

March 15, 2016

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on March 15, 2016 at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 Route 331, St. Johnsville, NY 13352.

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Patricia Haberek	--	Councilwoman
Cheryl Lynch	--	Councilwoman
John Houle	--	Councilman
Stephanie Gray	--	Councilwoman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Scott DeNinno	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

Absent

Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Gary Getman	--	Dog Control Officer

Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Dale Tiedman

Mr. Tiedman wanted to know if there has been any more discussion about the sander since it was tabled at the last meeting. He stated that it would be used by the Superintendent and that would take work away from the union employees.

Mr. Tiedman asked about abandoned roads and the issue of liability. Superintendent DeNinno said that any road that has not been maintained by the town for six years is considered abandoned.

Right to Farm Law

Supervisor Breh stated that if we had a Right to Farm Law then we would need an animal control officer and a 3 person committee. She said that it is hard to get someone to be the dog control officer so it would be almost impossible to get an animal control officer.

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Computer Software for Highway Dept.

Supervisor Breh asked the Highway Superintendent about the software for the Highway Department.

Mr. DeNinno said that this software will track everything to do with the Highway Department concerning roads, inventory, record keeping and it will do the day to day log. They are in the process of entering all the data.

Bookkeeper Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but sent her monthly report to the board members. It was noted that on the report where the assets are listed it should be M&T Bank instead of NBT Bank.

Dog Control Officer Report

Gary Getman was absent but it was reported that there were no calls for the last month.

Codes Enforcement Officers Report

Scott DeNinno handed in a report of the calls and permits that he issued. He collected \$755.00 for permits. He has a few applications for approval including a couple new large residences to be built. The 3 violations that he issued last month have begun to make progress on the cleanup, so no tickets have been issued.

Pamela Lamphere asked Mr. DeNinno about the property on State Highway 29 that has all of the junk cars. Mr. DeNinno said that it is up to the state because of DMV.

Supervisor Breh

Supervisor Breh stated that we need a new door for the town hall because it is hard to lock and she was told that a new lock cannot be put on the door that is there.

Supervisor Breh said that the Assessors want to revisit the enhanced star program because it has not been adjusted since 2009. We will need a local law and a public hearing and the change would not take effect until the year 2017.

She stated that Attorney Girvin was supposed to be at the meeting tonight but must be something came up and he couldn't make it.

Supervisor Breh stated that residents have been calling her about turning on the rest of the street lights. She said that it will cost about \$600.00 a month compared to \$150.00 that we are paying now for the ones that are turned on. She does not think it is worth it to turn the rest of the lights on. She stated that next year we can revisit it.

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Highway Department Report

Scott DeNinno said the highway door has been repaired and the panel replaced. The roads have been posted, cleaned pile of steel up, and filled in 2 dug wells across from the town hall. He has been trying to get quotes on materials for the roads.

Richard Crum (past Superintendent of Highways) asked Mr. DeNinno if he has contacted Hanson's for materials because in the past they did work and provided a lot of materials for the town. He stated that cold mix is cheaper than hot mix for the roads.

Leasing of new trucks

Scott DeNinno handed out a plan for leasing trucks to the board members. He wants to lease 3 trucks. One truck is a 2016 dump truck for \$62,206.00. We would have to pay a down payment of \$12,500.00 and trade in the 2007 Chevrolet Pick-up and it would be leased for 5 years at a cost of \$9,464.00 per year. The other two are 2017 Tandem dump/plow trucks at a cost of \$212,500.00 each. We would have to pay a down payment of \$12,500.00 per truck and it would be leased for 7 years at a cost of \$27,917.00 a year per truck and the 8th year a balloon payment of \$35,000.00. He had it broken down showing how much had to be paid each year and also what surplus equipment we could sell.

Supervisor Breh said that she wants our bookkeeper check the figures to see if we could afford to do this. She said we would have to have a work shop and also public comment.

Motions

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek to replace the town hall front door.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Gray, Haberek, Lynch, Houle and Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek not to turn on any more of the street lights.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Gray, Haberek, Lynch, Houle and Breh

Nays - 0

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Haberek, Houle, Lynch, Gray and Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to authorize the payment of the vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Gray, Lynch, Haberek, Houle, and Breh

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Gray and seconded by Councilwoman Haberek the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk