

October 15, 2019

State of New York

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Board meeting held on October 15, 2019 at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 Route 331, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Patricia Haberek	--	Councilwoman
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
John Houle	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

Absent

Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

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

Solar Farm – Cypress Creek

Cypress Creek representatives were present to discuss the solar farm which will be located at 457 County Highway 151. Mark Sweeney who is an attorney for Cypress Creek was also present to answer any questions.

They had diagrams and explained the solar farm.

Dave Rackmyre stated that the Fulton County Planning Board met and recommended that the Town of Oppenheim Town board approve the Site Plan application.

It was stated that residents do not want to see panels from the road.

Mark Sweeney said that the town needs to have a public hearing.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to follow through with the Cypress Farm Solar Farm and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Cynthia Breh were in favor.

Bookkeeper Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but had a monthly report for the board members.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

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Dog Control Officer Report

Ty Stowell was absent but had a written report of the calls that he answered. He received a call from Fulton County Public Health for a horse bite on State Highway 29 and he filed the appropriate paperwork with the county

Mr. Stowell received a call from a homeowner that the neighbor's dog was going after the mailman. He spoke with the owner of the dog and the mailman. The dog had broken his chain but the owner has purchased a new chain and collar. The dog was licensed and up to date on his vaccines.

Dogs turned over to Brennan Humane Society as of October 15, 2019 is 4.

Kathleen Montana made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officers report and John Houle seconded it and Patricia Haberek was in favor.

Codes Enforcement Officers report

Dave Rackmyre had a report for the board members. The total permit fees for the year is \$3,207.40.

He issued 5 new permits.

Mr. Rackmyre attended a codes recertification training on October 7, 8, and 9, 2019 in Albany, New York.

John Houle made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Patricia Haberek was in favor.

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno stated that Beldons Corner road is mostly complete and the highway employees are finishing the final mowing.

Scott DeNinno wanted to know where the town got the Procurement Policy from. Supervisor Breh stated that all of the towns have the same policy. Mr. DeNinno said he does not agree with the way the new policy is written.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and John Houle was in favor.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the monthly report for September.

Kathleen Montana made a motion to accept the Town Clerks report and Patricia Haberek seconded it and John Houle was in favor.

Executive Session

Patricia Haberek made a motion to have an executive session at 8:00 pm on personnel and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor

Patricia Haberek made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 8:25 pm and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

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Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to hold a public hearing on November 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm for the proposed Bantam Solar Project

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Haberek, Houle, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to hold a public hearings on November 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the Oppenheim Vol Fire Contract and at 7:15 pm to adopt the Budget.

Adopted

Ayes 4 Haberek, Houle, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Haberek, Montana, Houle, Breh

Absent – Yost

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by John Houle to accept the minutes of September 17, 2019.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Montana, Houle, Haberek, Breh

Absent - Yost

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

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Houle, Haberek, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

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Sole Assessor

The Town Board will interview the applicants for Sole Assessor on November 19, 2019
At 5:45 pm

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk