

OXFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING
February 2, 2022

The meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on February 2, 2022 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, NJ.

Notice of time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent then known was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the law of 1975 “the Open Public Meetings Act”:

- Emailing to the Express Times / Warren County NJ Zoned Edition
- Posting on the Township web-site and Facebook page

In attendance was Gerald Norton, Georgette Miller and Linda Koufodontes, Township Committee, Matthew Hall, Township Administrator, Richard Wenner, Township Attorney, and Susan Turner, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Norton opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

Meeting Minutes: Georgette Miller moved to accept the December 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes, December 22, 2021 special meeting minutes, January 5, 2022 regular and Executive Session meeting minutes, and January 19, 2022 regular and Executive Session meeting minutes. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda items: - No comments

Ordinances: 1st Reading/ Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-03 Prohibit Parking on Wall Street

ORDINANCE 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 91, *VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*, SECTION 41, SCHEDULE XIII, *PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES*, TO INCLUDE WALL STREET BETWEEN WASHINGTON AVENUE AND ALLEN AVENUE

Section 1:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 91, *Vehicles and Traffic*, Section 41, Schedule XIII, *Parking Prohibited at All Times*, is hereby amended by adding the eastbound section of Wall Street between Washington Avenue and Allen Avenue consisting of +/- 220 linear feet.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in addition to the penalty provision set forth in §91-2 of the Code, any vehicle parked in violation of Chapter 91, Section 41 shall be subject to towing by the appropriate enforcing agency.

Section 2: Severability

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Oxford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

Section 3: Repealer

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Georgette Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-03. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes and passed unanimously on roll call vote. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Ordinances: 2st Reading/ Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-01 Amend Overnight Commercial Parking

ORDINANCE 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 91 *VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*, SECTION 2, *VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES*, IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE BE TOWED

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 91, *Vehicles and Traffic*, Section 2, *Violations and Penalties*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

§91-2 Violations and Penalties.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this chapter or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$2500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or both. In addition, the Police Department is expressly authorized to tow any vehicle that is parked in violation of Section 43, Schedule XV of Chapter 91.

Section 2:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Linda Koufodontes moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-03. Seconded by Georgette Miller and passed unanimously on roll call vote. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Ordinance 2022-02 Prohibit Parking on Scranton Parkway

ORDINANCE 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 91, *VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*, SECTION 41, SCHEDULE XIII, *PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES*, TO EXTEND THE PARKING PROHIBITION ON SCRANTON PARKWAY TO INCLUDE THE CUL-DE-SAC

Section 1:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 91, *Vehicles and Traffic*, Section 41, Schedule XIII, *Parking Prohibited at All Times*, is hereby amended by extending the parking prohibition on Scranton Parkway to include the entirety of the easterly side and also the entirety of the cul-de-sac at the terminus of said Scranton Parkway.

Section 2: Severability

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Oxford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

Section 3: Repealer

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Georgette Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-02. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes and passed unanimously on roll call vote. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

New Business:

Firefighter applications – Mayor Norton received two applications for volunteer firefighters. Georgette Miller moved to accept the applications of Alexander Wyman and Oscar Vega. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Old Business: Rich Wenner has not heard back yet regarding the cell towers. He has a follow up scheduled for Friday.

Matt Hall has a meeting Thursday with the CFO to review sewer and garbage rates.

Bonfire – Georgette Miller stated the OYA will hold the Bonfire at Oxford Lake on February 26, 2022.

Township Committee Reports and Correspondence

Linda Koufodontes attended the Board of Education meeting on January 16, 2022. Several teachers and staff were recognized for their efforts. A Tricky Tray will be held on March 26, 2022 at the school. The school will be updating their website for ADA compliance.

Township Administrator: Matt Hall stated he will be meeting with Washington Police Officer Pantuso to review code enforcement.

Township Engineer Report: Mayor Norton presented Mr. Finelli’s report. The NJDEP application for redevelopment of the Triangle was approved but the state needs a resolution stating the Township’s continued desire to redevelop the area.

Township Attorney’s Report: Rich Wenner stated the Cambridge West foreclosures were moving forward. The second group should be finalized within the next 2 months.

Motion To Pay Bills:

Georgette Miller moved to pay all bills presented to and approved by the Committee. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Public Comment: no comments

Meeting Recap: Matt Hall will meet with the CFO and review sewer and garbage rates. Rich Wenner will get information regarding the cell tower. A resolution stating the Township's continued to desire to develop the Triangle will be drafted.

Executive Session:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist. The public shall be excluded from the discussion of any action upon the hereinafter-specific subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are contract negotiations and Township owned properties.

Georgette Miller moved to enter Executive Session at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Mayor Norton. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Linda Koufodontes moved to close Executive Session and reconvene public session at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Georgette Miller. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Georgette Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Seconded by Linda Koufodontes. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Susan Turner, Deputy Clerk