

October 17, 2017

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Regular Board meeting held on October 17, 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
Billie Jo Getman	--	Dog Control Officer

Absent

Joanne Capek-Young -- Bookkeeper

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

Executive Session

Cheryl Lynch made a motion to have an executive session at 6:32 pm on personnel and Stephanie Gray seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Stephanie Gray made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 6:56 pm and Cheryl Lynch seconded it and all board members were in favor.

Bookkeepers Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but had a written report for the board members and an updated Tentative Budget.

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

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Dog Control Officers Report

Billie Jo Getman handed in a written report of all the calls that she answered. She had many complaints and also issued tickets.

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

Codes Enforcement Officers Report

Scott DeNinno handed in a written report. He issued 5 new permits and collected \$591.80. He said he has had no additional information from the company working on the solar farm project on State Highway 331.

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 pipe on the North Road is completed. All the roads are paved, the salt is ordered and the sand is done.

He said that all the highway employees attended the Snow Removal Safety Class in Herkimer.

The insurance company is going to pay for Frank Hill's windshield that was broke from a stone from a town truck.

Rich Crum resident of the town was present and ask Scott DeNinno if he had a CDL license and Mr. DeNinno said no but he plans on getting one.

John Houle 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.

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

Furnace cleaning

Supervisor Breh wanted to know who cancelled the furnace cleaning that was scheduled. She stated now it will take weeks before we can get it done.

New Furnace

Patricia Haberek was on the furnace committee. Scott DeNinno gave the town clerk proposals for a new gas furnace for the highway department. It was from A-Tech Heating in St. Johnsville for \$12,585.55. This includes the heaters, pipe, 1,000 gallon above ground propane tank and the gas line. The other proposal was for the electrical work from Tom's Electric in St. Johnsville for \$1,500.00 which includes materials and labor.

Patricia Haberek said that if we do the gas furnace in the highway department this year then maybe next year we will be able to do the boiler in the town hall.

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Cemeteries

Cheryl Lynch and John Houle were on the cemetery committee. Cheryl Lynch said that There are 41 cemeteries in the Town of Oppenheim. She had a map and a list of all the cemeteries. She stated that the Historical Society wants to put aluminum signs up to identify the cemeteries

The Town Highway Department mows 13 cemeteries.

Speed Limit on Mill Road

Stephanie was on the committee to try to get the speed limit lowered on the Mill Road. She had a letter written to Mark Yost who is Superintendent of Highways in Johnstown The letter is as follows:

Dear Superintendent Yost,

At our regular monthly meeting on September 19, 2017, the Oppenheim Town Council received a petition from Lisa Black Fox requesting that the town board pass a resolution for a reduction in speed on Mill Road from the St. Johnsville/Oppenheim town line following Mill Road North to Route 29. Ms. Fox had 88 percent of the residents that live on Mill Road in the Town of Oppenheim sign this petition. The town board voted unanimously to move forward with her request.

The town board believes that recent factors related to the Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville (OESJ) Central School District merger have caused increased traffic on Mill Road. This road is increasingly becoming a thoroughfare for parents and staff, not to mention the regular bus traffic transporting students. Ms. Fox explained that as she spoke with many residents on Mill Road, she could not believe how many “close calls” there were among them all, whether it was when their children were getting on or off the bus or just crossing the road to get mail. Mill Road is narrow and characterized by curves and hills which only further intensifies the issue and calls for a reduction in speed so that all drivers are more aware of their surroundings.

Enclosed you will find the petition from Ms. Fox, a copy of the resolution passed by the town board, and a letter of support from the Town of Oppenheim Highway Superintendent. Bruce LaQuay, the Transportation Director at the OESJ Central School District can be reached at 518-568-2014 and will be happy to speak with you on this matter as well.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Town Council
Town of Oppenheim

Supervisor Breh stated that all the committee members did a great job.

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Letter from NYMIR

Supervisor Breh said that we received a letter from NYMIR stating that the town needs to install two carbon monoxide detectors. She stated that we have already done this.

Motions

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by John Houle to purchase the gas furnace from A-Tech Heating in St. Johnsville for a price not to exceed \$13,000.00 and with the understanding that the town can purchase the propane from wherever they want to.

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Gray, Houle, Lynch, Haberek

Nays - 0

Abstain – 1 Supervisor Breh

Motion made by Stephanie Gray and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to have Tom’s Electric in St. Johnsville do the electrical work for a cost of \$1,500.00

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Gray, Lynch, Haberek, Houle

Nays – 0

Abstain - 1 Supervisor Breh

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to accept Resolution #43. The Resolution is as follows:

Resolution #43

Be it resolved that in order to correct future AUD’s for the Town of Oppenheim, it shall be noted that there is not a necessary reason for the SF391 Fund to have a balance of \$6126.03. Therefore, it shall be reported on the upcoming 2017 AUD with a balance of \$0.00. The SF codes for the town do not take in any more revenue than is expected to be paid out for each fire contract.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Motion made by Cheryl Lynch and seconded by Patricia Haberek to accept the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society contract for the year 2018 for a total cost of \$1,800.00

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Stephanie Gray to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget.

Adopted

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

Nays – 0

Motion made by Stephanie Grey and seconded by Cheryl Lynch to make the following transfer.

From A7520.4 – Historical Properties C/E	\$300.00	
To A5010.4 – Highway Supt C /E		\$300.00

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Cheryl Lynch and seconded John Houle to accept the minutes of September 19, 2017.

Approved

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

Nays – 0

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

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk