

September 19, 2017

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on September 19, 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
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

Absent

Billie Jo Getman	--	Dog Control Officer
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Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Bookkeeper Report

Joanne Capek-Young was present and had a written report for the board members. John Houle made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and Cheryl Lynch 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 received a letter from Fulton County Public Health Department stating that she needs to have her Rabies Pre Exposure immunization done. It consists of 3 shots all done within 21 days and cost \$295.00 per dose.

The NYS Agriculture and Markets went to Mrs. Getmans house to do an inspection of the town equipment and her paperwork including reports from the Fulton County Health and the James A Brennan Humane Society. She received a letter stating that she passed the inspection.

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

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Codes Enforcement Officers report

Scott DeNinno handed in a written report. He issued 3 permits and collected \$320.00. He stated that the solar farm project on Cohwy 151 is progressing. He has completed the foundation and racking inspections. They are currently mounting and wiring the solar panels and expect to be completed prior to November 1st.

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

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno stated that the excavator is fixed and he recommends that the town gets rid of it. He also said that the Town received the CHIPS check.

Mr. DeNinno said that a stone from a town truck broke a windshield on Frank Hills vehicle. The cost to replace it is \$376.00. Supervisor Breh said that the town should pay for the cost of the windshield.

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Patricia Haberek to pay for repairing Frank Hill's windshield.

Approved

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

Nays – 0

Health Insurance

The Highway Superintendent does not receive Health Insurance from the town. Per the meeting on November 17, 2015, The Town of Oppenheim no longer provides Health Insurance to the Superintendent of Highways.

Highway Department

Scott DeNinno said that he has been checking on gas heating units for the Highway Department. He said that he can get it done for less than \$20,000.

Supervisor Breh said that she has talked to Bill VanGorder from the insurance company. He stated that if we do not replace the boiler in the town hall, then we will get written up again because the boiler is old and not working correctly. Supervisor Breh stated that the town buildings are not insulated.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Cheryl Lynch seconded And all board members were in favor.

Cemeteries

Scott DeNinno said that the cemetery maintenance which was done by the 4 highway employees plus William Nichols cost \$3,870.50. It was mowed 3 times.

Supervisor Breh said that she thinks we should continue to mow the cemeteries.

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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 John Houle seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Mill Road – Lisa Fox

Lisa Fox a resident of the Mill Road was present and stated that she and the residents on Mill Road would like a speed limit posted. Since the school buses travel the road and make several stops, she feels that for the safety of the children the speed limit should be lowered. She said that they would be happy with 40 or 45 mph.

Patricia Haberek made a motion for the Town of Oppenheim to look into lowering the speed limit on the Mill Road and Stephanie Gray seconded it.

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

MOVAC

Representatives were present to discuss the ambulance service for the Town of Oppenheim. Brad Vrooman said that the Certificate of Need has to state North of 29 which it did not. He said that it might have to be done over because of this.

Scott DeNinno said that St. Johnsville ambulance has a Certificate of Need for all of Oppenheim.

The meeting was very informational for the board members and the residents who were present.

Mang Health Insurance

Stephanie Gray made a motion and Patricia Haberek seconded it to accept the Renewal MVP HDHP Silver 8 Plan with NBT-Mang Insurance Agency.

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

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Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept Resolution #42 concerning dog licenses and Cheryl Lynch seconded it. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution #42

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Agriculture & Markets Law, Section 109 provides that the owner of any dog reaching the age of 4 months shall immediately make application for a dog license

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Oppenheim shall require that all dog owners license their dog(s) in the month of January, beginning in the Year 2018, no matter what month that they had previously done so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution provides notice to current or future dog owners of the Town's decision as it relates to the collection of dog license fees.

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017 as amended.

Approved

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

Nays – 0

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to authorize payment of the vouchers

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk