

October 18, 2022

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on October 18, 2022, held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Karen Jaquay	--	Dog Control Officer

Absent

Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

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

Highway Report

Re-grading of Cline and Kreuger roads has been completed

We will be completing ditching along Gray-Youker Road and a culvert replacement on Hoffman Road this week.

The new truck has arrived and the invoice has been submitted.

The last round of cold patching around town will be completed by the end of October.

The online auction for the 2004 International has ended. The high bid was \$13,100.00 and Mr DeNinno recommends that this bid is accepted.

The online auction for the steel drum roller has ended. The high bid was \$490.00. Mr. DeNinno has entered a counter-offer of \$1600.00 to the buyer which is equal to the offer received from the scrap yard. If the counter-offer is not accepted, Mr. DeNinno recommends that the roller be sold to the scrap yard for \$1,600.00.

The 1970 water truck received no sealed bids, so it was sold to the scrap yard for \$608.00.

Mr. DeNinno stated that they have been clearing out the scrap around the shop and have yielded roughly \$2,500.00 worth of scrap which have been turned over to Supervisor Breh.

Mr. DeNinno will have the CHIPS documentation completed to submit for the December reimbursement payment

Mr. DeNinno welcomed Richard Rumrill to the team and he will be filling the position left by the retirement of Larry Sanders and also was notified that Carl Youker will retire end of October

Nicholas Vasil made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

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Dog Control Officer

Karen Jaquay was present and had a written report.

She went on a call concerning an ongoing resident dispute concerning dogs. She stated that she explained the town laws and also advised any calls made after 10:00 pm would be answered the following day.

She said that she received a call from Fulton County Public Health concerning a dog bite incident that occurred on 10/6/22. According to Fulton County Rabies Protocol the dog must be quarantined for 10 days. She saw the dog on the first day and the last day and found the dog healthy. The owner had chosen to euthanize the dog at the end of confinement.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officers report and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre had a written report for the board members.

Dave Rackmyre issued 4 new permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$2,598.40.

He also issued 3 tickets.

Nicholas Vasil made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Robert Norris and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Bookkeepers Report

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

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers Report and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for September 2022.

Kathleen Montana made a motion to accept the town clerks reports and Robert Norris seconded it and Nicholas Vasil and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Breh thanked the Highway Department for taking the old boxes to the county to be disposed of.

On November 8, 2022, the Oppenheim residents will be voting at the Oppenheim Town Hall.

The Hilltop Volunteer Fire Contract is tabled.

Supervisor Breh called the Humane Society to ask why some towns only pay \$750.00 a year. She was told because that is only for 2 dogs a year and any dog over that the town has to pay \$400.00 for each dog and \$30.00 a day. Supervisor Breh said that we will continue to pay \$1,800.00 a year.

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Motions

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas to accept the high bid of \$13,100.00 for the 2004 International.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Montana, Vasil, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to amend revenue line item of DB3501 CHIPS to add \$68,090 and therefore we can add \$68,090 to expense line DB5112.2 Permanent Improvements.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Montana, Vasil, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil transfer \$550 into B3620.4 Safety C/E from B9010.8 Retirement

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have a Public Hearing on November 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm on the 2023 Budget. Anyone present may speak for or against the budget.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have a Public Hearing on November 15, 2022 at 6:45 pm on the amendment of Local Law #1 of 2017 which is establishing regulations for solar farm permits within the Town of Oppenheim. The application fee has been increased to \$1,000.00 which is non-refundable and the solar farm building permit fee has been increased to \$15,000.00

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of September 20, 2022.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Vasil, Montana, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Executive Session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive section at 7:07 pm on contractual and Nicholas Vasil seconded and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:35 pm and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General vouchers is \$16,237.38 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$193,246.63.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Montana, Vasil, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the meeting was adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys