

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on March 29, 2022 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 (via skype), Deputy Mayor Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, OIC Adam Francis, DSPW Bill Kelsey, Fire Chief Ron Martin, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: Trustee Richard Rice, DPW Superintendent Rick Paden, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel/Brenton Rideout, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows.

The Village Trustees (Audit Committee) reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for March 2022.

Mayor Terry Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

There were no public concerns

ABSTRACT:

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

General Fund	\$505,529.64
Water Fund	\$ 8,286.95
Sewer Fund	\$ 19,346.41
Water Project	<u>\$ 3,080.00</u>
	\$536,243.00

Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

Following the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Public Hearing, Mayor Stark recommended the following proposed General, Water and Sewer fund Budgets and Water/Sewer rates be adopted.

General Fund - \$1,218,000 (An increase of \$47,000)

Revenue - \$495,300
Tax Levy - \$722,700
Tax Rate - \$26.34 (An increase of 2.0% or \$.50)
Appropriations - \$1,218,000

Water Fund - \$248,000.00 (An increase of \$3,000)

Revenue \$248,000
Appropriations \$248,000

Effective April 1, 2022 water rates will be as follows:

Quarterly	Base Water Rate	\$62.00 Within the Village
Quarterly	Excess Rate	\$ 6.25 Within Village
Quarterly	Additional Unit charge	\$31.00
Quarterly	Base water Rate	\$64.00 Outside of Village
Quarterly	Excess Rate	\$ 6.45 Outside Village
Quarterly	Additional Unit charge	\$32.00 Outside Village

FY 2023 residential quarterly base water rate will increase to \$62.00. Base Water rate outside the village will increase to \$64.00. The excess rate will increase to \$6.25 inside the Village. The Town Water District rate will increase to \$6.25 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 \$6.45 per 1,000 gallons. Additional base unit charges will remain at 50% of quarterly base rate.

Sewer Fund - \$356,000.00 (an increase of \$25,000)

Revenue	\$356,000
Appropriations	\$356,000

FY 2023 residential quarterly base sewer rate will increase \$2.00 from \$57.00 to \$59.00. The excess usage rate will increase \$.25 from \$10.00 to \$10.25 per 1,000 gallons. Vets Home surcharge remains at 15%. There will be a rate increase of bulk septage from \$.10/gallon to \$.12/gallon.

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 2022-2023.

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Marks seconded a motion to adopt the Budget for the general, water and sewer funds for Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 as proposed.

All voted Aye and motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded a motion to approve the February 22nd, March 8th and March 24th 2022, Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report.

JUSTICE REPORT:

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

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin reported to the Board. There are two new applications that Chief Martin asked to have the board approve. Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Leach seconded the motion to approve the applications for Kayden Gombach and Kurt Knoll. All in favor, approved.

The new truck is on schedule for the end of May or beginning of June. No major hiccups with anything involving the truck. If truck 261 had been ordered as of the 11th the cost would be \$137,160-an 18% increase on new trucks. PPE firefighter turnout gear is \$451 per firefighter this year alone.

There are about 24 firefighters that respond faithfully to fire calls and the average age is 51.6 years. The explorer program has been lost due to covid and that devastated that program. This is trying to reestablish in the schools. There will be an Open House April 23rd from 10:00 to 6:00 and try to do recruitment at the station.

The department was established in July of 1823 and the 200th birthday is next year. Chief Martin would like to do a rededication the same time as the reunion weekend on Saturday. There is a committee that is working on ideas and thoughts.

Preston town supervisor Zach Messick-Norwich has expressed interest in contracted services with Preston (fire and EMS) \$16,000 to provide that service.

The annual OFD elections are April 7th at the station. If he wins, this would be his last year. He has told the board that he appreciates all of their support over the past years. Chief Martin will follow through with the capital project to the end. The Board asked if the OFD could possibly change the by-laws so he can be the chief longer. He reported that there is talk of this.

Trustee Marks moved and Trustee Leach seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$29,888 from Gorick Demolition of Binghamton NY. No further discussion, all in favor, carried.

A RESOLUTION AWARDING
VILLAGE OF OXFORD
DEMOLITION OF COE HOUSE
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

At a meeting of the Board of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, March 29th 2022, the following resolution was offered by Trustee Marks, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Trustee Leach.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford (“Village”) has issued solicitations for sealed bids for the demolition and removal of the existing Coe Building located behind the current fire station Bid Specifications #2022 OFD1 (“Project”) as set forth in the bid documents prepared by the Village; and

WHEREAS, Hueber-Bruer Consultant Services and Oxford Fire Department Project Committee have reviewed the submitted bids for project and has identified Gorick Construction of Binghamton, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Village award Contract No. 1 in the amount of nineteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,888); and

WHEREAS, the Village may issue the Notice of Award for project, attached hereto as Exhibit A, upon review and approval of the low bid and Consultants and Engineer’s recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village does hereby award Contract No. 1 – demolition and removal of the existing Coe Building located behind the current fire station to Gorick Construction Company in the amount of nineteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,888), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and directs the mayor to execute the related contract documents necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing resolutions in a form acceptable to Hueber-Bruer Consultant Services and the Counsel for the Village as appropriate.

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

Dale B. Leach	AYE
Richard Rice	Absent
Dustin F. Hendricks	AYE
Richard A. Marks	AYE
Terry M. Stark	AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Oxford Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, New York this 29th day of March 2022.

APPROVED:

Village Mayor Terry M. Stark

ATTEST:

Village Clerk-Treasurer Shelly W. Marks

EMS REPORT:

Mark Forrest was not present. We have ordered the heart monitor and use some funds from ARPA and \$10,000 pitch in by the EMS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis sent his report to the Board. He discussed a couple of items with the Board on things that are going on that area of concern. PUT SOMETHING ON THE WEBPAGE REGARDING LOCKING CARS. ADAM WILL WRITE SOMETHING UP AND I WILL PUT IT OUT TO THE BOARD THEN PUT ON OUR WEBPAGE.

DPW:

Bill Kelsey met with the Board. Mayor Stark asked if he was aware of the new water service requested on Route 12. Their current water is a shared spring. We need to be sure that the spring does not make its way into our village system.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows was not present.

WWTP:

There were no WWTP Operators present.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Rick Paden wasn't here. He sent the mayor his plans for the upcoming summer work if they don't have to do mowing all summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

**VILLAGE OF OXFORD
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, held at the Village Hall, in Oxford, New York, in said Village, on the 29th day of March, 2022, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry Stark, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT: Trustee Dale Leach
Trustee Richard Marks
Trustee Dustin Hendricks
Mayor Terry Stark

ABSENT Trustee Richard Rice

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Marks, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Leach, to-wit:

Whereas, AIM funding plays a pivotal role in funding essential municipal services such as water, sewer, public works, police, fire and ambulance for cities and villages across New York State and,

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 13 years and,

Whereas, inflation has eroded AIM funding by roughly 29% over that time period and,

Whereas, the New York State Conference of Mayors and nearly 400 of its members have signed onto a letter to the Governor requesting an inflationary increase of \$210 million in AIM funding and,

Whereas, the Governor's Executive Budget proposed keeping AIM funding flat and,

Whereas, the New York State Senate and Assembly have included increases of \$210 million and \$150 million, respectively, to AIM funding in their one-house budgets and,

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Oxford Board of Trustees urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2022-23 adopted State Budget.

Be it further resolved that the Village Board directs Village Clerk/Treasurer to send a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Frederick J. Ashkar II., Assemblymember Joe Angelino and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

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

Trustee Leach	VOTING AYE
Trustee Marks	VOTING AYE
Trustee Hendricks	VOTING AYE
Mayor Terry Stark	VOTING AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VILLAGE OF OXFORD RESOLUTION RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, held at the Village Hall, in Oxford, New York, in said Village, on the 29th day of March 2022, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry Stark, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT: Trustee Dale Leach
Trustee Richard Marks
Trustee Dustin Hendricks
Mayor Terry Stark

ABSENT Trustee Richard Rice

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Leach, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Hendricks, to-wit:

WHEREAS, The Village of Oxford was informed in the fall of 2021 by current Health Care Insurance provider (Teamsters Local 317) that retiring employees cannot be continued in their active employee plans and must be enrolled in a Retiree plan; AND

WHEREAS, the cost of the retiree plans offered by Teamsters Local 317 to the Village are beyond the Village's resources to continue to pay 95% of the cost of individual health insurance coverage for retiring employees who have been continually employed by the village on a full-time basis for at least fifteen (15) years immediately prior to retirement; if such retirement occurred on or after the employee's sixty-second (62) birthday and continue from the employee's date of retirement until the employee attains age sixty-five (65); AND

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees desires to continue the policy for Health Insurance benefits for retired former full-time employees of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The Village will provide individual health care coverage to full time employees, if such retirement occurs on or after the employee's sixty-second (62) Birthday and will continue from date of retirement until the employee attains age sixty-five (65)
2. The Village will pay eighty (80%) percent and the retiree must pay twenty (20%) percent of the cost of the individual Health care annual premium to the Village by remitting a monthly payment to the Village Clerk-Treasurer
3. If a retiree requests a policy in excess of the single coverage, then the retiree shall pay the Village of Oxford the difference for the cost of the selected coverage.
4. To be eligible for the foregoing retiree health insurance benefits, the employee must have been continually employed by the village on a full-time basis for at least fifteen (15) years immediately prior to retirement;

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

Dale B. Leach	AYE
Dustin F. Hendricks	AYE
Richard A. Marks	AYE
Terry M. Stark	AYE

The resolution was thereupon APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Oxford Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, New York on this 29th day of March 2022.

Shelly W. Marks
Village Clerk-Treasurer

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Leach wanted to amend the March 8th minutes to specify a cleaning service not a specific person to clean the WWTP bathroom.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Next Regular meeting will be April 26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer