

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on February 28, 2023 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, DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey, WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Mayor Terry Stark, OIC Adam Francis, Fire Chief Ron Martin, EMS Captain Mark Forrest, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows

The Village Trustees (Audit Committee) reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for February 2023.

Deputy Mayor Dale Leach called the Regular meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

David and Claire Mulder attended. They had several concerns with a house on Water Street and their dogs are always running loose. Their truck even got dented due to a puppy being under the car and they hide. The dogs do not go to the owners when they are called. Roger Barrows, Dog Warden and the police have been there at the house but no one ever answers the doors. The dogs are constantly on the Mulder's property and they do not want this.

There are children in the house and they are out until 2:00 – 3:00 in the morning. The kids are only 13 and 15 years old. They are normally running around after the police are off duty. Code 125-3 prohibited acts by minors. The Board can address this and send them a letter. They are destructive and mischievous with skateboarding all over the village.

There is no open burning in the village-must be in a closed fire pit. The people have fires outside in all kinds of weather and at all hours of the day/night. The best avenue is to get the DEC to address this situation according to Trustee Hendricks.

They asked if there was any update on the house that burnt on Greene/Merchant Street. Trustee Leach explained what is going on with the owner of the property and the legal aspects of the house that burnt down.

They said there are pigs and chickens on Greene Street. They eat the grass seed that everyone has planted then they go home. Roger Barrows, Zoning Officer needs to be aware of this situation.

The water drains to their house when it rains. Mr. Mulder spoke to SPW Kelsey from the DPW asking about the new drainage.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Marks seconded by Trustee Hendricks made a motion to approve Abstract #009 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$ 96,271.20
Water Fund	\$ 15,362.80
Sewer Fund	\$ 23,744.15
Water Project	<u>\$ 2,808.25</u>
	\$138,186.40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to approve the January 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the January Justice Report from Judge Ross. All voted aye and motion was carried.

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin was not present but did send in his report for the Board.

EMS REPORT:

Mark Forrest was not present.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows was not present but did send in a report on code enforcement issues. He has been getting complaints that the garbage has been piling up at the Jablonski properties. He is charging tenants for garbage pickup at the apartments but the garbage is not being picked up at Chenango Street, North Washington Avenue and Greene Street duplex. As of today, they are cleaning up the apartments. Roger has had complaints that the Jablonski properties are not up to "normal" standards. He is waiting for the City of Norwich to send a copy of the code that they use for property owners within the city limits. Rogers thinks this would be a great idea as there has to be an inspection before a new tenant can move in for a charge of \$50.00. If property owners do not get an inspection, there is a \$200.00 fee. This protects the tenant and looks good for the village.

Snow removal on sidewalks has been going well. This has been the first snow and this is going to evaluate how people are doing clearing their sidewalks. The person the village has hired is doing a good job for us.

Roger also changed out the spotlight on the gazebo that shines on the American Flag. There are new LED lights there with a built-in dusk to dawn. There are also new LED lights above the ramp in the back of the building with dusk to dawn and a new exit sign has been installed at the back door with emergency lighting. The old fixture was broken and not fixable.

There have been all sorts of problems with the boiler at the village hall. After bleeding air out of the lines and changing the circulating pumps and resetting the boiler, it finally started up and, hopefully, the bugs are out of it for a while.

The mice problem at village hall seems to currently be under control.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

SPW Kelsey went over his report. Susquehanna River Basin has issues with Well #2. If we want to continue using well #2, we can with no contract with SRB as long as we do not exceed 100k gallons a day. If we want to use it daily as we do our other well pumps, we will have to sign a water withdrawal contract. No one has any information on this well. He spoke to his contact there regarding the well. Well #1 has no high hopes and to use as a backup. Well #2 is a better well in the first place.

DOH say our lead and copper regulations need updating. Lead and copper piping going in and out of the residence need to be inspected. DOH may make us do this-inspect piping.

Cintas has updated the first aid station and it is checked monthly. No charge unless anything needs replacing.

An eye wash station is needed at Well #1 but there is not one there. Found one still in the box and SPW Kelsey will take it to the WWTP and get it set up.

NYS DOT has requested the DPW fill out a Perm32 highway work permit. Prior SPW Paden had refused to sign one in the past. Seems to be a safety permit but we have to follow their rules and regulations. Trustee Hendricks recommends we wait on getting this signed but revisit again if it is brought up.

The water and sewer plants have switched laboratories in which they send their samples. The company they used in the past were hard to contact and were extremely unreliable. The new company (Life Science Labs) were recommended by a few other municipalities. They are also less expensive.

DPW has continued with shop clean up and organization. The crew have been out cleaning up roadside garbage also.

Two rounds of patching have been completed. They have begun creating a job list for spring and summer.

WasteWater Plant:

WWTP Operator Rideout went over his report. They changed the company that did their samples and they are having a great result. Life Science Labs out of Syracuse is replacing Microbac. Prior company never picked up on time, never tested samples on time and did not bring them the correct bottles. The new lab is much better and less expensive. Things are out of the time limit then we have to retest and run the test up to them. They are much happier with the new lab than they were with the prior company. Tomorrow is the first day with Life Science.

They built a work bench at the plant so they now have somewhere to work on pumps and other projects. They have also been painting inside the plant to give it a fresh look.

Brent gave D&W Diesel the go ahead to rebuild the blowers. This should be done in 6-8 weeks. One of the primary pumps that was discussed last month has stopped working again. They believe it is plugged with rags but they have not taken it apart yet.

The first aid center was 30 years old, Cintas updated everything, and it will be checked monthly. Now they are in compliance. Brent and Bill have been looking over things that have never been touched in 30 years. They contacted the school and they took the items from them. They were pleased with these items.

Trustee Leach asked Bill Kelsey about getting solar panels on the plant and in the field to help with electric costs. Bill looked into this back in 2012 or 2013. However, Trustee Leach would like him to revisit this solar idea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis sent in his monthly report. He was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Board chose to meet on March 14th at 7:00 tentatively, to discuss the 2023-2024 budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Dale Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, March 28th

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer