

January 21, 2020

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Board meeting held on January 21, 2020 at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 Route 331, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the 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.

Dennis Yost made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Robert Norris was in favor.

Dog Control Officers Report

Ty Stowell was absent but had a report for the board members. He stated that he met with Agriculture & Markets and passed with no issues. They did suggest purchasing a 5 foot dog retention wand from the 3 foot one that he currently has.

On December 30, 2019, he received a call about a dog at the OESJ Elementary School. He picked up the dog and located the owner who later picked up the dog.

On January 18, 2020, he got a call from a resident on Johnson Lane about a Yellow Lab. He picked up the dog and found the owner. The dog was up to date on shots and had a license.

The dogs turned over to Brennan Humane Society in 2019 are 7.

Dennis Yost made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Report and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

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Codes Enforcement Officers report

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a report for the board members. There were 33 total permits for 2019 with \$3,640.30 in permit fees.

He had several code related calls and various code related inspections.

Dennis Yost made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Robert Norris was in favor.

Highway Report

Supervisor Breh asked the Highway Superintendent to be brief and to the point.

Scott DeNinno stated that one of the one-man plow trucks is broke and it will need to be fixed.

Mr. DeNinno stated that he has gotten some calls about mailboxes being hit. He stated that this is because of a one-man plow. He stated it is not the highway department's decision to replace any mailboxes, it is the town board.

Mr. DeNinno stated that the time clock is not set up properly. If an employee goes home and then works at night it will double punch.

Supervisor Breh said she had to go over to the highway department to let Bill Reynold in to install the time clock. Mr. DeNinno said that Mr. Reynolds rummaged through the highway departments tool boxes for a tool. Supervisor Breh stated that Mr. Reynolds did not go through the tool boxes. Mr. Reynolds asked a highway employee to get him a specific tool and when it was brought back it didn't work so. Mr. Reynolds went home and got the tool that he needed.

Mr. DeNinno stated that the Supervisor needs to address questions to him and not to the highway employees.

Supervisor Breh said that when she calls Mr. DeNinno, he never returns her call

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Dennis Yost seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Town Clerk Report and 2019 Annual Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the monthly report for December and the annual report for 2019.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Town Clerks monthly report and the annual report for 2019 and Dennis Yost seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Street Lights

Supervisor Breh stated that the town received \$1,295 for the street light grant money.

Executive Session

Dennis Yost made a motion to have an executive session at 6:50 pm on personnel and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:13 pm and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Dennis Yost was in favor.

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Motions

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept Resolution #33 which authorizes the Supervisor to sign all final contracts for the Bantam Solar Project.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Yost

Absent - Pierce

Motion made Robert Norris and seconded by Dennis Yost to have a public hearing on February 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm for Local Law #1 of 2020 which is the Dog Control Law.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Yost, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Dennis Yost to have a public hearing on February 18, 2020 at 6:45 for Local Law #2 of 2020 which will change the Grievance Day to The 1st Friday in June.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Yost, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Dennis Yost to accept the minutes of December 10, 2019 and December 12, 2019, and January 2, 2020

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Yost, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to authorize payment of the vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes – 4 Montana, Norris, Yost, Breh

Absent - Pierce

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys, Town Clerk