

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on June 30, 2020 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 Carly Hendricks, and Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: DPW Superintendent Rick Paden, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, 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 June 2020.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Public access was limited due to social distancing requirements of CoVID-19.

Nick Poulakas addressed the Board and wanted to discuss problems that began in 2012 for property that he owns in Oxford-26 South Washington Avenue. The total water bill for five (5) units is \$750 every three months. Usage is increasing every quarter and he is never late with his quarterly payments. He said he never received the 1st quarter billing for some of his properties and he paid \$4,800 for all his properties plus a 10% penalty. He said that the Post Office was delayed due to the Covid virus and he wants us to forgive the late fee. He was told to come to a meeting to discuss the \$420 penalty. Mr. Poulakas also asked to have the DPW send out the water meter and have it tested due to the extremely high usage. The usage keeps increasing every quarter. Mayor Stark will talk to Nick Poulakas outside of the meeting regarding the water usage. Mr. Poulakas has purchased a home and now lives at 3 State Street. He wondered what the speed limit is as people are going way too fast heading up State Street. He was informed that the village speed limit is 30 MPH.

Rich Rice asked about giving homeowners, that have abandoned their properties, time to mow lawn. He was told that we must give people time to respond to the letters that we write to them before we can mow abandoned or ignored properties. We typically give people 10 days to respond. If we do not hear back from them, we hire the lawns to be mowed then bill the owner for this service.

Rich Rice also said that there are items on Chenango Street that are not being addressed. Sidewalk issue on the corner, grate needs work, bridge work, tree leaning (that is the property owner issue) that need to be taken care of. At 18 Chenango Street, there is a hole and part of the box is bent inside. Mayor Stark says that these items must be put in writing so things can be addressed. These issues will then receive a formal response.

ABSTRACT:

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

General Fund	\$29,389.15
Water Fund	\$ 3,945.25
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,519.98
Water Project	<u>\$ 6,120.50</u>
	\$46,974.88

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee C. Hendricks moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the May 26th and June 9th Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

JUSTICE REPORT:

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

OFD REPORT:

There was no written summary submitted from Chief Martin.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel dropped off his May and June monthly report. He took 22.15 ton of sludge to the landfill in May and 57,900 gallons of septage was received in May.

He took 36.47 ton of sludge to the landfill in June and 31,500 gallons of septage was received in June.

Trustee Leach wanted to discuss the drying of the septage but wanted to wait until the meetings are open and he can discuss with WWTP Operator Noetzel. Melanie Whyte (village resident) had a meeting with Mayor Stark and she is interested in being on the Wastewater Board. She may be interested in getting her license according to Mayor Stark. Maggie Dorsey would like to be more involved in the committee as well. We should be in a search mode now to possibly pursue when/if someone expresses an interest.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

A written summary was submitted by OIC Adam Francis.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

We did not receive a report from SPW Paden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Covid-19 update-Roger Barrows is working on the sneeze guard for the Village Offices and then he will work on the court partitions. We will open once the guards are in place.

Faith Bible Church has requested to use Boname Park to practice softball on the north end as they are not allowed to practice at the school right now.

LED Street light replacement plan-Mayor Stark met with Tad Palmer regarding the new streetlights. He can also work on the decorative poles by Roma's and Stadium. NYSEG is saying we will save money over six months by switching to LED.

Trustee Marks moved and Trustee C. Hendricks seconded a motion to make a resolution for the street lighting. All voted aye and motion was carried.

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF OXFORD
June 30, 2020

RESOLUTION FOR CONVERTING THE EXISTING STREET LIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE TO LED'S.

Motion By: Trustee Richard Marks

Seconded By: Trustee Carly Hendricks

WHEREAS, streetlights are an integral public service provided by municipalities, and are vital for the safety of homeowners, businesses, institutions, pedestrians, motorists and first responders, and

WHEREAS, streetlights make up a large portion of municipal electric bills, and consume a significant amount of energy, and

WHEREAS, advancements in lighting technology have made it possible for municipalities to realize energy savings of at least 65 percent and returns on investment of under two years after converting to Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Electric and Gas Company has offered the opportunity to municipal customers to convert existing sodium and mercury vapor streetlights to more energy efficient light emitting diode streetlights, and

WHEREAS, NYSEG has a program for the conversion whereby it retains ownership and service responsibilities as presently exist for the Village, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Oxford currently has a total of one hundred eighty (180) cobra head streetlights that NYSEG owns, operates, and maintains under NYSEG streetlight account number 10013625842, which all are eligible for conversion under the NYSEG LED Street Light Conversion Program. And,

WHEREAS, NYSEG has notified the Village that unexpired life cost (total cost) to the Village of Oxford for participation in this Program is \$6,796.42, and

WHEREAS, there is an economic benefit to the Village of pursuing this conversion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NYSEG for the conversion of the Village street lights to LED's.

The members of the Village Board of Trustees present and voting were:

VOTE:

Trustee Leach	-	Yes
Trustee D. Hendricks	-	Yes
Trustee C. Hendricks	-	Yes
Trustee Marks	-	Yes
Mayor Stark	-	Yes

I, Shelly W. Marks , Village Clerk, do hereby verify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford , Chenango County New York on June 30, 2020.

FEMA Greene Street Drainage project. Burrell's Excavating has won the bid and they can get the supplies needed by September to do the work. They will have the work completed by October/November.

NEW BUSINESS:

There has been a report of a dangerous tree at 5 Greene Street. NYSEG trimmed the branches away from the power lines and now it is leaning toward the home. Homeowner will need to contact NYSEG regarding the tree first then she can come back to the village.

LaFayette Park drainage issues have been brought to our attention from the Farmer's Market. There is water that collects by the cross walk near the fountain and someone slipped while at the market. DPW could fix the drain casings and they would fix the road but have to wait until the NYS DOT is able to work this in their schedule. Mayor Stark will respond to the Farmer's Market.

Community Garden-an E-Mail was received from The Grange and they want to do a community garden and Mayor Stark told them to speak to Stacey Edick regarding this community garden.

Trustee Leach will follow-up on the transfer of property from Oxford Academy with Noreen Palmer.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Audit Committee
7:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer