

June 20, 2017

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on June 20, 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
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

Billie Jo Getman	--	Dog Control Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Scott DeNinno	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

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

Request for speed limit on Mill Road

Supervisor Breh said that Lisa Black would like to see a speed limit on the Mill Road but Brian Miller said the road has to be so wide and also have lines in order to have a speed limit.

Cemeteries

Someone wants to sell their cemetery lots but was told that they can't.

John Houle said the cemetery has to be abandoned for the town to take ownership. The town is not responsible unless it has been abandoned and nothing done for 14 years.

John Houle said he is waiting for more information

Beaversprite

Supervisor Breh said that she contacted Dave Bone and he said that Beaversprite is closed. She also contacted the lawyer and Melon Bank and probably the tax exemption will be taken away.

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Dog Control Officers Report

Billie-Jo Getman was absent but had a report for the board members. She has had calls that there is a dog on a property and no one lives there. She contacted the owner and she was told that the dog is taken care of every morning at 6:30 am. She did not have a license for the dog, so Billie-Jo Getman gave her 30 days to get a license for her dog.

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

Bookkeeper Report

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

Codes Enforcement Report

Scott DeNinno was absent but had a written report for the board members. He issued 7 new permits and collected \$473.00. He stated he has received 2 more serious inquiries regarding Solar Farms.

Mr. DeNinno said the persons living in the shed on Route 29 have left the illegal dwelling without issuance of any tickets.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers report and Stephanie Gray seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno was absent but had a written report for the board members. Mill road paving has been completed and they were assisted by the town of St. Johnsville, Stratford, Ephratah, Village of Dolgeville and the Oppenheim Fire Co in the grinding of Mill road.

The town's excavator has broken down and Mr. DeNinno is in search for parts because Caterpillar has discontinued them. He stated that they are renting an excavator which could possibly be reimbursable under CHIPS.

Culvert replacement and ditching continues.

The board members stated that the town should have used the excavator that the Solid Waste owns. The excavator and heavy equipment is army surplus.

Supervisor Breh said that the Highway Department did not get approval to rent the excavator and it is over \$2,500.00.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Highway report and Stephanie Gray seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys gave the board members a monthly report.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Town Clerks report and Stephanie Gray seconded it and all board members were in favor.

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Hilltop Fire Company

Supervisor Breh said that she received a monthly report from Hilltop Fire Company.

Letter from Oppenheim Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Scott DeNinno stated that he received a letter from Supervisor Breh requesting monthly reports from the Fire Company and no reasoning was given for the request. He stated that the Town Council does have the right to request certain information from the Fire Company; however this must be a council action, not one of a single member. If the town council wishes to take an official action and request these reports by motion or resolution, he would be more than happy to provide them each month

Helicopter

The DAA Field is for helicopters only

Adult Stores

Chery Lynch stated that she would like to prohibit the sale of pornography in the Town of Oppenheim.

MOVAC

Supervisor Breh stated that the meeting with MOVAC was for Information only. She said that the Town never discussed eliminating St. Johnsville.

Executive Session

Motion made by Cheryl Lynch and seconded by Stephanie to have an executive session at 8:10 pm on personnel.

Supervisor Breh called the meeting back to order at 8:50 pm

Variance Request

A height variance request has been submitted for the Oppenheim Solar-South.

Tax Collector

Linda Peets stated that she would like to have the Tax Collector a 4-year term, It was stated that it is too late to put in on ballot for vote this year but the board would revisit it.

Motions

Motion made by Cheryl Lynch and seconded by Patricia Haberek to have a public hearing on July 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the height variance for the Oppenheim Solar South Project

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

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Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to request a monthly report from the Hilltop Fire Company and the Oppenheim EMS and Oppenheim Fire Company for informational purposes and community awareness.

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Haberek, Gray, Houle, Lynch, Breh

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk