

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, May 13, 2026, in the Council Room of the Oxford Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Drinkwater at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members were present: President J. Drinkwater; Trustees: L. Drinkwater, Holtz, Sorensen, Holden, Zacharias and Martin. Others in attendance were Police Chief Kowalski, Sheriff Konrath, Clerk-Treasurer Maier, Zoning Board Resident Member Henschel, and Julie Henschel.

Motion by L. Drinkwater/Sorensen to approve the agenda as printed with the following changes: Removing under New Business letter c) from Addendum of May 12, 2026, #6 – Quote for Copier from Rhyme Office Supply-Discussion and Possible Action. A **motion made by Sorensen/Holtz** to accept the minutes of April 8, 2026, regular board meeting. Both above motions carried.

The Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2026, was reviewed by the board, with a **motion to approve the report by Zacharias/Martin**. Motion carried.

Citizen Inquiries: Sheriff Konrath spoke to those present regarding the upcoming election in August for Sheriff, stating the accomplishments and goals for another term. The board thanked him for his time and appreciated him coming to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Business Affairs/Clerk/Treasurer's Office – Clerk Maier reported that there has still been no response from GWORKS regarding a refund. The Treasurer updated the board with a Balance sheet and Budget Comparison for both the General and Sewer Funds through April 2026. The current copier in the Clerk's office is outdated and will not be serviced any longer. Parts are not available for it. It has been making loud noise when copying large quantity print jobs. A quote has been received from Rhyme Office Supply which will be discussed under new business. The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Review is completed and is ready for the next Finance Committee meeting. Both Parade Route Permits for 2026 have been received and approved by the Wisconsin DOT.

Public Works – In the Village: The tractor is in for broom installation, and we should have back next week. The new flags and poles have been installed. Perhaps the Board can send a thank you note to the VFW Auxiliary of Oxford, as they were quite expensive and have actually been replaced now each year due to the high winds. The planters on Ormsby Street have been put out, but I have not heard from Marsha Kellesvig yet. She usually plants prior to Memorial Day. Steve and John repaired most of the damaged lawns from plowing. The empty lot that was used for snow removal has been cleaned and mowed. Steve and John chipped brush for three (3) days this spring which amounted to four (4) dump truck loads. There are some spots on Abbott and Jaeger that will be picked up in May. They weren't stacked properly; the residents have been notified to correct. **Roads:** The sink hole at Red Bridge is repaired. The County will resurface in approximately one month – as soon as the hot mix plant opens. **Sewer Maintenance:** The 5-year Inspection for the Wastewater Plant was done on May 8th. Our permit should be issued by July. Steve will know at that point how often we will need to test water samples. It went very well with the new Wastewater Engineer and Permit Issuer from the DNR. The spring schedule for sludge bugs has begun at the Wastewater plant. Some fencing repairs will be necessary as the deer jump through and break the barbed wire. Steve will have the Huber's fix them at minimal cost. All trees and shrubs have been removed on the banks of the lagoons. All of the weeds at the wastewater plant have been sprayed. **Cemetery:** Will be picked up one more time before Memorial Day, there is still a lot of small debris.

Parks & Recreation – Public Works Director Mullens will have estimates for the bleacher railings at the June meeting from MGD Welding. All nets have been installed in the park. The leaves have been cleaned up and mulched, bathrooms have been cleaned and the water has been turned on. The board replacement and painting of the bleachers will begin soon.

Public Safety – Chief Kowalski reports that he will be here for Memorial Day and 4th of July and will be getting more hours in August. He also reported on a case that one of the officers has been working on, stating that a victim submitted the officer's name to receive a "Citizen's Award" in January 2027. Chairman Sorensen reports that at the Fire District, T-Mobile will be adding a tower to the building. This will be another source of revenue for the Fire Department. **Municipal Court:** Chairman Sorensen stated that the City of Adams is pleased they joined the MCJMC and that the mayor stated it is going well. They have been fully phased in and are all up to date. The balance of the 2019 Budget Shortfall loaned by the Village will be paid in full this month.

Library Report – The library received their grant allocation from Marquette County. Seven new cards were issued this month – four (4) from Jackson Township. All programs are going well. Head Start is finished for the school year and the other classes will end soon as well. The Beaded Plant Workshop was a huge success with 35 participants, and she had to turn some away. The Summer Reading Program will begin soon and the library has FREE Youth Museum Passes to the Milwaukee Public Museum which should go over well.

Old Business: None

Previously approved: None

New Business:

- a. **Town Web Proposal:** Discussion on the Village taking credit/debit/ach payments for Sewer through a proposal from Town Web. They integrate with the new Workhorse Program as well. After brief discussion, a **motion by L. Drinkwater/Holtz** to approve the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Marquette County Cancellation of Animal Control Due to Budget Cuts:** Discussion amongst Board members as to the ramifications of this decision, which is not final as of yet.
- c. **Rhyme Office Supply Quote for New Copier:** A new copier quote has been received. The old copier is outdated; parts are no longer available and Gorden Flesch will not be servicing the contract after June 30, 2026. This will replace the Clerk's Office printer and copier. A **motion was made by L. Drinkwater/Holtz** to approve the proposal with Rhyme Office Supply. Motion carried with a roll call vote and all present voting "Aye".
- d. **Library Board Appointments:** President Drinkwater appointed Miranda Carter as a Library Board Member. There is still one open position.
- e. **Committee Assignments for 2026/2027:** President Drinkwater appointed Trustee Holden to the following committees: Public Safety, Ordinance & License, Public Works & Property, and Planning & Zoning Commission. All other committees remain the same.
- f. **Oscar Street – Small parcel:** The new owners of the vacant property on Oscar Street would like to purchase the small parcel of land that was reserved for Oxford Street many years ago. Discussion regarding the next steps in the process; the board would like to have the owners make a written offer to the Village with the owners being responsible for the recording of the deed and any other legal items or paperwork necessary. More information is needed as to what the proper way to do sell the parcel would be.
- g. **Operator License – Ariel Wuteska – Refuel Pantry & the Ox Bar & Grill.** Approval by Chief Kowalski. **Motion made by L. Drinkwater/Holtz** to approve the license. Motion carried.
- h. **Building Permits – Local Building Permit: Re-Shingle house roof at 130 E. Wood Street.** Review and approval of payment of vouchers - **Motion by L. Drinkwater/B. Holtz** to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Zacharias/L. Drinkwater at 8:39 PM. Motion carried.

Amy J. Maier, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin