

Village of Oxford
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Village Council Chambers
22 W. Burdick Street, Oxford, MI 48371

A Regular Meeting of the Oxford Village Council was called to order by President Bossardet at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Village Council Chambers, 22 W. Burdick, Oxford, Michigan.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those in uniform.**
- 2. Roll Call: Council members present: Bailey, Bossardet, Dolan, Helmuth, Kennis**
- 3. Approval of Agenda:**
Motion by Helmuth and second by Dolan to accept the agenda as amended.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4. Presentations: Gibson Underwood Resolution**
Dolan recognized the Underwood family, including Gibson for his scholastics, scout service and battle against leukemia. Gibson took a place on the dais for a portion of the meeting.
Interview: Elgin Nichols for DDA
Mr. Nichols gave a brief history of his background and desire to be on the Village DDA.
Motion by Dolan and second by Bailey to appoint Elgin Nichols to the Downtown Development Authority for a term ending November of 2019.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 5. Public hearings: none**
- 6. Call to Public – non agenda items**
Bryan Cloutier wanted to acknowledge the DPW for the assistance in moving items from the museum to the library. There will be many events and exhibits at the library this winter.
Joe Bullen, Dennison St., wanted to support the mounted horse group and the Police Chief for taking part of the president’s inauguration.
Rose Bejma, Pearl St., the trash collectors are leaving debris on the street.
- 7. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Receive and File items:**
 - 1. Correspondence**
 - 2. Letters, Reports and Minutes****Motion by Helmuth and second by Kennis to receive and file Consent Agenda “A” items**
Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Approval items:**
 - 1. Approval of Minutes: Special meetings of November 30 and December 13, 2016**
 - 2. Bills - approval of \$129,575.42**
 - 3. Monthly Budget Report and Budget Amendments (see 10.)**
 - 4. Ad Hoc Committee Reports and Meetings**
 - 5. CDBG Emergency Services – Award of contract to FISH \$5,000**
 - 6. MERS Adoption of benefit changes- AFSCME & Non-union 12/1/2106, 7/1/2017, 7/1/2019, 7/1/2019**
 - 7. Bond Refinancing Resolutions and financial services agreements**
 - 8. Amendment to Multi-tech Solutions Contact to add webmaster services**
 - 9. Request for Advance Construct Funds 3 years Oakland County- Lakeville Road**

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Motion by Helmuth and second by Dolan to approve the consent agenda items including the bills in the amount of \$129,575.42.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Kennis, Bailey, Dolan, Bossardet, Helmuth

Nays: none

Motion carried.

8. Unfinished/Old Business –

a. Manager and Clerk 2017 Goals

Motion by Helmuth and second by Kennis to set aside until the January 24 meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

b. Request for part-time Administrative Assistance/Accountant position

Bossardet requested to hold this position until there is clarification on the position. Dolan felt the parameters have changed the position. Kennis felt that interviews would waste the time of applicants.

Motion by Dolan and second by Bailey to suspend hiring action until given further direction on position by Village Council.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Kennis, Bailey, Dolan, Bossardet

Nays: Helmuth

Motion carried.

9. New Business:

A. Resolution for Petition of Chapter 20 County Drain Project for Existing Pontiac Waste Water Treatment Facility- Oakland County Water Resource Commission-Sewer Services

Carrie Cox, Oakland County, gave a power point presentation on the Water Resource sewer service changes and cost structure. Would like to have multiple communities support the changes, asking for support from the village.

Motion by Helmuth and second by Kennis to approve the Resolution for Petition of Chapter 20 County Drain Project for Existing Pontiac Waste Water Treatment Facility-Oakland County Water Resource Commission-Sewer Services.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bailey, Dolan, Bossardet, Kennis, Helmuth

Nays: none

Motion carried.

B. Lone Ranger Festival and Parade August 5 – MDOT Approval

Motion by Dolan and second by Kennis to authorize the application to MDOT to close for the Oxford Lone Ranger Parade on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. with the parade starting at Marketplace and proceeding on M24 north to the Fire Station on Church Street as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote, one nay vote.

C. Presidential Inauguration Parade Invitation – Police Chief

Chief stated was invited to attend the Inauguration by the Multi-jurisdictional Mounted Horse Division.

Motion by Helmuth and second by Bailey to approve the Police Chief to participate in the Presidential Inauguration parade on January 20, 2017 as requested.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Helmuth, Kennis, Bailey, Dolan, Bossardet

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Attorney Davis gave a recap of articles in the newspapers on the mounted police unit to the council and audience.

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Chief Neymanowski stated that unfair statements were said about his authority. Introduced Bruce Meyers as the Lone Ranger. Chief stated that those on horses and living in Oxford would like to represent the village and endorse this group as a mounted division from the village.

Kennis commented to get clarification on the use of village uniforms by the horse unit. Was concerned on the horses and possible injuries to people attending village functions.

Dolan questioned Chief on the matter.

Helmuth commented on the value of the Chief to the Village.

Callie Meyers, stated the allegations are not all correct. Gave copies of documents to the council.

Bruce Meyers, addressed the council on newspaper articles and the uniforms the horse riders were wearing.

Motion by Bossardet and second by Kennis the village attorney that the Village Attorney immediately initiate notices, letters and communications making it clear that the Oxford Village Council has not reviewed, approved, authorized, sanctioned or otherwise allowed an Oxford Village Mounted Police Division, reserve or otherwise, in the Village of Oxford. The persons involved should be notified to cease any and all activities wherein there is a representation of any kind that they are part of the Village of Oxford Police Department in any way. By example only, the Motion requires a legal communication to the Michigan Multi-Jurisdictional Mounted Division respectfully making it clear that these three (3) individuals do not represent the Village of Oxford in any way and are not associated with the Village of Oxford in any way. Further, all uniforms, patches, equipment or any other items provided to these individuals by the Village of Oxford shall be immediately retrieved. Also, and as a core component of this Motion, I am asking that the Village Manager and Police Chief cooperate fully in this regard and that neither take any additional actions to promote any affiliation between these individuals and the Village of Oxford. Nothing in this Motion prevents this issue from being presented to this Village Council at a future meeting wherein the Village Council has an opportunity to review, prior to a meeting, all of the issues and potentially act accordingly.

Bailey stated motion is broad and requested changes to the motion, and seconded the amended wording.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bossardet, Kennis, Helmuth, Dolan

Nays: Bailey

Motion carried.

Motion for recess for 5 minutes by Helmuth and second by Kennis.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Board and Commissions – Council appointments.

Bossardet made corrections to the appointments and additions of who will fill vacancies if known for positions.

Motion by Helmuth and second by Dolan to approve appointments on the multiple boards and commissions of the Village of Oxford as requested tonight.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Preliminary Budget Review Sessions Schedule

Manager presented dates and times for the budget process.

Motion by Dolan and second by Helmuth to approve the budget review schedule as follows:

Police	Tuesday, February 7,	5:00 p.m. Community Room
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DPW & Water	Tuesday, February 21,	5:00 p.m. Community Room
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DDA & Admin	Tuesday, February 28,	5:00 p.m. Community Room
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Motion carried by voice vote.

10. Items removed from the consent agenda:

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Manager discussed the budget reports and amendments to date and explanations. Discussed the personal property reimbursement from the state. There are increases needed in the sewer service as noticed tonight by the Water Resource.

Motion by Dolan and second by Kennis to receive and file the December budget, financial statements and budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Dolan, Bailey, Bossardet, Kennis, Helmuth

Nays: none

Motion carried.

11. Public Comment:

Bryan Cloutier, Library Director, stated that the governor signed in law that the library may be exempt from future DDA tax capture. Explained the difference of existing bonds and recapture of tax funds.

12. Manager Report: Vision meeting looking for input.

13. Clerk Report: Oakland County is looking for seasonal help for Parks and Rec, last day for taxes are February 28 and total collected taxes are 96%, higher than last year.

14. Council Comments: Kennis very proud of the equestrian team and their efforts in supporting the village. Council has to make an unpopular decision due to the fact the council was not well informed and the process was mismanaged. Helmuth stated that City of Fraser dumping sewage in the Clinton River has made her very upset, along with how the Police Chief issue was handled. DPW had the park looking beautiful for Christmas and cleared the roads today with the snow. Chief acted very professional when being questioned in an open meeting. Bailey stated there are negative attitudes toward government, and agrees with Helmuth in what happened tonight, did not like the conduct of the council. Dolan stated that perception of government is negative. Council has been given poor, erroneous or incomplete information, it is necessary to do things correctly. Bossardet also appreciated the DPW for moving the printing press. Asked on the progress on a single grease hauler for the community. Thanked Dolan for bringing the bond issue forward. The issue was not on the equestrian team.

15. Motion by Kennis and second by Dolan to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 and attorney client privileged communications with council members Dolan, Bailey, Bossardet, Kennis with Attorney Davis, Manager Young and Clerk Nassar at 9:27pm.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bailey, Bossardet, Kennis, Dolan

Nays: none

Absent: Helmuth

Motion carried.

Motion to go into open session at 9:43pm.

Motion carried by voice vote.

15. Adjournment:

Motion by Council member Helmuth and support by Kennis to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Susan Bossardet- Village President

Susan C. Nassar-Village Clerk