

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on June 27, 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: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice, OIC Adam Francis, DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey, WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Fire Chief Ron Martin, Captain Mark Forrest, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows

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

Mayor Terry Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Melissa and Susan Bishop were at the meeting. Melissa spoke and said they love living in Oxford (they bought a house in August of 2021); it is a really nice area. However, the parking lot at Dollar General is a mess with potholes all over the parking lot. She spoke to someone at the store and wrote some letters to the DG corporate office. She wants to know if the village can do anything to make them accountable with the parking lot and also the lot on the side of Taylor Street. Mayor Stark discussed the situation and said that he has been in contact with the corporation regarding zoning issues.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Marks made a motion to approve Abstract #001 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$37,786.25
Water Fund	\$ 2,921.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,278.35
Water Project	<u>\$13,850.00</u>
	\$58,835.66

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Rice seconded a motion to approve the May 30th and June 13th 2023 Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The May 2023 year end closing is in progress.

JUSTICE REPORT:

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

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin was not present. The Board would like to wait another year to get the RFP Capital project with River Rock Restoration Project started and to be sure the powers to be can get us a grant to help with this project. We cannot pay for anything before being awarded a grant or it would not be included in those funds. Delay in waiting for another year, Don Meyers, President put flags down and we have lost another 6' of riverbank. If we wait another year, the cost may go up (labor and supplies) more, we may be losing more riverbank. Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Hendricks made a motion to postpone the riverbank work and not to exceed \$70,000 for the purchase of \$65,180 for the steel piles. The invoice will be dated July 1st with payment due by July 30th from River Rock. The village would pay River Rock enough money for

contingency in trucking and hauling and them hold off on the project for another year. All in favor, carried.

Sean Foran from Hueber-Breuer Construction Company, Inc. is working on putting a separate bid together for the roof.

EMS REPORT:

Mark Forrest was not present. We have been holding our own in the EMS revenue account and gaining a little in the past year. We are responding to more calls now but most of them are Medicare or Medicaid and we cannot bill the full amount. The EMS is not responding to enough calls to sustain 12 hours a day for 7 days a week. We are currently making around 400 calls a year. The Brisben Fire Department no longer has a captain or volunteers. They are dissolving and had a meeting with Greene, Oxford, and Smithville to see who would respond to calls in the Brisben area. Fire District #34 currently consists of Oxford, Smithville, and Preston.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis presented his monthly report to the Board. Pyramid said we will run out of protection on July 2 and then we will not have internet. The village needs to renew this firewall protection for police, village hall and the court. OIC Francis will send Pyramid an E-mail to bill us for three years for \$900 for the firewall protection.

Under regulations – not to exceed 5 hours is his suggestion instead of 3 hours. Add this to our vendor solicitation section.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows was not present.

WASTEWATER PLANT:

WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout went over his monthly report. He has been hauling sludge to the landfill for about two weeks. He took a total of about 12 loads that equals 48 ton of sludge. He has about 20 more ton to get rid of it. Retired WWTP Operator Noetzel hauled 260 ton of sludge in 2021.

They received their parts to fix the pump at GP5. There are now two working pumps back in at GP5. Just today they got the new pump that was ordered for GP5. They now have a spare pump for the wet well at the plant.

Yacano has been given the go ahead to reseal the blacktop at the WWTP and they said it would be done in June but they have yet to hear from them.

They did more cleaning up around plant getting rid of a lot of junk while hauling sludge to the landfill and also doing scheduled maintenance around the plant.

They flushed out GP5 after installing the pump. Then they flushed out the wet well and cleaned all the rags off the level sensor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

SPW Kelsey reported on the cape sealing of Franklin, Pleasant, Fairview, Columbia, and Washington Park. Some of the imperfections were taken out of the road which extended the life of the road. The Mechanic Street leak update is to hook up to Max Moyer. They are not exactly sure where all the pipes are going in that area.

Clark Creek reservoir tower was plugged. Brent and Bill had to go up and unclog it twice. It was plugged with vegetation.

Cooks Tree Service has a list of trees and should be back in July to look at the tree situation.

Lance Thorne has not started working for the village yet this summer. We need to agree on hours that he will be working this summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Farmer’s Market is requesting that they allow food trucks at the Saturday market. We will suggest to Paige and Trellan that they can try this on a temporary basis to test the waters and run this and see what happens.

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Leach seconded a resolution for Mayor Stark to work with Julie Burline as the consultant to submit an application under the New York State Consolidated Funding Program (application #129129) as follows:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION, RECEIPT USE AND DISBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUNDS

Title of Resolution: A resolution to authorize application, receipt, use and disbursement of New York State Grant Funds Application Oxford Steps Forward

WHEREAS, part of New York's efforts to improve the business climate and expand economic growth, the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) was created to support the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Initiative. And,

WHEREAS the CFA has streamlined and expedited the grant application process marking a fundamental shift in the way state resources are allocated, ensuring less bureaucracy and greater efficiency to fulfill local needs, and

WHEREAS the CFA allows applicants to access multiple state funding sources through one application, making the process quicker, easier, and more productive, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oxford, is interested in pursuing several projects offered within the CFA application system that are consistent with the Village of Oxford Comprehensive Plan and/or Village Vision Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of The Village of Oxford hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for such grants and execute such documents as required, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford is authorizing application, receipt, use and disbursement of CFA grant funds if so directed.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Terry M. Stark, Mayor	Yes	Dustin Hendricks, Trustee	Yes
Dale Leach, Trustee	Yes	Richard Marks, Trustee	Yes
Richard Rice, Trustee	Yes		

All voted aye and resolution was approved.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Terry Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer