

March 15, 2022

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on March 15, 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
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

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

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

Public Hearing

Robert Norris made a motion and Robert Pierce seconded it to open the public hearing at 6:30 pm on Local Law #1 of 2022 which is to adopt certain building lot requirements including lot size, setbacks and it will replace Local Law #1 of 1991 and amend Local Law #1 of 2006. Anyone present may speak for or against the Local Law.

Carolyn Johnson wanted to know if it doesn't matter about the road frontage.

Supervisor Breh said there were a lot of complaints from people who did not have the 300 feet road frontage so they could not build.

Scott Crogier was talking about water, because people are going to be having problems with their neighbors. Supervisor said that is why the septic systems must be 100 feet from the well.

Scott DeNinno said neighbors can be a pain no matter how big the lot is, so if you don't like the neighbors then don't buy property there. He stated that the drainage system must be 30 feet from property owners.

Kathleen Montana said that this is a rural area. She thinks that the lot size should be kept at 2 acres.

Supervisor said that regarding the solar, we receive a lot of revenue from them. We rely on NYS Sales tax and revenue from solar.

Robert Pierce made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:08 pm and Robert Norris seconded it.

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Highway Report

Scott DeNinno was present and stated that the new truck should be done soon. He said that he has been checking on prices for the radios.

The 2017 International Truck had to go to Albany for emissions related repairs

Mr. DeNinno said that he is exploring options for the repair of bridges that we were denied BridgeNy funding for during the last cycle.

Mr. DeNinno suggested that we evaluate our options regarding roadwork. Asphalt pricing is already 25% higher than it was last year.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the highway report and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Robert Pierce were in favor.

Dog Control Officer

Ty Stowell was absent but had a report for the board members.

He had several calls about dogs at large and about dogs being left out in the extreme cold.

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

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a written report for the board members.

He stated that he had various code related inspections.

The permit fees year to date is \$762.80.

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

Bookkeepers Report

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

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for February 2022.

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

Executive Session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 7:30 pm and Nicholas Vasil seconded, and Kathleen Montana and Robert Pierce were in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 8:10 pm and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Robert Pierce were in favor

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Motions

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept Local Law #1 of 2022.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Pierce, Vasil, Breh

Nays - 1 Montana

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to rescind Resolution #10 which was Leader Herald being the official newspaper. It was decided to go to the Times Telegram.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Pierce, Norris, Montana, Vasil, Breh

Nays - 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the minutes of February 15, 2022

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Pierce, Norris, Montana, Vasil, Breh

Absent - 0

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Kathleen Montana to authorize payment of vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Vasil, Montana, Norris, Pierce, Breh

Absent - 0

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 8.22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys