

August 15, 2017

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on August 15, 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
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Scott DeNinno	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

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.

Star Program

New property owners who are signing up for the Star Program will now go through the State. Their check will come before their taxes are due. Senior Citizens will still go through the town.

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 Patricia Haberek seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Dog Control Officers Report

Billie-Jo Getman was absent but had a report for the board members. She was really busy this month issuing a lot of tickets for residents who do not have licenses for their dogs.

Agriculture and Markets sent a Municipal Shelter Inspection Report that was completed on 7/12/2017. The dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory"

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

Codes Enforcement Report

Scott DeNinno had a written report for the board members. He issued 8 new permits and collected \$1,600.00. He stated that the first phase of a solar farm construction on Cohwy 151 is underway. He also said that he expects an application for a solar farm to be located on State Highway 331.

Ed and Margaret Johnson was present to ask for a variance for property that is going to be in their son Greg's name. It does not meet the lot size and road frontage which is in the Local Law of 1991. The road frontage in the local law is 300 feet. Their property only has 50 feet road frontage but widens to 270 feet as it goes back. The transfer of property was never filed with the County.

In 2011, the previous Codes Enforcement Officer issued a permit to Greg Johnson. The house is already built so they need a variance in order to transfer the property.

Supervisor Breh stated that we have denied other residents and they had more than 50 feet road frontage.

After a lengthy discussion, the variance was granted.

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Stephanie Gray for a variance to give Greg Johnson 50 feet right of way to property off of Route 29.

Adopted

Ayes – 4 - Houle, Gray, Lynch, Haberek with reservation

Nays –1 – Breh

Supervisor Breh stated that the local law should have been amended before the vote took place for the Greg Johnson variance

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

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno stated that Mill Road is completed. They are going to start paving Warner Road, Iris Road, Van Dyke Road, Stone Road, King Road and Bell Road.

He stated that CHIPS have been submitted for \$156,144.14 and should be paid by September 15, 2017.

Mr. DeNinno stated that he needs to order pipe for the North Road at a cost of \$9,600.00. We will be getting \$6,000.00 worth of funding from Soil & Water. The highway department plans on starting the project the second to third week in September because it has to be completed by October 1, 2017. He stated that part of the road will be closed For about 1 week

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Patricia Haberek to authorize Scott DeNinno to purchase the pipe for the North Road

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

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Excavator

Scott DeNinno stated that he can get parts to fix the excavator for a cost of \$7,500.00,

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to get the parts for the excavator for a cost of \$7,500.00 from Empire Hydraulics and Machine.

Ayes 4 – Haberek, Gray, Lynch, Houle
Nays – 1 Breh

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys gave the board members a monthly report.

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

Furnace

The furnace in the Town Hall is over 40 years old. John Houle said that we really need to replace the boiler.

Scott DeNinno suggested we put propane in the town highway garage and keep the town hall boiler. He said that he would get a couple of proposals for the September meeting.

Executive Session

John Houle made a motion to have an executive session at 9:05 pm concerning legal and personnel matters and Patricia Haberek seconded it and all board members were in favor.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:30 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017

Adopted
Ayes - 5 Haberek, Houle, Lynch, Gray and Breh
Nays - 0

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Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Patricia Haberek to authorize payment of the vouchers

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk