

September 17, 2019

State of New York

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Board meeting held on September 17, 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
Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
John Houle	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

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

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

Bookkeeper Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but had a monthly report for the board members. She stated that we need to transfer funds to Capital Projects fund and the Highway Equipment Reserve fund

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

Dog Control Officer Report

Ty Stowell was absent but had a written report of the calls that he answered.

He received a call about a bull being loose. He stated he located the owner and assisted in getting the bull back into the fenced area.

Mr. Stowell received a call about possible abandoned dogs on Bacon Brook road. The dogs that was located belonged to a hunting group that was training them

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

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Codes Enforcement Officers report

Dave Rackmyre had a report for the board members. The total permit fees for the year is \$2,679.60

He issued 6 new permits.

Mr. Rackmyre will be attending a codes recertification training on October 7, 8, and 9, 2019.

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

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno was absent but had a written report for the board members. He reported that the paving and Chip Sealing work has been completed. All winter sand has been hauled in. The second required mowing of county roads and the third mowing of the town roads will begin in a week.

Mr. DeNinno has submitted his highway budget.

Mr. DeNinno said that he plans on replacing the pickup truck again in the fall of 2020. He would also like to discuss the replacement of the town excavator.

Patricia Haberek made a motion to accept the Highway report and John Houle seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Dennis Yost were in favor.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the monthly report for August.

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

Assemblyman Robert Smullen

Assemblyman Smullen was present to meet everyone. He stated that he has an office in Johnstown, Albany, and Herkimer. He said that if the town needs anything, he will do what he can to help.

Solar Farm – Cypress Creek

Cypress Creek representatives were present and stated that they want to construct a solar energy system within the Town of Oppenheim. It will be located at 457 County Highway 151. They had diagrams and explained the solar farm.

Street Lights

Supervisor Breh stated that the street lights will be turned on before winter.

Oppenheim Vol. Fire Company

The board members went over the contract that the Oppenheim Vol Fire Company has presented to the Town. After reviewing the contract, the board members made some changes and then it will go back to the Oppenheim Vol. Fire Company for their review.

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Sexual Harassment Class

Supervisor Breh said that she will conduct a sexual harassment class on September 25, 2019 at 3:00 pm. It is mandatory that all Town of Oppenheim employees attend this class.

Motions

Motion made by John Houle and seconded by Patricia Haberek to accept Resolution #38 which is for the Town of Oppenheim to send plans from the Cypress Creek Community Solar Project on county highway 151 to the Fulton County Planning Board for review.

Adopted

Ayes – 5 Houle, Haberek, Montana, Yost, Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Dennis Yost to let Dave Rackmyre attend a Codes Recertification training class on 10/7, 10/8, and 10/9 for a cost of \$310.00

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Montana, Yost, Haberek, Houle, Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Patricia Haberek and seconded by Dennis Yost to accept Resolution #39 which is as follows:

transfer of \$25,000.00 from General Fund A to Discretionary Fund Account
transfer of \$20,000.00 from Highway Fund DA to Equipment Reserve Fund

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Haberek, Yost, Montana, Houle, Breh

Nays - 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Dennis Yost to accept the minutes of August 20, 2019.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Montana, Yost, Haberek, Houle, Breh

Nays - 0

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Motion made by Dennis Yost and seconded by John Houle to authorize payment of the vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes – 5 Yost, Houle, Montana, Haberek, Breh

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Councilwoman Haberek and seconded by Councilwoman Montana the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk