

Oxford Township Meeting Minutes  
Regular meeting  
January 10, 2023  
6:30 pm

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to board turnover Oxford needed to elect a chair. Mike Miller made a motion for Jennifer Perkins to serve as the new chair. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion, and the motion was passed

Jen Perkins called to meeting to order, and the new township chair was welcomed after she took a minute to introduce herself. Oxford board members took the Oath of Office before starting the new term.

Linnea read minutes from the December meeting. Mike Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion. Peggy gave the treasurer's report with an itemized list of bills and receipts. Mike Miller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Harlan seconded the motion.

**Roads**

1. Steve Winter was on the call for MSA and he is still working on an estimate for a long term road plan.
2. Mike Couri was also on the call and has no concerns with the Linwood township road agreement. Chair Jen Perkins asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Mike Miller made a motion to accept the road agreement and Harlan Bellin seconded it. Motion was approved and Oxford signed the agreement. Linnea will send an e-copy to Linwood.
3. Linnea received a copy of upcoming LTAP workshops and the information is now posted at hall.
4. Shermik Tree Farm road contract has been signed by all parties and it is good until May 31, 2024. Linnea will file the contract at the hall.
5. A resident that lives on Typo Creek Drive asked if the tar and gravel roads get plowed by the same plow. Mike replied that Oxford has different requirements for our asphalt vs gravel roads. Concern was raised by the

- same resident that all of our roads have a “huge ice pack” on them. Mike stated that he will recommend that our snow plow remove the shoes from the plow when doing Typo Creek and that may help things on Typo at least.
6. Swanson Developer’s agreement update. Mike has talked to Brian Swanson and the project has been delayed for the time being.
  7. Steve Kingsbury asked about the plan for Pigeon Loft dust suppression next year. Mike’s plan is to have a proposal to bring to our March annual meeting for our residents to discuss. Our new chair, Jen Perkins will help organize our discussion around road strategy.

### **Old Business**

1. Regarding township Insurance, Mike Miller talked about the fact that he was a district director for MAT for about 5 years. He resigned in July because he noticed some things about MAT that did not seem right. He brought up some concerns and he is currently being sued by the organization. In addition, 5 townships recently got kicked out of MAT for asking questions. In summary, Mike is not comfortable making a recommendation about who should provide Oxford township with insurance at this point due to perceived bias. Our new chair will take over the looking into who would be best to provide our township insurance. As far as MAT training, Oxford has taken part in several of their education experiences and they have been ok. He also mentioned that U of MN LTAP does training all year long and these classes are excellent, accredited, and in many cases they are free.
2. Harlan Bellin gave a summary of last meeting fire district meeting he attended.
3. Workers Compensation Payroll Audit update
  - a. MATIT will accept submission outside of CTAS this year, but in future any township not submitting through CTAS will be assessed fees. Oxford will not be submitting through CTAS this year, but recommendation is to have our treasurer in training work to become

proficient with the CTAS system before 2024 submission as it is in the best interest for Oxford to get on the program.

4. Clerk/Treasurer wages
  - a. Peggy and Linnea plan to meet with Dean Mahlstedt. Information/benchmarking will help us to create a proposal for Oxford wages at the annual meeting
5. Isanti County Planning commission Thursday December 8, 2022 Oxford request:
  - a. Request of Mike Lang for an interim use permit for the mining of sand, gravel, peat and black dirt to create a wildlife pond was approved.

### **New Business**

1. The new township board discussed dividing the township supervisor duties. Harlan will continue to represent Oxford at the fire district meetings. Mike will continue to represent roads, tree removal, and resident comments on roads. Jennifer will take over IT updates and regulations, Oxford's website refresh, CTAS, and act as the Oxford county liaison.
2. District 7 Special Election Notice will be held Tuesday January 31, 2023 8 pm at the Corinna Townhall in Annandale. There will be a bus leaving from the fairgrounds in Cambridge for those who want to travel to the meeting together.
3. Isanti County Township Officer's association meeting will be on January 26, 2023 7 pm at the Isanti county government center. Jen Perkins plans to attend the meeting to represent Oxford township.
4. MAT sponsored "Township day at the capitol" will be on February 1 and 2, 2023 in St. Paul; Agenda and information has been sent to Oxford board. There is a \$100 cost to attend and Jen is interested in attending. Oxford supervisors approved the cost.
5. MAT is sponsoring training for new board members. January training dates have been sent out, and online training is available as well.
6. Zoom/Logitech plan upgrade discussion- Mike Miller made motion to pay for the higher level plan at \$250 per year. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.
7. Oxford's noxious weed report is due February 17, 2023. Normally the chair fills this out, so Jen will fill out the report. Historically Oxford has sprayed and mowed the township twice yearly to control weeds.
8. Report of Outstanding Indebtedness due February 1, 2023. Jen will fill out and send in.

9. Robert Hesse brought a preliminary plat of Meadow Grass Acres, Second addition for our supervisors to review. Robert would like to split off a 3 acre parcel from the main property. Oxford supervisors approve the application as is, and Mike will call the county let them know there are no issues. Mike Miller made a motion that Oxford approved the Meadow Grass Acres Second addition plat presented to the board tonight. Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Harlin Bellin seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linnea Lentz  
Oxford Clerk  
10 January 2023