

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

December 18, 2023

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on December 18,, 2023, held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
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Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Highway Report

Scott Deninno had a written report for the board members.

We have received our CHIPS reimbursement direct deposit of \$377,640.15. Of this total \$8,162.55 was reimbursed for use of our equipment, in addition to the \$369,477.60 worth of direct expense reimbursement.

Truck 7 (Red 2021 International) was returned from Albany while awaiting parts that was expected in January or February. The truck was taken back to Albany as the parts came in.

Mr. DeNinno is still trying to coordinate with the guardrail contractor for installation of guardrail along the culvert on Youkers Bush Road.

A battery shutoff was recently installed on truck 16 at the request of the insurance company, short circuits in the power wiring on heavy trucks are the leading cause of highway garage fires in recent years. These devices can reduce or eliminate the possibility of fires due to short circuits.

The insurance company has also requested the installation of a fire alarm system in the building to provide for early warning should a fire occur. Mr. Deninno will be getting pricing for a system to present at the January meeting.

Mr. Deninno provided a resolution to accept a couple portions of what was once part of County Highway 108. These portions were abandoned by the county in November 2020, but was never removed from the county inventory or added to the town inventory. This would result in a small increase in CHIPS funding for the additional .25 miles we would be gaining.

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

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Dog Control Officers report

Karen JaQuay submitted the same report as she did in November.

Supervisor Breh said that Brennan Humane Society has raised the yearly cost from \$1,800 to \$2,250.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Dog Control report and Nicholas Vasil seconded and Supervisor Breh was in favor. Robert Pierce and Kathleen Montana did not accept the report

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre submitted a report for the board members.

The total permit fees year to date is \$2,617.40.

There were 4 permits issued. The solar company has to redo their permit because they do not have the trees planted. The cost to redo the permit is 1/2 of the original permit.

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

Bookkeepers Report

Joanne Capek-Young submitted a report for the board members. She had a couple of transfers to do.

We received \$103,411.42 for the third quarter sales tax.

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for November 2023.

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

Web Site

Supervisor Breh said that the man who did our web site passed away.

She will get prices on a new site.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the minutes of November 14, 2023.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Resolution NO. 49 of 2023

Councilman Robert Norris offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROAD 108 RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THE COUNTY OF FULTON

WHEREAS, NYS Highway Law §189 governs highways by use and states that any lands that have been used by the public as a highway for a period of ten years or more, shall be a highway; and

WHEREAS, existing sections of county highway 108 have been reconstructed by the county and abandoned to the Town of Oppenheim; and

WHEREAS, the Town Superintendent of Highways recommends the acceptance and acquisition of the following highway sections from the County of Fulton highway system:

DOTID	Municipality	Cnty Rd #	Road	Start of Section	End of Section	Length
118491	T.Oppenheim	108	CR 108 Spur	Twin Church Rd	East	0.02
118491	T.Oppenheim	108	CR 108 Spur	East	CR108	0.10
118492	T.Oppenheim	108	CR 108 Spur	Twin Church Rd	N to CR 108	0.13

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Oppenheim accept and add the identified sections of CR 108 to the town highway inventory; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the identified sections previously identified as CR 108 Spur be identified as follows:

DOT ID 118491 sections shall both be added to and extend the existing Twin Church Road to CR108

DOT ID 118492 shall be identified as Schell Road and shall be added to the town inventory

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the town highway inventory shall now reflect an increase of 0.12 miles in length of the Twin Church Road to a total centerline mileage of 0.78mi, and the addition of Schell Road to the town inventory with a length of 0.13 centerline mi.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kathleen Montana and adopted by the following vote:

Robert Norris - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Robert Pierce - Yes

Nicholas Vasil _ Yes

Cynthia Breh _ Yes

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Transfer of Funds

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Robert Norris to make the following transfers:

\$35,000 To DA9950.9 Debt Service Fund
From DA1120 Sales Tax

\$40,000 To DA9950.6 Highway Equipment Fund
From DA1120 Sales Tax

\$450 To A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance C/E
From A162.4 Buildings C/E

\$500 To A1220.4 Supervisor C/E
From A1220.2 Supervisor Equip

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General vouchers is \$13,223.99 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$13,408.89.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Norris, Montana, Vasil, Pierce Breh

Nays - 0

Organizational Meeting

There will be an Organizational meeting on January 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm

With no further business on a motion by Robert Pierce and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys