

April 21, 2015

Supervisor Breh called the Town of Oppenheim Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members Stephanie Gray, Patricia Haberek, and Rodney Montana and Superintendent Crum were present, Board member Cheryl Lynch was absent.

Town Clerk Minutes

Council member Montana made a motion to accept the March 17, 2015 minutes and Council member Gray seconded it and Council member Haberek and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Resolution for School

Supervisor Breh gave all board members a copy of a resolution for scenarios for consideration by the OESJ Central School District. She said the Town of Ephratah was going to pass the same resolution

John Houle wanted to know if the resolution was drawn up by a lawyer and Supervisor Breh said yes.

Council member Haberek said that Oppenheim School is a good building and should be kept open.

John Houle said that if the high school and the elementary were in St. Johnsville they could not expand because there is no room. He said that Oppenheim would only have to add 2 classrooms and Oppenheim would be able to house all the students. St. Johnsville wants to build a new school but the state will not give aid to build a new school but the state will give aid to add on. He stated that it cost a lot to transfer the kids. He stated that they are transporting special needs children all over like to Verona, Rome and Fonda.

Council member Gray said that she wanted to get more information before she made a decision. She stated that she did not attend the school meeting.

Pamela Lamphere stated that the majority of the people in Oppenheim are senior citizens and this will affect the taxes. She said that St. Johnsville has no baseball field so they have to rent one and Oppenheim has a field. She said that classes and teachers are wasted because of transporting the students.

Council member Gray wanted to table it because she did not have enough information.

Supervisor Breh said that we should either pass the resolution or reject it at this meeting.

Tammy Avery said that we should support keeping Oppenheim school here.

After a lengthy discussion, Council member Montana made a motion to accept the resolution concerning the school and Council member Gray seconded it and Council member Haberek and Supervisor Breh were in favor. The resolution is as follows:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Town of Oppenheim Town Board has taken the time to review SCENARIOS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OESJ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION;

WHEREAS, Are there options to the current practice that might provide more cost-effective ways or patterns to organize how the Pre-K-12 program is implemented/delivered over the next three years?

WHEREAS, SCENARIO A: Serve all grades Pre-K through 6 at the Robbins Elementary Building. Serve grades 7-12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building

SCENARIO B: Serve all grades Pre-K through 6 at the current High School Building. Serve grades 7-12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building

SCENARIO C: Serve all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School site.

SCENARIO D: serve all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 4 at the Robbins Elementary Building. Serve grades 5-12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The town of Oppenheim Town Board, by this resolution, as first choice, fully supports the SCENARIO C, which serves all grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 at the current Elementary/Middle School site. Second choice would be

SCENARIO B; which serves all grades Pre-K through 6 at the current High School Building. Serves grades 7-12 at the current Elementary/Middle School Building.

Council member Montana – Yes

Council member Gray – Yes

Council member Haberek – Yes

Council member Lynch – Absent

Supervisor Breh – Yes

Seasonal Roads

Council member Gray made a motion to designate a portion of the Mosher Road, Barker Road, Sweet Hill Road, Irish Settlement Road, Bell Road, and Warner Road as seasonal roads where the signs are put up and Council member Montana seconded it and Council member Haberek and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Council member Gray – Yes

Council member Montana – Yes

Council member Haberek – Yes

Council member Lynch – Absent

Supervisor Breh – Yes

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Beversprite

Council member Montana made a motion to let the Supervisor get in touch with the Attorney to renegotiate the contract with The Melon Bank concerning the Beversprite property and Council member Haberek seconded it and Council member Gray was in favor.

Council member Montana – Yes
Council member Haberek – Yes
Council member Gray – Yes
Council member Lynch – Absent

Change Banks

Council member Haberek made a motion to transfer accounts from NBT bank to M&T Bank and Council member Montana seconded it and Council member Gray and Super Breh were in favor.

Council member Haberek – Yes
Council member Montana – Yes
Council member Gray – Yes
Council member Lynch – Absent
Supervisor Breh – Yes

Resignations

Supervisor Breh stated that Delavan Brown has resigned his position on the Grievance Board. and William Lints has resigned as Dog Control Officer. If anyone knows anyone who is interested in either position, they can get in touch with the Supervisor.

Oppenheim Fire Company

The approximate 1/10 of an acre that the Oppenheim Fire Company is interested in there is \$4,686.98 owed on it. No way is it worth that amount. Mr. Blodgett from the County wants the Oppenheim Fire Company to make an offer. If the fire company does not make an offer, then it will go up for auction.

Humane Society

Supervisor Breh stated that we received an invoice for a dog that was taken to the Humane Society and we are liable for it.

New Truck

Supervisor Breh stated that she recommends that we do not buy a new truck this year. She said that we still have 3 payments on the other truck and it won't be paid until 2017.

Council member Gray said that we could revisit it at the time of the budget.

Tammy Avery said that the repairs on the trucks are costly.

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Codes Enforcement Officer(letter #12)

Scott DeNinno handed in a written report of the calls that he had between 3/17/15 and 4/21/15. He said he is in the process of reconstructing the local laws.

Highway Department

Superintendent Crum said that the town employees are grooming the roads. He said one truck needs a water pump, the dump truck needs a hoist, which costs \$2,800.00, and the loader needs wheels and tires, which costs \$4,000.00. The rake was delivered this week and they rented a sweeper from Finke Equipment.

Playground Signs

There have been problems with children playing especially at the DA Field. It was suggested to put up children at play signs. Motorists are going fast by the DA Field. Supervisor Bret said she would check with the lawyer about putting up signs.

Bids for Truck

There were no bids for the 2000 Chevrolet Silverado that was put up for bids with a minimum of \$1,000.00 bid. It was decided to scrap the truck.

Bids for Roof Repair

There were 3 bids for repairs to the Highway roof.

1. D&J Construction, Dolgeville, NY - (letter #13)
Truss Roof System - \$78,000.00

2. David Jablonski Construction, Amsterdam, NY (letter#14)
Option #1 – re-roof - \$37,500.00
Option #2 – repair old roof - \$13,680

3. Capital Region Roofing – Dolgeville, NY (letter #15)
Option #1-Waterproof roof with Fabric-Reinforced roofing system- \$29,875.00
Option #2-Waterproof and Insulate roof with SPF roofing system- \$39,500.00

After reviewing all the roof repair bids, Council member Gray made a motion to accept the bid from Capital Region Roofing for \$39,500.00 and Council member Montana seconded it and Council member Haberek and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Council member Gray – Yes
Council member Montana – Yes
Council member Haberek – Yes
Council member Lynch – Absent
Supervisor Breh – Yes

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Council member Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Council member Haberek seconded it and Council member Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

May 7, 2015

Supervisor Breh called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a Dog Control Officer and a member for the Grievance Board. Board members Stephanie Gray, Patricia Haberek, Cheryl Lynch and Rodney Montana were present.

Supervisor Breh stated that William Lints who was Dog Control Officer and Delaven Brown who was Grievance Board member have both resigned.

Dog Control Officer

Council member Gray made a motion to appoint Ty Stowell as Dog Control Officer effective May 12, 2015 and Council member Lynch seconded it and Council members Haberek and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Council member Gray – Yes
Council member Lynch – Yes
Council member Haberek – Yes
Council member Montana – Yes
Supervisor Breh – Yes

Grievance Board Member

Supervisor Breh stated that Hector Allen who is on the Grievance Board suggested the board appoint Lisa Hulten. He said he would like to see some younger residents on the Grievance Board.

Lisa Hulten who was present stated that she wants it to be fair across the board.

Council member Gray said that she does not want Lisa to do it for the wrong reason.

Council member Lynch made a motion to appoint Lisa Hulten as a Grievance Board member and council member Haberek seconded it and Council members Gray and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Council member Lynch – Yes
Council member Haberek – Yes
Council member Gray – Yes
Council member Montana – Yes
Supervisor Breh – Yes

Union Negotiations

Supervisor Breh said that we need to appoint someone for union negotiations so we will do it at the next meeting.

Council member Montana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and Council member Lynch seconded it and Council members Gray and Haberek and Supervisor Breh were in favor.