

**TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2006**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Oxford was held on January 17, 2006 in the Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

Mayor Accetturo, who announced that the meeting had been properly advertised in compliance with the OPMA of 1975, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

In attendance were Angelo Accetturo, Alex Lazorisak, Bonnie Riley, and Sheila L. Oberly.

The Committee had a discussion of the trucks and traffic traveling each day on Jensen Drive entering the Landfill.

Township Committee decided that clean up for 2006 in Oxford Township will be in April and October. The dates for clean-up will be posted on the website and each resident will receive a brochure stating the dates and requirements.

2006 CLEAN-UP DATES

<u>Leaves</u>	April	12, 2006
	November	8, 2006
<u>Brush</u>	April	20, 2006
	October	18, 2006
<u>Metals*</u>	April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006	
	October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006	
<u>Non-Burnable*</u>	April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006	
	October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006	
2006 Christmas tree Pick-up	January	1-23, 2007

***Must Bring Metals and non-burnables to DPW Building, 153 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, only on above dates from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**

- Senior Citizens and Handicapped-please call 453-3303 to arrange for pick-up.**
- Clean up is for Oxford Residents Only.**
- Must Show Proof of Residency**
- No Commercial Waste**

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On motion by Mayor Accetturo and seconded by Mrs. Riley, that Mr. Lazorisak continues being the Liaison to the state of New Jersey on all Highland issues.

Mr. Lazorisak's stated that the Sewer Proposal from WCPRMUA be sent to William Colantano, Township Auditor, to verify the rate the Township is being charged in 2006 to the 2005 rates.

RESOLUTION 2006-17

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 34, Lot 65 and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Oxford that the redemption amount of \$4,033.72, known as Tax Sale Certificate #452, is refunded to the lien holder, James Pilewski.

RESOLUTION 2006-17 Redeem Lien on Block 34, Lot 65 for \$4,033.72 was adopted on motion by Mr. Lazorisak, seconded by Mayor Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote

ORDINANCE 2006-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAP LAW
NJS 40A:4-45.1 et seq TO THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS
YEAR'S FINAL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law NJS 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to two and one-half percent (2.5%) unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to three and one-half percent (3.5%) over the previous year's appropriations, subject to certain exceptions: and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the three and one-half (3.5%) percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Oxford in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2006 budget by up to three and one-half (3.5%) over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a three and one-half percent (3.5%) increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$14,397.88 in excess of the increase in

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final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Oxford hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Oxford, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in the 2006 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Oxford shall, in accordance with the ordinance and NJSA 40A:4-45.14 be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$50,392.58, and that the 2006 municipal budget for the Township of Oxford be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adoption.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above entitled ordinance was approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford held on January 18, 2006 at the Oxford Township Municipal Building at 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey. Public Hearing concerning the same will be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Committee on February 15, 2006 at or near 7:30 PM at the Oxford Township Municipal Building at which time all persons both for and against shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

ORDINANCE 2006-01 Index Rate Increase by 1% with the CAP was adopted on motion by Mr. Lazorisak, seconded by Mrs. Riley and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Mike Lavery, Township Attorney will review the Appraisal Systems contract submitted for the revaluation for the Township and will report to the Committee with his approval or suggestions.

Mayor Accetturo inquired if money had been budgeted in 2005 budget for the revaluation, William Colantano was asked and he stated, no money was budgeted for this expense in 2005.

The Township received from Covanta a check in the amount of \$246,313.38. Included in this check is \$200,00.00, which the Township will use for the acquisition, construction, equipping and/or maintenance of open space and/or recreation facilities, located in Oxford Township. This amount was given to Oxford as per the Host Community Agreement.

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Cheryl Haney was hired as crossing guard on Route 31, on motion by Mr. Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Roger Skoog, Township Prosecutor requested to be entered into the Public Employee Pension Fund. On motion by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mayor Accetturo and passed unanimously on roll call vote, Mr. Skoog will be enrolled starting January 1, 2006.

Jean Paul Reece submitted to the Committee a quote of \$199.00 for a new HP Laser Jet 1022 printer for Peggy Housman. On motion by Mayor Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Lazorisak, and passed unanimously on roll call vote the Committee approved the purchase.

The Committee discussed the letter received from Charles Cavanaugh, Department of Environmental Protection, of the Notice of Violation of the requirement of the annual mailing of the educational brochure on Solutions to Storm water Pollution. The clerk stated that the brochure would be mailed to every resident by February 1, 2006. Joe Nalio of Finelli Consulting will write a letter to Mr. Cavanaugh, of DEP. stating this fact.

Mr. Lazorisak stated that he would be having a meeting, February 1, 2006 with Stuart Kellner, owner of Oxtech, Mike Finelli Township Engineer, Natalie Harrington, Dave Maski, Schoor DePalma and Mike Lavery, Township Attorney to discuss their concerns and what they require of Oxford Township with the Redevelopment Project. Mayor Accetturo asked that after the meeting that a final report be submitted to the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the bill and vouchers and withheld the following for payment:

Finelli Consulting	\$ 245.00
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Finelli Consulting	\$ 7,647.00
Finelli Consulting	\$ 811.25
Global Environmental	\$ 4,787.00
Laddey, Clark, & Ryan	\$ 546.00
Laddey, Clark, & Ryan	\$ 895.00
Schoor DePalma	\$ 2,664.50
Schoor DePalma	\$ 5,888.75
Schoor DePalma	\$ 1,988.00
Schoor DePalma	\$ 8,130.00
Schoor DePalma	\$ 2,289.69

The balance of the bills as listed on the January 2006 the Committee approved Bill List for payment on motion by Mr. Lazorisak, seconded by Mrs. Riley. Motion carried 3-0. (eyes: Lazorisak, Riley and Accetturo, nays: 0).

Mayor Accetturo asked the Committee if he could have authorization to appropriate approximately \$1,500.00 for Mike Finelli to evaluate the Cambridge property and what potential development possibilities would be available to the town.

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Mayor Accetturo would like to talk to other Townships that have their own Building Departments and what would be required to start the process of getting Oxford's own Department. Mr. Lazorisak suggested that within the next month, run the numbers of the costs involved and talk to the Mayors of White Township and Washington Township to combine building departments.

Mayor Accetturo discussed the Organic Aggregates application and resolution that was submitted to the Township at prior meetings and will give Mike Lavery all paperwork for his review and advise.

On motion by Mr. Lazorisak, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM. Motion carried 3-0 (ayes: Lazorisak, Riley and Accetturo, nays:0)

Sheila L. Oberly
Acting Clerk