

August 18, 2015

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

### **Town Clerks Minutes**

Council member Montana made a motion to accept the July 21, 2015 minutes with the addition that Assessor Haberek got a cost of \$60,000.00 for reassessment which would be payable over 2 years and Council member Lynch seconded it and Council members Haberek and Gray and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

### **Codes Enforcement Officer**

Scott DeNinno was present and handed in a written report. He stated he only issued one permit. He said that most people are making an effort to clean up their property.

Mr. DeNinno wanted to know if the town is going to do anything about the local laws. Also, he stated there is nothing stating anywhere that you even need a permit for anything.

### **Dog Control Officer**

Ty Stowell was absent but he handed in a written report. It stated that he has a meeting with the NYS Department of Agriculture on August 21, 2015. He had a couple of calls and picked up the dogs and took them to the Brennan Humane Society.

### **Bookkeeper Report**

Joanne Capek-Young was present and had all of her reports. She discussed the different accounts stating some accounts needed transfers and other accounts are getting low.

Mrs. Young stated that the 2013 report was accepted by the state without any issue and that she is in the process of completing the 2014 Annual report.

She stated that we need to start looking at the 2016 Budget. She handed out forms for each department head to fill out by the September meeting.

Council member Haberek wanted to know if we have backup for our records.

Mrs. Young stated that she backs it up with a flash drive because the program that she uses is not connected to the Internet.

### **Duties of the Superintendent of Highways**

Supervisor Breh stated that she talked to the attorney and he wants us to wait until he gets more information concerning the duties of the Superintendent of Highways. She stated that we would table it until the next meeting.

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**Highway Report**

There was no highway report because Superintendent Crum was absent.

Supervisor Breh stated that the highway employees dug up a cable owned by Verizon. She said that she and the board members were not notified and she stated that we would be billed from Verizon for repairs. It happened on July 23, 2015 and she just found out about it.

Council member Montana said that someone in the highway department has to call to get the location of where the cables are.

Supervisor Breh said that she is upset that she was not notified because the insurance company has to be notified within 10 days of the incident. She doesn't know if the insurance is going to take care of this since we failed to notify them within 10 days. If they do not, the town is liable for the repairs.

**Transfer of Money**

Council member Gray made a motion to move money from one account to another and Council member Montana seconded and Council members Haberek and Lynch and Supervisor Breh were in favor. The transfers are as follows:

1. Move \$13,000 from A1620.2 (Buildings Eq) to A1620.4 (Buildings C/E)
2. Move \$700 from A1660.4 (Central Storeroom C/E) to A1320.4 (Bookkeeper C/E)

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

**Payment of Services for Bookkeeper**

Council member Gray made a motion to pay Bookkeeper Joanne Capek-Young \$1,350.00 for payment of services for doing the 2013 Annual Report and Council member Haberek seconded it and Council members Lynch and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

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

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**Time Clock for Highway Employees**

Supervisor Breh stated that she got a price of \$600 for a time clock from Hummels. It is for the facial clock. If we went with the thumb time clock and the employees had grease or dirt on their hands, the punch might not work.

Council member Lynch made a motion to purchase a facial time clock from Hummels for the Highway Department 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

**Estate of Walsh v. Town of Oppenheim**

Supervisor Breh stated that the town attorney recommended a resolution authorizing the settlement of the Estate of Walsh v. Town of Oppenheim.

Council member Haberek made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the settlement of the Estate of Walsh v. the Town of Oppenheim and Council member Gray seconded it and Council members Lynch and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board (1) authorizes the settlement of the tax certiorari case pending in matter of Estate of Walsh v. Town of Oppenheim (index No. 02756) and pertaining to property having Tax Map No 110.-1-1 by reducing the 2014 final assessment from \$42,000 to \$35,700, (2) authorizes the settlement of the tax certiorari case pending in matter of Estate of Walsh v. Town of Oppenheim (Index No. 02757) and pertaining to property having tax Map No. 94.-1-35 by reducing the 2014 final assessment from \$29,800 to \$25,330, and (3) authorizes the Town's attorney to execute a Stipulation and Order so providing

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

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**Executive Session**

Council member Gray made a motion to have an executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss union negotiations and Council member Haberek seconded it and Council members Lynch and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Supervisor Breh called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.

Council member Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and Council member Gray seconded it and Council members Haberek and Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.