

October 20, 2020

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on October 20, 2020 at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 Route 331, St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

Absent

Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer

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

Dog Control Officer

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

He stated that he has been working on a rabies contact animal on Brockett Road. Even though it was a cat that came in contact with a possible rabid animal, the Department of Ag and Markets said that it is up to the DCO to check in on the animal. So every week the cat has to be checked on while being quarantined.

A dog was hit by a golf cart on Sweet Hill Road and the owner of the dog wanted charges filed against the individual that hit the dog. The dog was loose and running down the road and tried to attack another dog that was in the golf cart. Case was turned over to the Troopers and no tickets were issued.

There was a dog bite reported and investigated and the dog was up to date on his shots. The victim only had a minimal break of the skin on their left hand.

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

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a written report for the board members. He stated that he is participating in a webinar on October 19, 20, and 21 for his required 24 hours of annual NYS Codes Enforcement Training.

Permit fees year to date is \$2,345.30.

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

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Bookkeeper report

Joanne Capek-Young had a written report for the board members.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Bookkeeper's report and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor,

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for September 2020.

Kathleen Montana made a motion to accept the Town Clerks report and Robert Norris seconded it and Robert Pierce was in favor.

Executive Session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 6:40 pm on personnel and Kathleen Montana seconded and Robert Pierce was in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:10 pm and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor,

Highway Report

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

The second and final round of shoulder mowing has been completed.

All winter sand has been hauled in.

Mr. DeNinno is requesting permission to purchase a wing plow for truck 10 (small dump truck) which will allow for plowing on narrow and dead-end roads, The estimated cost of installation is \$7,900.00.

Blacktop millings were placed on Overswamp Road to allow for the plowing of the road. All rocks were removed from the roadway and millings were placed up as far as the cemetery to allow for the plow to turn around.

Rocks were removed from the large hill on Cline Road and crusher run placed to smooth out the roadway.

Millings were placed on the lower end of Tobacco Road and also portions of the Richards Road.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Highway report and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Budget Workshop

Joanne Capek-Young was present to go over the tentative budget. There were no raises for the elected or appointed officials. She explained all the line items on the budget so the board members could make any changes if needed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the minutes of September 15, 2020

Adopted

Ayes - 4 - Norris, Pierce, Montana, , Breh

Absent - Yost

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Motions

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the Tentative budget as the Preliminary budget

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Pierce, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to have a public hearing on the Preliminary budget on November 17, 2020

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Pierce, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the following for the Bantam Solar Project

Decommissioning Bond - We understand & acknowledge that the amount of the decommissioning security has been set to \$406,000.

Decommissioning Plan - I believe this may have been discussed previously, but I wanted to again acknowledge that our original decommissioning plan did not include all of the provisions set forth within the Town's solar ordinance

Emergency Response Plan -The Applicant will cooperate with the local fire departments in developing and updating its emergency response plan,

Emergency Contact Information - The Applicant will identify a contact person for the life of the project and update the contact with the Town Clerk as needed

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Breh

Nays - 1 Pierce

Absent - Yost

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to let the Highway department purchase a wing plow for truck #10 at a cost of \$7,900.00

Adopted -4 Norris, Pierce, Montana, Breh

Absent --Yost

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Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to authorize payment of the Vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Pierce, Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent - Yost

With no further business on a motion by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys – Town Clerk