

TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD
TOWNSHIP MEETING
JUNE 15, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Oxford was held on June 15, 2005 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

In attendance were Mayor Alex Lazorisak, Deputy Mayor Phil Rosenberg, Committeeman Angelo Accetturo, Michael Finelli, Robert Benbrook and Peter Kowalick.

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 OPMA of 1975.

The flag salute was recited.

On motion by Mr. Accetturo and seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the minutes of April 18th, April 20th, May 17th and May 18th 2005 meetings were approved.

ORDINANCE 2005-06 Amending Oxford Furnace Lake Fees was read by title only and opened for public hearing. Diane Hooper asked what the fee change was and how much. Mayor Lazorisak answered that a deposit is now required in advance to rent the pavilion and the first two memberships increased by \$5.00. There being no further comments, the Mayor declared the public meeting closed. On motion Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-06** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-07 Amending Chapter 77A Sewer Fees was read by title only and opened for public hearing. Diane Hooper suggested putting a link on the Township's website regarding this ordinance about sewer charges. Joan Mulligan asked if the Township was still looking for leaks in the sewer system. Mayor Lazorisak stated that three quarters of the town has been surveyed and completed at this time and is still being investigated. There being no more public comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-07** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-08 Bond Ordinance Appropriation of \$800,000. For the Acquisition for Quentzel Property and Authorizing the Issuance of \$450,000. Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Part of the Acquisition was read by title only and opened for public hearing. There being no public comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing. On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **Ordinance 2005-08** was adopted.

ORDINANCE 2005-09 Salary Ranges for Certain Employees and Officers of the Township of Oxford will be discussed later in Executive Session.

ORDINANCE 2005-10 To Amend Chapter 64-19 of the Code of the Township of Oxford Entitled "Schedule I-Fees" was read by title only on first reading and approved on motion by Mayor Lazorisak and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Accetturo voted No. The Committee discussed the ordinance and agreed that a copy of this ordinance be sent to the Land Use Secretary for review at the Land Use Meeting July 11, 2005. The line item, Request for Site Plan Waiver was amended from \$500.00 to \$250.00. Second reading, public hearing of **Ordinance 2005-10** will be held July 20, 2005 on or about 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 2005-38 Support of a Permanent and Constitutionally Guaranteed 30% Reduction on Property Taxes was adopted on motion by Mr. Rosenberg, and seconded by Mayor Lazorisak. Mr. Accetturo abstained on the motion because he would like more information about the definition of the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2005-39 Canceling Certain Escrow Balances was adopted on motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2005-40 Refund Certain Escrow Balances was adopted on motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2005-41 Fixing Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of Oxford Township will be discussed in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2005-42 Approving Liquor License Renewals for July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 was adopted on motion by Mr. Rosenberg, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote. The Committee reviewed the liquor license applications that were submitted by each licensee.

RESOLUTION 2005-43 Capital Budget Amendment was adopted on motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Received \$27,545.94 from State of New Jersey – State Highway Projects for Pequest Road. Mike Finelli stated that this is the final installment due the Township of the grant for the reconstruction project of Pequest Road.

The Tax Collector's report for property taxes and sewer taxes dated June 1, 2005 was submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's report dated June 13, 2005 was submitted and approved.

Mike Finelli submitted a framed Oxford Township Street Map that he designed to be displayed in the Oxford Township Municipal Building. He also revised a draft letter that will be sent to residents and Chuck Herring of DCA regarding sewer problems. Mr.

Rosenberg and Bill Gleda of Finelli Consulting will review these letters and discuss them at the next Township Meeting, July 20, 2005.

David Gootee asked the Committee if the Township would waive sewer hook-up fees for 141 Buckley Avenue. He had just purchased the house and was told by the previous owner that the property was hooked to sewer since there was documentation that sewer payments were made to the Township since 1991. The Committee agreed to discuss this problem and render a decision to him at the next Township Meeting of July 20, 2005. Mr. Gootee said he would also contact his attorney and get back to the Committee.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that Chris Sellers, who was hired to attend the police academy in July, 2005 has withdrawn his application because of personal reasons. Last night at the Workshop Meeting, the Committee hired Gary Good, Jr. to attend the Morristown Police Academy on July 11, 2005. He will be ready to patrol the streets in December, 2005.

Mr. Popinko, owner of Organic Aggregates took Mr. Rosenberg on a tour of his facility. Mr. Rosenberg was very impressed and would like to set up a meeting with the Recycling Committee to have them tour the plant. There was a question about tipping fee and a site plan for Organic Aggregates. Mr. Benbrook will look into these questions and report to the Committee at the July 20, 2005 meeting.

Kim Wachelka of 60 Buckley Avenue appeared before the Committee and asked if any decisions were made about the property behind her house. (Block 9, Lots 2 & 3 respectfully) She would like to purchase this land to use as a parking pad. The Committee will research this and get back to her at a later date.

David Dresser of Oxford Youth Association and Mike Finelli discussed the ball fields and reviewed the maps of the property. The Recreation Department and Finelli Consulting will meet at a later date to get direction of how the fields should be set up to accommodate the Youth Association's needs.

Diane Hooper announced that on July 8, 2005 (rain date July 9) Willie Wonka and The Chocolate Factory will be shown at Oxford Furnace Lake at 8:30 PM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair and plan to attend.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the public meeting was closed and the Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 PM.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **RESOLUTION 2005-44 Fixing Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Oxford** was adopted. The Mayor and Committee advised the Clerk that they had no objections to her taking time off for compensation for extra hours worked.

On motion by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mayor Lazorisak and passed unanimously on roll call vote, **RESOLUTION 2005-36 Insertion of \$65,000.00 in 2005 Budget(Smart Growth Grant)** was adopted.

On motion by Mayor Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, Acting Clerk