

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on August 30, 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, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice, OIC Adam Francis, DPW Superintendent Bill Kelsey, Fire Chief Ron Martin, EMS Captain Mark Forrest, Zoning Officer/Dog Warden Roger Barrows, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Absent: WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout

The Village Trustees (Audit Committee) reviewed each of the invoices in the abstract for August 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:

Mr. and Mrs. John Martarello from 29 Butler Street attended. Mr. Martarello addressed the following concerns

1. a. More than a hundred abandoned tires on adjacent property are causing a rodent problem on his property.
- b. Someone is dumping washing machines, asphalt, and other debris on the property less than 30 feet from his property

The absentee owner lives in Rochester and Code Enforcement should notify that tires need to be removed by a certain date and that unauthorized dumping is occurring on property.

2. Driveway culvert pipe on Route 220 is fractured and water is seeping into his basement.

Mayor Stark apologized to him for this as we weren't aware of this situation. Mr. Martarello is not living at this house at this time. SPW Bill Kelsey and Mayor Stark will go to his house to address the issues that were brought up. There are also water pressure issues at this location.

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Marks made a motion to approve Abstract #003 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

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| General Fund | \$514,916.10 |
| Water Fund | \$ 49,398.85 |
| Sewer Fund | \$105,911.63 |
| Water Project | <u>\$ 96,454.50</u> |
| | \$766,681.08 |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Rice seconded a motion to approve the July 26th and August 9th 2022, Meeting Minutes. Trustee Hendricks moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the August 18th 2022, Meeting Minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June Treasurer's Report is being worked on.

JUSTICE REPORT:

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

OFD REPORT:

Chief Martin thanked everyone that came to the clam bake. He inquired about the final payment for Truck 261. Mayor Stark said that this will be discussed later in the evening.

The Coe House foundation hole is going to be filled by Burrell's Excavating by September 14th. The Board accepted Burrell's bid of \$9,500 at the August 9th Board meeting.

Chief Martin asked if there will be any second meeting with Zachary Meseck at the Town of Preston? Mayor Stark discussed Fire District 23 with Town Board. They indicated there were no plans to change Fire District #23 though they don't like what they have to pay.

The Brisbane and Oxford Fire Departments are working together. Members have been to two trainings and Chief Martin will go to Brisben next week to talk to their members. Things are working out well with the new chief.

The Oxford Fire Department came in second place at The Chenango County Fair. They were beat by 1/1,000 of a point. Mayor Stark read the plaque presented to us by the Fire Department at the August 27, 2022 Clam Bake.

There is enough money to pay Churchville out of our capital fund until the money comes in from the USDA. Pay off fire truck of \$349,431.00. We are getting a loan for \$ 455,000 and an additional \$110,000 grant money for the fire truck. Money will go back into the fire department reserve. Motion by Trustee Marks and seconded by Trustee Leach to approve the final payment to Churchville. All approved, carried.

EMS REPORT:

Mark Forrest finished in August with the Emergency Services Program. He has not heard anything regarding questions so he hopes this means everyone is set. \$130,000 total deposits and \$21,000 in the black. They will have to decide what they want to do next. Response rate (8-8 hours) is 276 calls are lost due to no coverage-this is mostly after hours. We could look to get more hours or hire more people. 190 billable after hours.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Roger Barrows indicated the owner of 48 S Washington Avenue has requested from the Planning Board to have a real estate office downstairs in the house and rent the upstairs. The whole area is a single family R1 district. Owner wants to change the house to a C2 district (commercial). The options do this this are as follows:

1. The Village Board could amend the zoning chapter 293 to make that particular lot a C2 designation.
2. Property owners could sign a partition, take to the board, and ask to have it changed.

Planning board is working with the owner and they will make a recommendation to the board.

Subdivision for the Leonard and Lillian Quinn property is being competed. The Planning Board with several new members has completed three subdivision reviews in last 6 months.

Wastewater Plant:

Bill Kelsey reported that a new pump has arrived but it is still difficult to get vendors to respond to service requests.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

OIC Francis reviewed his monthly report and focused on a couple of cases with The Board. It still looks like the new vehicle won't be arriving until November/December. It will be the latest model as last year's model is no longer available.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Bill Kelsey was present and spoke for the DPW. SPW Rick Paden is officially retired effective August 31st per the NYS Retirement System.

Well #1 cannot keep up with demand. There is a major leak some place. Trustee Marks asked that the board start getting monthly reports from the WWTP. SPW Bill Kelsey will speak to WWTP Operator Brenton Rideout about this but Bill said he can report to the Board for both the DPW and the WWTP.

OLD BUSINESS:

No comments

NEW BUSINESS:

New York Forward Grant – Building, elevator, 3rd floor redesign, back parking lot, Navy Island Block, Three phase Dollar General, something between Village Hall and the laundromat. Different people show up at different meetings. Lighting and paths up to Stewart's Shops and different other things that would fall into this grant. We want to get the big projects taken care of.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

No comments from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Regular meeting will be September 13th and September 27th

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer