

September 20, 2022

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on September 20, 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
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

Absent

Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Karen Jaquay	--	Dog Control Officer

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

**Bids for the 1970 GMC**

There were no bids for the 1970 GMC.

**Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno was absent but had a written report for the board members.

Culvert replacement on Belden Corners road is mostly completed. Guardrails have been installed as well.

The final cemetery mowing for this year was completed.

Re-grading of Cline Road started today and will be completed by the end of the week.

The new truck is scheduled to be completed in approximately 2 weeks. Mr. DeNinno ask that the board pass a motion allowing Supervisor Breh to pay the invoice as soon as it is received.

One of our highway employees will be retiring in October. Mr. DeNinno has already conducted an interview for a replacement. He is scheduled to start October 10, 2022.

The 2004 International along with the roller will be listed on Auctions International with an ending date of October 18, 2022.

Installation of plow equipment will begin in early October.

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

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**Dog Control Officer**

Karen Laquay was absent and there was no report.

**Codes Enforcement Officer**

Dave Rackmyre had a written report for the board members.

Dave Rackmyre issued 2 new permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$2,073.40.

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

**Bookkeepers Report**

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

The 2021 audit has been completed.

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

**Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for August 2022.

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

**Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Breh met with Dave Galarneau (Assessor) and Mary Beth Salamone from Real Property Tax Services to discuss assessments.

The Hilltop Volunteer Fire Contract is due. Supervisor Breh and Nicholas Vasil will meet with The Hilltop Fire Company to discuss the contract.

**Executive Session**

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive section at 7:02 pm on contractual and Robert Pierce seconded and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil were in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:25 pm and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil were in favor.

**Darrin Romeyn from DMR Civil Engineering**

Mr. Romeyn was present to discuss the new town hall. It will be 3500 sq. ft with a cost of approximately \$500,000. It would be started around April 2023 and should be completed by June or July of 2023.

The proposal for DMR Civil Engineering is \$29,370.00

**Motions**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #42 which is as follows:

**Resolution #42**  
(Authorizing Solar Pilot and HCA)

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and approves the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement and the Host Community Agreement proposed by Oppenheim Inghams Solar LLC with respect to the 2.3 MW solar energy project to be build and operated on property located on S. County Highway 108 (tax ID NO. 125.-1-33.2), and authorized the Town Supervisor to execute same on behalf of the Town.

Adopted

Ayes 5 - Norris, Vasil, Montana, Pierce, Breh  
Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept Resolution #43 which is to go ahead with the building of the new town hall

Adopted

Ayes - 5 - Norris, Pierce, Montana, Vasil, Breh  
Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept Resolution #44 which is to go back to the Leader Herald as the official newspaper.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Pierce, Montana, Vasil, Norris, Breh  
Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to accept Resolution #45 which is to pay the Deputy Town Clerk \$15.00 an hour starting January 1, 2023.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Pierce, Norris, Montana, Vasil, Breh  
Nays - 0

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to transfer the following money

From: A8810.4 Cemeteries	\$375.00
To: A6510.4 Veterans Services	\$375.00

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Montana, Vasil, Pierce, Norris, Breh  
Nays - 0

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**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of August 9, 2022.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers.

The total for the General vouchers is \$12,148.64 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$105,834.51.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys