

WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 03, 2019

A Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on April 3, 2019 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

In attendance were Gerald Norton, Robert Nyland, Bill Ryan and Sheila L. Oberly, Municipal Clerk.

The flag salute was recited.

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Nyland discussed the property on Wall Street, the previous Oxwall site. He stated that he was notified by Dollar General Stores. This would be a 7500 square retail business which would bring in \$26,000.00 in tax revenue and employ approximately 8-9 people. Mr. Nyland asked what would the residents of the Township like to see built on this property.

Mayor Ryan said that Rachel, from The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) has asked for a cover sheet with a report on the Oxwall property, to be sent to them by Brennan, LLC and also a commitment from the Township on the Clean-up.

EDA would like to see stores, a restaurant and second floor apartments on the Oxwall site.

Mr. Nyland suggested that a Commercial Realtor should be called.

Mr. Nyland stated that Jim Kyle, Township Planner said the Township can place guidelines on the property when selling it. Mr. Nyland will contact Mr. Finelli, Mr. Kyle and Weichert Realty. Mr. Nyland stated that he is open to any and all suggestions.

Mr. Nyland said that the garbage truck is on the road three and a half hours every Monday and Tuesday going to Waste Management in Hunterdon County. He stated that ONLY household garbage is allowed to be picked up at resident's homes and no extra items will be picked up.

Mayor Ryan said that he called Jim Williams at PCFA to ask PCFA to take Oxford's garbage. Mr. Williams said that there is a PCFA meeting on April 22, 2019. Mayor Ryan stated that he hopes there is some relief to the Township by the end of this month, and that Oxford will be able to dump at the landfill.

Mr. Nyland sent an e-mail to Eddy, Lake Director saying that rules are to be set up before Oxford Lake opens, needs to be better control and more than twenty people on the beach-two Lifeguards required.

Mr. Nyland would like to look into leasing and selling of Township property. Mr. Nyland contacted Katrina Campbell to check about installing a solar farm and Ms. Campbell has not gotten back to him. He said he will reach out to several solar farms to get prices.

Mr. Norton asked what properties would be compatible and how many acres are required to install solar panels.

Mr. Norton drove to Lincoln Avenue with Lou Accetturo during a rainstorm and there was a lot of water running into resident's yards. The Committee directed Mr. Finelli and Mr. Accetturo to get the work done and fix this problem. Mr. Nyland will call Mr. Finelli and ask him to let him know by Friday when the work can be completed.

Mr. Norton asked about having Workshop Meetings without the Municipal Clerk present.

Ms. Oberly stated that one of the Core Duties of the Municipal Clerk is: must be present at all meetings of the Governing Body.

Mr. Norton asked if an attorney or other professionals are required to attend the Workshop Meetings to address issues to protect the Township and Committee?

On motion by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Mr. Nyland and passed unanimously on roll call vote to have the Attorney, Engineer and any other professionals attend Workshop Meetings on an as needed basis.

Mr. Norton stated he has not heard anything back from Washington Police Department on the Committee's request for some relief on paying for police coverage-for example deferred payments for six months or a year. He will follow up with Washington Township.

Mr. Norton said that the Oxford School Board is throwing around numbers and discussing a new referendum to be place on the November ballot. Also, the School Board is having a meeting on April 11th at 7:00 PM to finalize the 2019 Budget. Mr. Norton asked that everyone try to attend this meeting.

It has been called to the Committee's attention, the condition of the T-ball field on Pequest Road. There are ruts, and tire tracks in the outfield. The Washington Township Police is aware of the situation. Mr. Accetturo will get gravel and fix ruts. Also, he will put up signs.

Mayor Ryan will call Tina, from The State of New Jersey and Anthony Ardito to discuss Transitional Aid.

The Committee discussed Snyder's Lane. The Township fills potholes three to four times a year. The Township previous discussed vacating the road but the residents that live on it, opposed it.

Mr. Nyland stated that the Township could put a weight limit on Snyder's Lane.

On motion by Mr. Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to pay all the bills approved at the meeting.

Public Comment:

Dana McGuire asked if the contamination results were completed on the triangle property. (Oxwall).

Mayor Ryan said that Brennan, LLC is still taking tests.

Katie Hoffman announced that the Oxford Central School Archery Team has won the State Championship thirteen years in a row.

Closed Public Comment.

On motion by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Mr. Nyland and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC

