

November 19, 2019

State of New York

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Board meeting held on November 19, 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

Absent

Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm with Pledge to the Flag.

Executive session

John Houle made a motion to have an executive session to interview 2 candidates for the position of sole assessor and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Patricia Haberek was in favor.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to come out of executive session and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

The candidates for sole assessor were Leigh Anne Loucks and Dave Galarneau.

Bookkeeper Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but had a monthly report for the board members. Her report stated that the town needs to make a budget adjustment. She also requested to pay the deferred comp for the Highway employees electronically.

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

Ty Stowell was absent but had a written report for the board members. He stated that he received a call from Fulton County Sheriff's Office on 10/24/19 about a dog attack at 6825 State Highway 29. A male was attacked and both his arms had puncture wounds from a male Rottweiler. The dog was not up to date on his shots and he was not licensed with the town so tickets were issued.

Mr. Stowell also received a call from a resident on State Highway 29 that his chickens were attacked by 2 dogs. The dogs were a yellow lab and a husky. Mr. Stowell went to investigate and also took pictures. He spoke to several neighbors but the dogs could not be located.

As of November 19, 2019, five dogs have been turned over to the Brennan Humane Society.

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

Codes Enforcement Officers report

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a report for the board members. The total permit fees for the year are \$3,407.80.

He issued 4 new permits.

Mr. Rackmyre issued a stop work order for a garage because they had no permit.

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 was not present so there was no highway report.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the monthly report for October.

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

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Breh stated that she received a call about a dog on North road where one lady walks all the time. She talked with the Judges and they said that if the residents of the dogs are cited, they will be dealt with. She said that if you have a dog, you are responsible for that dog.

Supervisor Breh stated that the street lights in town are now on.

The budget is at 0% increase in taxes.

Executive Session

Patricia Haberek made a motion to have an executive session at 7:15 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 7:35 pm and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Motions

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Patricia Haberek to hire Dave Galarneau as the sole assessor on a 6 months' probation period for a salary of \$18,000.00 with no clerk

Adopted

	Yes	No	Absent
John Houle -	X		
Patricia Haberek	X		
Kathleen Montana		X	
Dennis Yost			X
Cynthia Breh	X		

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Patricia Haberek to make the following transfer

To: B3620.4 Codes C/E	\$650.00
From: B9010.8 Retirement	\$550.00
B4010.1 Health Officer	\$ 50.00
B4020.4 Reg Vital Statistics	\$ 50.00

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Houle, Haberek, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by John Houle to let the bookkeeper pay the deferred comp for the Highway employees electronically

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Haberek, Houle, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of October 15, 2019.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Haberek, Montana, Houle, Breh

Absent - Yost

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

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Haberek, Houle, Montana, Breh

Absent – Yost

The December meeting will be held on December 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilman Houle the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk