the sheriff's office. They asked OIC Francis if he recognized the guy. Chenango County Sheriff said the case has been turned over to the Oxford Police however, Officer Francis said that he was only asked if they recognized the guy but the case was not turned over to Oxford PD. Terry Aldrich will contact Sheriff Barton regarding this. OIC Francis will also have Officer Sherman patrol the area more than he already does.

Also, the house next door has issues with garbage again and Sally has a skunk digging under her foundation. She has lived there for 53 years and has never had a problem in the past. She has caught four skunks so far. This has cost her \$200 to get rid of these skunks, they cannot be rehomed but have to be destroyed. The garbage piles at the house next door keep getting bigger and bigger. They do not care about the mess and are not doing anything about it. She is very frustrated as she takes pride in her home and wishes others would too. The house will be up for sale by the County on Saturday and we will see what happens at that auction.

**ABSTRACT:**

Trustee Marks seconded by Trustee Hendricks made a motion to approve Abstract #005 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$ 40,508.05
Water Fund	\$ 8,617.91
Sewer Fund	\$ 14,100.30
Water Project	<u>\$ 77,520.00</u>
	\$140,746.26

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report. All voted aye and motion was carried.

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Rice seconded the motion to approve the September Justice Report from Judge Ross. All approved.

**OFD REPORT:**

Chief Martin was present. He was just notified that the annual pump and chassis service prices are becoming extremely high at \$3,200 - \$3,500 per vehicle. Pump service prices are separate as they have to be separate services. Pump service has been done but not sure what he will do about chassis service.

The meeting with the Town of Preston has been cancelled for tomorrow night due to the Preston Town Supervisor having a work conflict.

Truck 261 has had no confirmed bids and Chief Martin will give it a little longer then will list it with Auctions International. The insurance has been removed from this vehicle.

The response plan for electric vehicles (car fire) is changing. Once a department has responded to a fire call, they found out that a vehicle was on fire. They will be responding with an engine and two tankers. It takes 5,000 - 12,000 gallons of water just to put the fire out for an electric fire. The fire can reignite at the junk yard where the vehicle is taken or even on the wrecker that is taking the vehicle away.

**EMS REPORT:**

EMS Captain Mark Forrest said that they have had 20 calls with 15 responses on the EMS side of things.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Roger Barrows talked about fire cleanup at Merchant Street.

**Wastewater Plant:**

WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout handed out his monthly report. On November 4<sup>th</sup> they have a company coming in to suck out the wet well and, hopefully, getting the new pump and rails put in so they will have everything back in order. He and Bill Kelsey hosed out the wet well the best they could to make things as efficient as possible. No sludge was hauled the month of October but a couple of loads will be hauled soon (before winter hits).

They had GCS (a company he and Bill met at their conference in May) come to look at their technology at the wastewater and water department. They will be giving Brent a quote on the cost to get a system put in so that Bill and Brent will get a phone call when things go wrong at the wastewater and/or water departments. This would be a huge help in that they will know immediately when things go wrong instead of a surprise problem when he or Bill get in in the morning.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

OIC Francis sent in his monthly report. The police car that was ordered in February will not start production until the end of this month for police vehicles.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey sent the monthly report for DPW/water for October. They have begun the yearly trimming of trees on roadsides, have cut down trees on Fort Hill Park, fire station and St. Joseph's Church parking lot. They are spending 2.5 days a week mowing parks and removing leaves.

Rural water was in to do more leak detection. Bill wanted to pin down the worst leaks to prioritize pipe replacement for the project. He has been working with Jodie at Lamont Engineering on this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NY Forward Grant – The Village of Oxford is one of five finalists for the grant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was brought up about the possibility of increasing the price of leaf bags that we sell to the public. The current bags we have at the DPW were bought at \$.69/bag. The current price is

\$.79/bag that the village would be charged and that is the best price according to Dano Enterprises. We will delay this conversation until we speak to the Mayor at the November meeting.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

No comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be November 29, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks  
Clerk-Treasurer