

**Oxford Economic Development
Commission
Special Meeting
January 21, 2016
Oxford Town Hall, 7PM**

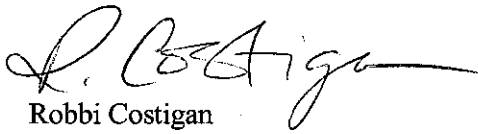
1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Augie Palmer at 7:04pm.
Members present: Andrew McGeever Pat Blanko, Ed Carver, Daniel Wall
2. **Audience of Citizens:** None
3. **Review and Acceptance of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Ed Carver made a **motion** to amend the last meeting's minutes by adding pending litigation. Dan Wall seconded, **motion passed unanimously**. Augie Palmer made a **motion** to approve the minutes, Pat Blanko seconded, **motion passed unanimously**.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A **motion** was made by Ed Carver to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Dan Wall, **motion passed unanimously**. See attached.
5. **Old Business:**
 - CPV – Herman Schuler presented factual information about the referendum vote on February 11, 2016. He is putting together literature to be mailed out to all Oxford residents so they can understand the tax agreement with CPV and believes that a YES vote will secure Oxford's future.
 - XAL has taken up residence.
 - Stihl is ahead of schedule with clearing their property because of good weather.
 - B. United International broke ground for their new 25,000 square foot addition.
 - Oxford Towne Center progress: Newtown Savings is finished with the outside of the building and Market 32's steel frame is up.
 - Library - nothing to report
6. **New Business:**
 - **Kovac Construction** had a ribbon cutting ceremony in mid December.
 - **Lot 10 Woodruff Hill**, now owned by Mark Oczkowski, is planning to clear the site and build a new 60,000 square foot headquarters for his company Earthworks.
 - **Masonic Care** started litigation to retrieve monies currently being held in escrow to pay the Town of Oxford \$300,000 for a fire truck as previously agreed to.
 - **Ferris Mulch**, a wholesale distributor of mulch, will break ground soon on Prokop Road.
 - **Oxford Baking Company** will be opening in February or March.
 - **Businesses Contemplating Oxford Location:** getting inquires every week
7. **Director's Report:** The site is being cleared for the new power plant. In the second week of January, the final lawsuit against the power plant ended in CPV's favor. With a positive vote on the referendum that is on February 11, 2016, the renegotiated dollars paid to Oxford over the next 22 ½ years will truly be an ongoing billion dollar project which will benefit Oxford tax payers. Augie Palmer commented that the group against the power plant is publishing misleading information about the tax deal and the referendum. He wants to clarify that a no vote will NOT stop the power plant from

building here, it's happening no matter what. Voting YES on February 11, 2016 will bring in millions for the Town of Oxford and stressed there will be no other agreement to vote on, it will revert back to the old deal of \$56.3 million, losing the Town of Oxford over \$60 million.

Grant Writer, Kathleen O'Neil, is working on a LOTCIP grant that will refurbish Hawley Road. This is very important for our industrial zone.

8. **Other Business:** Augie Palmer made a **motion** to pay the clerk, seconded by Ed Carver, **motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Adjournment:** **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm made by Ed Carver, seconded by Dan Wall. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Robbi Costigan
Clerk

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Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK