

WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 05, 2019

A Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on March 5, 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 7:00 PM.

Chief Tom Cicerelle, Washington Township Police Department attended the meeting to discuss 2019 budget issues with the Committee. Chief Cicerelle will attend the March 20th Township meeting to discuss the contractual issue between Oxford Township and Washington Police Department.

Mr. Nyland opened the meeting, for discussion on the garbage issue. He stated that starting this month, only household trash will be picked up and hauled to Hunterdon County Waste Management which takes an hour and forty-five-minutes and an additional cost to the Township.

Mr. Lavery is reviewing the Host Community Agreement that the Township had with Covanta in regards to Covanta's responsibility to pay Hunterdon Waste Management bill for collection of Oxford Township's waste.

Mike Mack, Chief of the Oxford Fire Department attended the meeting and asked for an additional \$40,000.00 to pay for OSHA equipment and over \$300,000.00 to purchase a new tanker.

The Committee asked if there was a possibility that the old tanker could be fixed and \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 could be taken out of the Capital Account to pay for the repairs.

Dana McGuire stated that grants are available to Fire Departments and suggested that the Fire Company contact Congressman Josh Gottheimer.

Mayor Ryan stated that he has been talking to Tina Zaeichhi from New Jersey Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) about Transitional Aid for Oxford Township. He has a meeting with the (DLGS) next Friday. (March 15th).

The Committee received a request from Lou Accetturo, DPW Supervisor asking for a new Mason Dump (\$80,000.00).

Mr. Nyland stated that this truck is not needed this year and will discuss with Mr. Accetturo what “bare necessities” he would need for this year.

Mr. Norton asked that all agendas, meeting packets, township paperwork be e-mailed to the Committee instead of paper copies.

Mayor Ryan and Mr. Nyland stated that they still want paper copies.

The Committee discussed social media, possibly that Township information be placed on Twitter and/or Instagram.

Bob Magnuson, Superintendent of Oxford Central School said that Twitter is easy to do and anyone can have the access code.

Public Comment:

Mr. Magnuson stated that Belvidere Fire Department received a sizable grant and suggested that the Oxford Fire Department call Belvidere Fire Department and get the information of the person in charge and ask them what the steps would be to apply in order to receive grants.

On motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Nyland and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC