

**TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD
TOWNSHIP MEETING
APRIL 20, 2005**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Oxford was held on April 20, 2005 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

In attendance were Alex Lazorisak, Phil Rosenberg, Angelo Accetturo, Robert Benbrook, Bill Gleda, Peter Kowalick, and Bill Colantano.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lazorisak at 7:40 PM, who announced that the meeting had been properly advertised in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

The flag salute was recited.

On motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the minutes of March 2, March 10, March 15, March 16, and March 21, 2005 meetings were approved.

A check for \$25,000.00 was received from the NJ Department of Community Affairs-Smart Future Planning Grant.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote the following bills that were withheld in February and March 2005, were released for payment.

Check # 235	Schoor DePalma	\$ 8,997.20
Check # 344	Schoor DePalma	\$ 4,780.24

ORDINANCE 2005-02 Bond Ordinance for Quentzel Property was read by the Mayor by title only and opened for public hearing. There were some questions of how the interest would be paid and if this would make taxes increase. Bill Colantano said the Township has different opportunities to explore to pay this debt. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Township bought this property to stop development in the Township and to create a recreation area. There being no more questions on this ordinance the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. On motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-02** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-03 Appropriating \$50,000 From Capital Improvement Fund to Recreational Facilities was read by title only and opened for public hearing. A question was asked how much is left in Capital Improvement in the budget. Bill Colantano answered that there is \$50,000 left after this ordinance is adopted. There being no more comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. On motion by Mayor

Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-03** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-04 Salary Ranges for Certain Employees was read by title only and opened for public hearing. There being no public comment, the hearing was declared closed by the Mayor. On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-04** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-05 Establishing Fees for Vital Records was read by title only and opened for public hearing. There being no questions or comments from the public, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-05** was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2005-28 - Redemption of Lien-Block 34, Lot 6,
RESOLUTION 2005-29 - Redemption of Lien-Block 26, Lot 29,
RESOLUTION 2005-30 - Redemption of Lien-Block 9, Lot 1 were adopted on motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2005-31 Cancel Sewer Assessment – Block 38, Lot 25 was adopted on motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2005-32 Budget Adoption, Public Hearing. Bill Colantano, Auditor stated that there will be a five cent increase in the tax rate, but no sewer rate increase. He commented that dollar for dollar, this budget is a better budget than last year. The budget hearing was closed by the Mayor. On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg, and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the budget for 2005 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2005-33 Local Review was adopted on motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The Tax Collector's report for taxes and sewers dated April 1, 2005 was submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's report for March, 2005 was submitted and approved.

Spring Meadows Maintenance Bonds have been extended for three months to June 16, 2005. Robert Benbrook will notify Mr. Dennis O'Rourke and the bond company that no more extensions will be granted.

Bill Gleda of Finelli Consulting Co. had authorized by letter that the cash bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Gerald Gruener be released. Bill also stated that the NJDOT grant was submitted on April 15, 2005 for the Mt. Pisgah and Kent Street projects.

Mr. Rosenberg announced that the Committee had seventy-two applications for position of patrolman. The Committee held interviews last night at the workshop meeting and hired Jeffrey Hummel to start on April 20, 2005 to replace patrolman Matt Frauen.

The Committee also selected Chris Sellers of Oxford to send to the Police Academy in Morristown in June 2005. He will be fully qualified as a police officer by the end of the year 2005.

Mr. Accetturo complimented Mr. Rosenberg on the Clean Community Program that he organized in April to clean up the garbage on the streets and roads in Oxford. There were 42 children and 10 adults that helped in this event. The students each received \$27.00 to pay for their class trip. Home Depot supplied gloves at \$.58 each and Furnace Pub Pizza gave pizza to each person at their cost. Everyone had fun and Mr. Rosenberg is looking into a 2005 fall clean-up.

Peter had a conversation with US Gas about deducting the state and federal tax that was billed to the Township which the Township is exempt. He supplied forms to the manager of US Gas to receive this money back from the state. Mr. Rosenberg will check with Getty Gas Station to see if this can be done internally.

Mayor Lazorisak stated that the Oxford School Budget was defeated by the voters on April 19, 2005. Mr. Lazorisak will meet Friday, April 22, 2005 with the Oxford Township School Board to discuss the budget.

Mayor Lazorisak invited everyone to the Oxford Furnace Lake on Friday, April 22, 2005 at 7:00PM to view the movie "Shrek."

Robert Benbrook will call Mike Garofalo to discuss the COAH Third Round Substantive Certification through December, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diane Hooper asked if Oxford Township is definitely losing two officers by May 1, 2005.

Joan Mulligan commented that Mr. Rosenberg and everyone involved in the clean-up did an excellent job. Also in the past she has noticed NJDOC workers in residential areas cleaning streets and would like to know if this option is available to Oxford Township. Chuck Lilly will call the New Jersey Department of State Corrections and ask if this would be available to the Township.

Kim Wachelka of 60 Buckley Drive inquired about property that borders her back yard. She would like to extend her property and purchase this land. The Township Committee said they would research this and get in touch with her at a later date.

On motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the public hearing was closed and the Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 PM.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the Committee agreed to have Robert Zelle, of Maser Consulting sign an agreement transferring all documents to the Township on the Coachlight Project.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the Committee agreed to hire John Draikiwicz for bond council. Mr. Rosenberg voted no.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, Acting Clerk