

May 16, 2017

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on May 16, 2017 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
Cheryl Lynch	--	Councilwoman
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Scott DeNinno	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

**Absent**

Billie Jo Getman	--	Dog Control Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

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

**Ambulance Service**

MOVAC Chief Brad Vrooman, Board of Directors President Richard Souza and Fulton County EMS Coordinator Mark Souza were present to discuss the possible merger of S & S Ambulance and MOVAC. They explained that if the merger happens, then the Hilltop section of Oppenheim to the Beldons Corners could be covered by MOVAC if approved by the Town. The Town of Oppenheim would have 24 hour medical patrol coverage.

The other part of Oppenheim would be covered the same as it is now with St. Johnsville or Fulton County ambulances

Micky Swartz with the St. Johnsville ambulance said that he is disappointed that they have served Oppenheim for a while and now it is going to be taken away.

Supervisor Breh said that Mr. Swartz was misinformed. She stated that the Town Board never discussed eliminating the St. Johnsville ambulance.

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Oppenheim Chief Scott DeNinno said that he thinks the coverage should be kept the same as it is. He also stated that the decision should be up to him and not up to the board.

Mark Souza said that he talked to the State and was told that the Chief Operating Officer signs the agreement, which would be Supervisor Breh. Mr. DeNinno did not agree with Mr. Souza. He said that if they decide to use MOVAC, then he should be the one to sign the agreement.

Before anything can be done the merger has to be approved and the Certificate of Need has to go through.

Many members from the Oppenheim Fire Company and EMS were present. They had questions and concerns. After a heated and lengthy discussion, the topic was tabled. The meeting was not intended to make a decision. It was for information only.

Council member Cheryl Lynch wanted to commend all the ambulance crews for doing a great job.

### **Executive Session**

Cheryl Lynch made a motion to have an executive session at 7:55 pm on personnel and Patricia Haberek seconded it and Stephanie Gray, John Houle and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Supervisor Breh called the meeting back to order at 8:05 pm

### **Personnel**

Supervisor Breh recommends paying Bill Nichols \$10.00 an hour because he is doing a great job.

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to pay Bill Nichols \$10.00 an hour.

Adopted

Ayes – 5 Haberek, Houle, Gray, Houle, and Breh

Nays - 0

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**Opening of Bids**

There were 2 bids for a new gas furnace for the Town Hall and Highway Department

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| 1. Nichols Heating & Cooling, Johnstown, NY | \$35,200.00 |
| 2. Postier & Jaeckle Corp, Rensselaer, NY   | \$59,876.00 |

Supervisor Breh said that she recommends rejecting both bids and putting it out for a rebid for either oil or a gas furnace.

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to reject both bids for the gas furnace and do a rebid for either oil or a gas furnace

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

**Bookkeeper Report**

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but had a written report for the board members. Stephanie Gray made a motion to accept the bookkeepers report and John Houle seconded and all board members were in favor.

**Dog Control Officers report**

Billie-Jo Getman was absent but handed in a report of the calls that she answered for the month. The owner of the dog that bit a boy has taken the dog to the vet to get his shots. Mrs. Getman filled out a Release Notification and mailed it to the Department of Health. The owner has also gotten rabies shots and licenses for all of his dogs.

Stephanie Gray made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officers report and John Houle seconded it and all board members were in favor.

**Codes Enforcement Officer**

Scott DeNinno gave a written report. He issued 4 new permits and collected \$348.00. Mr. DeNinno stated that he will be notifying residents of the new state law regarding junk vehicles. He will give them a verbal warning and will follow up with written warnings and if needed appearance tickets if the vehicles remain after 30 days.

Stephanie Gray made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officers report and John Houle seconded it and all board members were in favor.

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### **Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno said that all sweeping and cold patching has been completed and the hot mix patching of large areas will begin the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>. A new culvert was installed on Cline Road. He stated that grading and raking on the seasonal roads has been completed.

Ditching and other prep work has begun on the Mill Road and milling is scheduled to begin the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>, and paving will be done during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>.

All limbs and brush has been removed from the cemeteries and they will be mowed before Memorial Day.

He said that all paperwork for FEMA storm reimbursement has been submitted and we are just waiting for the next step in the process

All road weight postings have been removed.

Stephanie Gray made a motion to accept the Highway Report and John Houle seconded it and all board members were in favor.

### **Motions**

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by John Houle to accept the Town Clerks monthly report.

Adopted

Ayes – 5 Gray, Houle, Haberek, Lynch, Breh

Nays – 0

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek to appoint Carolyn Johnson as a member of the Grievance Board.

Adopted

Ayes – 5 Gray, Haberek, Lynch, Houle, Breh

Nays – 0

Town Clerk Brys gave the Oath of Office to Carolyn Johnson

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by John Houle to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017, April 18, 2017, and April 25, 2017

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by John Houle to authorize payment of the vouchers

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Gray, Houle, Haberek, Breh

Absent - Lynch

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek to accept the Fulton County Highway Department Mowing Contract. It is 12.75 miles with a price of \$400.00 per mile for a total of \$5,100.00.

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Gray, Haberek, Houle, and Breh

Absent - Lynch

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilwoman Houle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk