

November 15, 2016

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on November 15, 2016 at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 Route 331, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

**Present**

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Patricia Haberek	--	Councilwoman
John Houle	--	Councilman
Stephanie Gray	--	Councilwoman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Scott DeNinno	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

**Absent**

Billie Jo Getman	--	Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Lynch	--	Councilwoman

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

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Breh opened the public hearing on the 2017 budget at 6:30 p.m. Anyone present may speak for or against the budget.

**Dog Control Officers Report**

Billie-Jo Getman handed in a written report of the calls that she answered. She took one dog to the Humane Society. She gave one owner a 30 day notice because she did not have a rabies shot or a license for her dog.

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### **Codes Enforcement Officers Report**

Scott DeNinno handed in a report and he issued one permit and collected \$35.00 for the month.

He stated that Lloyd Markwardt has a small piece of property on Route 29 that he would like the town to take over and Mr. DeNinno advised the board not to accept the property.

The town board members decided not to take over the piece of property on Route 29.

### **Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> CHIPS report has been filed for \$92,210.30 and we should receive the check by the end of December. This will make the CJIPS reimbursement \$198,231.13 for the year.

Next year we will have a rollover for CHIPS of \$16,931.17 and the total allotment for 2017 will be \$183,501.19.

Mr. DeNinno said that the chassis for the dump truck has been ordered and also the excavator is fixed.

Next year the highway department plans on doing the rest of Mill Road, Warner Road, Iris Road and a small section of King Road.

### **Bookkeeper Report**

Joanne Capek-Young handed in a monthly report. She stated we received \$68,000.00 for the sales tax for the third quarter.

Supervisor Breh closed the public hearing on the 2017 budget.

### **Lower speed limit by school**

Supervisor Breh stated that she has been working on lowering the speed limit on Route 29 by the school. She stated that at the December meeting we will have to pass a resolution regarding the speed limit.

### **Board of Assessment Review**

Supervisor Breh said that Robert Link is resigning his position on the Board of Assessment Review.

### **Town of Oppenheim Sign**

Supervisor Breh stated that Lisa Hulton and Chad Claus want to put up a Town of Oppenheim Sign.

Supervisor Breh stated that the furnace in the town hall will be cleaned next week by Eric Watson.

Supervisor Breh said that she will buy some paint and have Bill Nichols paint the town office.

**Motions**

Councilwoman Haberek offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption

**RESOLUTION INCREASING MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FOR  
SENIOR CITIZENS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, Resolution #31 of 2016 implemented a real property tax exemption “ Sliding Scale” option to those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older who own real property in the Town of Oppenheim; and

WHEREAS Resolution #31 of 2016 increased the maximum income eligibility level of said real property tax exemptions to 15% for income of \$20,000.00 to \$22,999.00

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 after due posting thereof, regarding the proposed adoption of changes to the senior citizens property tax exemption and everyone who wanted to speak was heard, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Board, the maximum income eligibility level for computing the real property tax exemption available to persons 65 years of age or older with owner-occupied residential property within the Town of Oppenheim be and hereby is increased, in accordance with the following schedule of exemptions:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Exemption %</u>
Up to and including \$14,300.00	50
\$14,300.01 - \$15,299.99	45
\$15,300.00 - \$16,299.99	40
\$16,300.00 - \$17,299.99	35
\$17,300.00 - \$18,199.99	30
\$18,200.00 - \$19,099.99	25
\$19,100.00 - \$19,999.99	20
\$20,000.00 - \$22,999.00	15

RESOLVED, That said new sliding scale schedule of exemptions identified herein shall take effect in the March 1, 2017 assessment roll.

Seconded by Councilwoman Gray and adopted by the following vote

- Councilwoman Haberek – Aye
- Councilwoman Gray – Aye
- Councilwoman Lynch – Absent
- Councilman Houle – Aye
- Supervisor Breh – Aye

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Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek to transfer the following:

From DA9050.8 - \$5,500.00 – To DA9060.8

From DB9050.8 - \$2,500.00 - To DB9060.8

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Gray, Haberek, Houle, Breh

Absent – Lynch

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to accept the 2017 Preliminary Budget as the 2017 Final Budget

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Haberek, Gray, Houle, Breh

Absent – Lynch

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Stephanie Gray to let Supervisor Breh purchase a new printer for the Town Hall

Adopted

Ayes – 3 Houle, Gray, Haberek

Absent – Lynch

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to authorize payment of the vouchers

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Haberek, Gray, Houle and Breh

Absent - Lynch

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Stephanie Gray to approve the minutes of October 18, 2016

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Houle, Gray, Haberek, Breh

Absent - Lynch

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With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilwoman Gray, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk