

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on March 28, 2023 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830. Audit Committee met at 7:00 P.M. and the 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, DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey, WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout, Fire Chief Ron Martin, Zoning Officer/ Dog Warden Roger Barrows, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Mayor Terry Stark

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

Deputy Mayor Dale Leach called the Regular meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at 7:29 p.m. All voted Aye and motion was carried. The public notice of the budget hearing had been published in the Village's official paper (Norwich Evening Sun) on March 21, 2023.

There being no public comments, Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

Following the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing, Deputy Mayor Leach recommended the following proposed General, Water and Sewer fund Budgets and Water/Sewer rates be adopted.

General Fund - \$1,261,000 (An increase of \$43,500)

Revenue - \$525,000
Tax Levy - \$736,000
Tax Rate - \$26.99 (An increase of 2.5% or \$.65)
Appropriations - \$1,261,000

Water Fund - \$270,000 (An increase of \$22,000)

Revenue \$270,000
Appropriations \$270,000

Effective April 1, 2023 water rates will be as follows:

Quarterly	Base Water Rate	\$68.00 Within the Village
Quarterly	Excess Rate	\$ 6.50 Within Village
Quarterly	Additional Unit charge	\$34.00
Quarterly	Base water Rate	\$70.00 Outside of Village
Quarterly	Excess Rate	\$ 6.70 Outside Village
Quarterly	Additional Unit charge	\$35.00 Outside Village

FY 2024 residential quarterly base water rate will increase to \$68.00. Base Water rate outside the village will increase to \$70.00. The excess rate will increase to \$6.50 inside the Village. The Town Water District rate will increase to \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons outside the Village. Additional base unit charges will remain at 50% of quarterly base rate. The excess rate will increase to \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons. Additional base unit charges will remain at 50% of quarterly base rate.

Sewer Fund - \$343,000 (a decrease of \$13,000)

Revenue \$343,000
Appropriations \$343,000

FY 2024 residential quarterly base sewer rate will increase \$4.00 from \$59.00 to \$63.00. The excess usage rate will increase \$.75 from \$10.25 to \$11.00 per 1,000 gallons. Vets Home surcharge remains at 15%.

It was also noted that the salary for all elected officials will remain the same: Annual salary for the mayor is \$6,000 and the annual salary of each of the four Trustees is \$3,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Trustee Rice moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded a motion to adopt the Budget for the general, water and sewer funds for Fiscal Year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 as proposed.

All voted Aye and motion was carried.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Oliver Place was at the meeting. He said he has been overrun by rats from the house that burnt. They are running all over now that the snow is gone. The house next to the house that burnt on Greene Street needs to be demolished as well. This is now in the courts and the village cannot do anything about this issue. He does have an exterminator that comes once a month and he has killed several of them.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Marks seconded by Trustee Hendricks made a motion to approve Abstract #010 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$32,046.29
Water Fund	\$ 5,397.98
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,838.62
Water Project	<u>\$ 3,052.50</u>
	\$47,335.39

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Rice seconded a motion to approve the February 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Rice seconded the motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report.

JUSTICE REPORT:

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

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin talked about the grants we have applied for. We were denied for the Schumer Grant but the BRIC Grant is still out there and not issued yet. We were just shy of Schumer's threshold according to Julie Burline. She has applied for a few grants for the Fire Department.

NFPA 1561 addendum – On March 1st, 2023, May Day was called three (3) times which is what fire fighters are trained to do. However, another call came out for a college in Buffalo and the commander did not hear the May Day. Governor Hochul is from that area and has made a snowball of changes. Everything in fire service is redundant-no backup for communication. As of April 1st, this becomes standard. Lunar devices are being used and the commander can see where all the firefighters are. Thermal imager to see heat ranges-edges of windows, doors, and the edge of a down firefighter. These are \$3,109 per unit. MSA will help firefighters and the price came down to \$2,500 and also buy one (1), get one (1) free. \$515 is the charger, \$82 for the lanyard to keep the unit on the firefighter. Total price tag of \$24,534. Norwich, Bainbridge, and Greene are all looking into these units. MSA and Jerome Fire are the only places that can

sell to the fire department. Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Leach seconded the motion to allow Fire Chief Ron Martin for the purchase of these lunar items. All in favor, carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis went over his monthly report. He talked about some dog issues and they are going to court tomorrow regarding this issue. If a dog is deemed dangerous, all costs go to the owner of the dog if they are allowed to keep them. This is taking a lot of time to take care of this situation.

The new radar has been received and it is working great. The new car is in the State of New York but the new radio is out 12-20 weeks.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows talked to the Board. He has heard the DA has been getting involved with the situation of the fire property and it is being looked into. 7 Mechanic Street is in the process of getting cleaned up, the pigs and people are finally gone. The dogs from Bradley Hill are still an issue and the owner will be going to court in April. Jablonski is getting rid of the garbage from some of his other properties. The dumpster at Merchant Street is full. He is charging tenants for garbage pickup but the garbage is not getting picked up.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout got a quote from Yacano's to reseal and crack fill the plant for \$3,827. It has been eight (8) years since this has been done and it should get resealed. They have painted the cabinets and resealed the counter tops in the wastewater building so it is much more aesthetically pleasing. They have been keeping up with flushing out the wet well since it got cleaned out and the new pumps and rails installed. They have pressure washed and cleaned the entire press building. The blowers they brought to Auburn to get rebuilt are delayed until the end of April due to a lack of parts to be able to rebuild them. The pump has been working well and the rotary lobes have been replaced.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

SPW Kelsey reported to the Board. They have completed street evaluation/quote process. Vestal Asphalt is about double the price of Suit Kote. He got a quote for Bradley Hill around Washington Park from Suit Kote and Yacano's. Yacano came in at almost the same price. He will have them do Greene Street. The price to do the first 50 yards on Ross Street. Bill will send the quotes to the Board once he gets them all together.

Cooks Tree Service was in to evaluate trees and quote some removals/trimming. They have done a few rounds of patching. The compartments on the water truck are painted. The walls in the main garage are washed. The office and break room walls are being painted. They have been catching up on vehicle maintenance. An eyewash station has been installed at the Well #1 Building. They are organizing the parts room.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Next Regular meeting will be April 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer