

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OXFORD VILLAGE BOARD

The Village Board of the Village of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin met in regular session at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in the Council Room of the Oxford Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Meyer with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members were present: Trustees L. Drinkwater, Holtz, Sorensen, Zacharias and J. Drinkwater; not in attendance Wastart. Also in attendance were Chief Kowalski, Clerk-Treasurer Maier and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kongsle. Others present were Marquette County Sherriff Konrath, Karl Anderson, Allison Hodges, Scott Petersen, Brian & Rita Goodhue, David & Cheryl Rasnick, Kathy Terwelp, and Terry Berndt.

Motion made by J. Drinkwater/Holtz to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Sorensen** to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2024, regular board meeting and the November 19, 2024 Public Hearing & Special Board Meeting. **Motion by J. Drinkwater/Holtz** to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. All motions carried.

Citizen Inquiries: None.

New Business: Terry Berndt Records Request: Terry had requested records from the Clerk's office in December. Deputy C.T. Kongsle has been working on getting this information for him. The items requested that were in the file were copied and given to him with a request that he sign he received them, which he refused but took the records regardless. Brief discussion, with no motions made.

Brian Goodhue 421 E. Vrooman St. alleyway discussion: Brian wanted to get the information and discussion on the record regarding the alleyway between this property and the property behind it. He is wanting to purchase the land directly behind it, but there is confusion on the alleyway between the two. Brief discussion with the board handing it over to the clerks to gather more information.

Recognition Awards: Chief Kowalski recognized two area residents with awards for assisting Officer Mayer on November 11, 2024, with the apprehension of a suspect. David Rasnick and Allison Hodges were presented with appreciation plaques for going above and beyond any citizen's duty. The board and all present also thanked them with appreciation and applause. Sherriff Konrath also spoke on behalf of the Sherriff's Office and County with congratulation and appreciation of what these citizens did to offer assistance.

Ordinance 18-109, Keeping of Dogs & Other Animals: Brief discussion with Chief Kowalski reporting the numerous warnings to the owners of an unlicensed pit bull in the Village, and various complaints from residents and board members of this dog attacking pets walking by. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/J. Drinkwater** to have the dog removed from the Village as a menace. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Update: 209 S. Oxford St.: brief discussion with the board reconfirming the trailer on this property is in a condemned and dilapidated state with no potable water since June 2024 by Marquette County.

LRS Garbage & Recycling: Update for the board as to the residential list for LRS, possible action on Churches in the Village. Brief discussion with the Clerk to draft a letter to the Churches regarding garbage/recycling pickup. No motions made on this subject.

E-waste Pickup for the Village: Clerk to do more research on cost, etc. for the board.

Act on Village Insurance Quote for 2025: Brief discussion with **motion made by L. Drinkwater/Sorensen** to approve the insurance quote by Baer Insurance. Motion carried.

Approval of Licenses: **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/J. Drinkwater** to approve the Operator's License for Jaylyn Shimpach. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Public Safety: Chairman Sorensen states there are no updates to report.

Municipal Court – Chairman Sorensen states nothing to report at this time. **Police Report** – Chief Kowalski's monthly December and Annual 2024 reports were distributed to the Board. **Parks & Recreation Report** – Chairman L. Drinkwater states there is no report. **Library Board Report** – Chairman L. Drinkwater reported that the library had 5 new cards issued in December: 2 from Jackson township, 1 from the Village, 1 from Westfield township and 1 from Markesan. Facebook views were 1007 in December. Make-N-Take was a big success with 15 attendees and big thanks goes to Rick Lacrosse for his help. Madysen from Children's Wisconsin Storytime continues to come each month to read to the children. The Director will continue to work with grants and donations to make better use of our library resources. Summer reading Program theme this year is "Color Our World". New and continued programs will be launching soon. It looks like a 4-H Club will be

launched in the Village as well. **Public Works** – Chairman Zacharias gave Public Works Director Mullens’ report. The village was plowed 3 times in December, no salt was applied due to the driver shortages at the county. We did not have any complaints. Steve was able to remove snow without using contract work. The wing plow cutting edge has been replaced, along with the window motor on the plow truck. The powerhouse went offline twice in December. If any board members/employees notice even a small power fail in the village, please call or text Steve, both times were only for 1 day, but they need to be reported. The Christmas decorations will be removed and put in storage within the week. Steve gave Trustee Zacharias a preliminary proposed park recreation building plan. The Oxford Lions are willing to help the Village with upgrading or rebuilding the Concession stand at the park. Steve will be discussing with Building Inspector Tripp from GEC on requirements and code.

Motion by L. Drinkwater/J. Drinkwater to pay the bills presented. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by J. Drinkwater/Zacharias at 8:19 PM. Motion carried.

Amy J. Maier, Clerk-Treasurer
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