

May 17, 2022

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on May 17, 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 Pierce	--	Councilman
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

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

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

**Plans for Town Office**

Todd Bradt was present with plans from Palatine. He explained different parts of the plan and everyone viewed and discussed the plans. Mr. Bradt stated that he recommends the plans from Palatine instead of the ones from the Town of Manheim.

Supervisor Breh said that the town board members should visit both sites and it would be easier to decide which one that they like better

**Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno stated that the new truck has arrived.

Road sweeping is completed and cold patching has started.

The Youkers Bush Road bridge has been scheduled for diaphragm installation. This should allow for an increase to 15 ton weight limit.

The replacement culvert for Beldons Corner Road has been ordered.

Truck 2 (2004 International has been taken out of service due to frame and body rot. The chassis and body have reached the point where it is no longer cost effective to repair.

HL Gage has another CV dump truck similar to our new truck that they built as a demo and it is immediately available. The purchase price is \$168,450.80 with the same plow equipment as the new truck and a stainless combination dump body. Mr. DeNinno suggests purchasing this truck using CHIPS funds.

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A highway agreement has been submitted for approval with the new truck purchase. Road Work to be completed in addition shall be: Replacement of Beldon Corners culvert, and widening completion for surfacing in 2023, elevation correction, grading and chip sealing of the remainder of Cline Road, re-grading and chip sealing of Krueger Road, Reprofile and chip sealing of Montana Road.

A used 2009 Steering tandem plow has been located and can be purchased for \$28,000. Owner may be interested in partial trade of some of our used equipment. Mr. DeNiino will inquire and report next month.

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

### **Dog Control Officer**

Ty Stowell was absent but had a report for the board members. Mr. Stowell received several calls about dogs at large on Route 29 by the school and they were reunited with their owner and reminded about the leash law.

He also had calls about dogs barking, and several missing animals.

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

### **Codes Enforcement Officer**

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

Dave Rackmyre issued 4 new permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$932.20. He stated that he is trying to find an address for someone who had a house fire and has all the junk on Route 29 so he can send her a violation notice,

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

### **Supervisor**

For the ARPA monies, the town will receive approximately \$181,000.

The Dog Control Officer in Stratford is laid up, so Ty Stowell is covering Stratford.

Supervisor Breh said she is not happy with the Pilot Program offer from Nexamp. She contacted them to submit new numbers.

The Supreme Court has dismissed the legal matter from Dennis Gray.

### **Executive Session**

Robert Pierce made a motion to have an executive session at 7:59 pm on personnel and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Robert Pierce made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 8:35 pm and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the minutes of March 15, 2022

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Vasil, Pierce, Montana, Breh

Absent - Norris

Motions

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have a special meeting on May 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Solar Projects.

Adopted

Ayes 4 - Pierce, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Norris

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #39 Which acknowledges that the required examination was conducted on the local courts records for fiscal year ending 2021

Adopted

Ayes - 4 - Montana, Vasil, Pierce, Breh

Absent - Norris

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

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Pierce, Montana, Vasil, Breh

Absent - Norris

With no further business on a motion by Robert Pierce and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys