

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on May 31, 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 Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice, OIC Adam Francis, Fire Chief Ron Martin, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Judson Hendricks, Fred Lanfair and Sally Nuzzolese were here from the public

Absent: DPW Superintendent Rick Paden, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, EMS Captain Mark Forrest.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Sally Nuzzolese addressed the Board and would like to see a one-way street around The Depot from Mechanic Street to Merchant Street. There are little girls that play there and cars go around extremely fast. This is a safety issue at this point. We will have a special meeting on June 14th to discuss these issues. A Public Hearing, etc. can take up to two (2) months.

Diane Branham has been renovating the Historical Society over the past two years. There will be an open house on June 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. They will put this on the community activities site at WBNG. Sally Nuzzolese said that she likes the dusk to dawn lights at the Historical Society and she believes that they have helped with the issues that go on there.

Fred Lanfair mentioned a pick-up truck seen on Depot Street. The police are aware and one vehicle has been moved already. They would like to have the area look neater and cleaner as the band concerts start up this summer.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Marks seconded by Trustee Rice made a motion to approve Abstract #012 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

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| General Fund | \$ 98,413.29 |
| Water Fund | \$ 9,158.66 |
| Sewer Fund | \$ 7,667.71 |
| Water Project | <u>\$ 595.00</u> |
| | \$115,834.66 |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the April 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded the motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. The wastewater debt was included in the annual audit and we had a sewer exemption from New York State.

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the April Justice Report from Judge Ross. All approved. The Justice court bail reconciliation will be discussed with Judge Ross at the June 14th meeting.

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin stated that the new truck is scheduled for late June for the delivery date. We will raise Rich Hadlock's cleaning fee from \$14.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour to match the cleaning rate at the WWTP bathrooms.

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded the motion to approve the increase of the OFD labor rate for cleaning to \$15.00 per hour starting June 1st.

261 is now expected in late June due to supply chain issues. The cab is 80% done, the body has been painted and the chassis is being worked on. Chief Martin will talk to Joe Shoemaker regarding the old truck and trading it in, etc. It cannot be declared surplus until the new truck is taken in possession. Everyone has to be trained on the new truck and mid-August is the estimated time to get everyone trained.

Gorick Construction Co., Inc. is leaving the hole around Coe House and there will be a fence put around it. The main structure is gone, just the concrete floor and basement is there and it will be gone tomorrow. It is down eight feet so there must be adequate fencing around this hole.

The Board needs to sit down with Zach Meseck, Town of Preston Supervisor regarding the contract and what is involved. Zach wants to know exactly what the contract is derived of.

Three new members jointed from the open house which is well worth the effort.

The Ash trees on Fort Hill Park are being destroyed by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) bugs. The Renfrow's and the fire station have ash trees being infested as well and the trees will be gone next year. The branches on these trees are not leafing out and that is the first sign of issues.

Sean Foran from Hueber-Breuer Construction is to meet on June 6th at the fire Station. Chief Martin will confirm and send out an E-Mail to the Board.

EMS REPORT:

Mark Forrest was not present.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows reported and stated that the Planning Board is concerned about some properties that have issues and they want them taken care of. Mayor Stark sent a note to the Board and asked everyone to read it and let him know if they have any questions. Roger Barrows will give an estimate for Mechanic Street clean-up and report to the Board about it. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded the motion to authorize the mayor to approve the estimate from the Zoning officer.

The Pagoda on Washington Park and the Bandstand on Lafayette Park need some renovations. The Burke's wanted to contribute to get these structures updated. We did receive money from the Burke's to go toward the rehabilitation of these properties on the parks. A total of \$6,500.00 was received back in December.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout sent in the monthly report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis sent his monthly report. Garbage is being burned on Water Street and there were several complaints from neighbors. The County Arson Team has taken over the property that burnt on Greene Street and they are pursuing charges. DEC will eventually be called if tenants do not stop this.

We need to put a fence around the hole of Coe House. Will see if Roger Barrows can do this and have him ask Brenton to help him. OIC Francis asked about water in the police garage.

Main Street around Fort Hill Park was closed for 8th grade graduation last year and it will work again this year according to Officer Francis. The streets were back open at 8:00. Officer Francis will look at this and email the Board. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Marks seconded the motion to close the road around Fort Hill Park between the hours of 5:30 – 7:30 on June 23rd.

There is a minimum of 8 months wait for the police vehicle as they are waiting on computer chips.

The Board was asked if the north end of North Washington Avenue could be closed on July 16th for a wedding and reception. The Board concluded that this is a long stretch of road to close so the Board is not in agreement with this.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

SPW Paden was not here. He did send Mayor Stark his plans for the upcoming summer work if they do not have to do mowing all summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

WWTP Operator Noetzel wanted May 27th to be his last day before retirement. He does not have enough time to leave this soon. He asked about the Board granting him the time to leave sooner rather than later. They will work on this and let WWTP Operator Noetzel know their decision.

It takes 16 hours a week to mow the parks in the village. We need to recruit someone to do this to take away the responsibility from the DPW.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Head Start has a tree that was damaged during the last storm. The tree should come down as it is dangerous and is on North Washington Ave near Head Start. Mayor Stark asked the Board if they want to split the cost of removing this tree.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Rice asked about pulling out the fire hydrant by the post office so people can park at this spot. People are not supposed to park fifty feet from the intersection any way. Problem seems to have gone away.

Landscaping bushes near the WWTP are dead that need to be taken care of and trimmed.

There is a large pile of stone at the DPW against a blocked wall at the end of the main building. This could cave in the wall pretty easily and should be moved from that area.

The culvert is crushed at the end of Columbia Street by the apartment complex. Everything is torn up pretty good now. This should be put on the DPW list of things that have to be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

The next special meeting will be June 14th at 7:00 and the next Regular meeting will be June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer