

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held at 7:30 pm on June 28, 2016 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830.

**Present were:** Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Trustee John Todaro, Police Chief Rich Nolan, Officer Steve Rounds, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Gene Rood, Brandon Lummis, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks and via skype was Trustee John O'Connor

**Absent:** SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Hans Franklin, ER Squad Captain Trevor Natoli

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

**Public Concerns:** none

**Abstract:**

General Fund	\$124,419.15
Water Fund	\$ 1,879.31
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,376.14
Water IMPR	\$ 1,702.35
Waste Water Cap	\$292,000.64
SRTS - CAP	<u>\$ 2,293.48</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$426,671.07</b>

Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to approve the abstract. All approved, with the addition of Horstman's Nursery invoice (flowers for the parks) for \$206.00 and Adam Clark (misc. mowing) for \$160. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Leach moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve the May 31, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All approved. Motion carried.

**Election – Village:** 26 residents came out to vote. Mayor Stark congratulated Trustee Leach and Trustee Todaro for their win in the election. Mayor Stark received a letter from Maryann Monahan asking that The Village take over the election process again due to the number of voters that turned out. The County took over the election process several years ago, due to a complaint by a Democratic caucus member. Trustee Leach isn't interested in letting the County turn the elections back over to us as the Village Hall closes on Election Day to administer the voting and it costs us money for that closure. Trustee Leach says whatever is decided is okay and Trustee Todaro votes to keep as it. Trustee O'Connor is in agreement. Trustee Leach made a motion to maintain the current process of having the County continue doing the elections as in the past. Trustee O'Connor seconded the motion. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

**Justice Report:** Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to accept the May monthly report of the Justice. All approved. Motion carried.

**Engineer Report:** Gene Rood reports that The Scott Street Box Culvert is done and complete. He is very happy with the results except for the landscaping.

Carol Russell and Jim Gross did not agree to the Clarks Creek Extension that was proposed. Jim Gross doesn't want to take ownership of the creek is what we understand.

SRTS-Gene Rood walked the site with Jason Fleming yesterday. Flemvale will be here tomorrow morning at 7:30 with their trailer, port-a-potty and any other equipment needed. Flemvale has a concrete contractor that will work with them. He is going to be working on Columbia Street first. Mr. Gregg has a new 4" sidewalk so we don't have to replace his sidewalk which will save some money. Once the walks are down, they have to be left alone for seven (7) days. Owners

won't be able to get in or out of their driveway for seven (7) days. Ramp and asphalt issues need to be resolved. A letter will be prepared for all the homeowners.

South Washington Ave will have to have some trees trimmed so the skid steer can make it on the walks. Jeremy Lehmer will be on site with his equipment to haul items off site from the construction debris. There are a lot of places in The Village where the tree limbs are over the sidewalk and need trimming. Homeowners should trim trees to seven (7) feet above the sidewalk. Mayor Stark says we will have to mail a letter to homeowners to notify them to keep trees trimmed back or our DPW crew will be doing this.

Middle School type 1 ramp next to the library. This can't be done due to the water line. They want to keep the trench that is there now. All manholes will have to be adjusted as well.

**Waste Water Department:** WWTP Operator Noetzel reports that things are going well. Treffeisen has been gone for quite a while and the air conditioning will be hooked up tomorrow. Fire Alarm system doesn't work well and it was questioned if it is necessary for \$15,000.

**Police:** Chief Nolan went over his monthly report. Mayor talked about what NYMIR is looking to have done regarding their audit of the facility at the Village Hall.

The 15 MPH school speed limit was set back in the 80's. There are no 15 MPH limit signs over near the Middle School area. Signs have been ordered but aren't installed as of yet. These signs should be erected at Fort Hill Park and Merchant Street areas from 7am – 6pm but only during school days. There should be no parking signs by Rowe up to Chrystie's.

Trustee O'Connor and Trustee Spence have talked to Chief Nolan about a place for police vehicles-DPW area on Water Street, Head Start building area and behind The Village Hall in the empty space behind The Municipal Building. They will get together to discuss these options. WWTP is looking to get the police vehicles out of their area. Police will need a place to store the vehicles before the snow comes. Mayor Stark asked Chief to Contact Larry Lewis about his building on Canal Street for options.

There is also the COE house by the Library-we could get two bays with Coe house over the basement plus a small office for the police department. Design was made by Lamont at this place free of charge.

**Public Works Department:** SPW Paden gave his monthly man hour report to The Board. Albany Street bid was received from Yacano. Jodie from Lamont Engineers recommended we accept the bid from Yacano for the Albany Street project for \$59,518 for milling and paving. \$50,000 in CHIP monies can be used as well.

Trustee Leach made a motion to approve funding stream for Albany street project and take \$50,000 out of operating or CHIP and a \$100,000 loan. This was seconded by Trustee Spence to borrow \$100,000 with the balance out of operating funds from CHIP money. All in favor, carried.

Trustee Leach made a motion to accept the Yacano bid of \$59,518 seconded by Trustee O'Connor. All in favor, carried.

Matt Diamond is not able to be appointed to Motor Equipment Operator as he doesn't have the one year experience required for that position. This was discussed with Rick Paden. The Deputy Superintendent gets an extra \$.75 an hour. The Board is not allowed to talk to Bill Kelsey about joining or not joining the union. It has to be up to him.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The income survey went well. Jay from G&G was in The Village on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. He went to homes that didn't fill out the surveys and we're in pretty good shape.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There is a project the Lions Club wants to participate in to get playground equipment at Boname Park and we can get ½ of the money funded for the project. \$26,000 would be a discounted price. If the Masons, Lions, Rotary can each donate \$2,500 then we could possibly get the Town and Village to make a donation of \$2,500 as well. Lions Club would install this equipment also. None of those organizations are tax exempt so 8% would be added to the purchased equipment price. Trustee Todaro is in favor, Trustee Spence says it's a good cause, and Trustee O'Connor is in agreement as well. Mayor Stark will let David Emerson know The Village is in agreement.

Trustee Leach mentioned dumping sludge by Barrows and that the stench is horrific at his house. He doesn't think we should be accepting sludge from any vendors as he doesn't feel it is worth the \$11,000 in revenue a year that we get from that. The Plant itself is definitely working better as far as the odor. Trustee Spence feels we should track carefully before we just stop accepting the sludge. Maybe it's been on the truck too long before it was dumped. \$11,000 is pretty good money if that's what we actually earn from the sludge dumping.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03.

Next meeting July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly W. Marks  
Village Clerk-Treasurer