

September 15, 2020

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on September 15, 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
Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

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

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

Overswamp Road

Leighann Loucks was present and said that the resident on Overswamp road wanted to put up a gate by his driveway and said he would give everyone keys. She said that she doesn't think he should be able to put up the gate.

Superintendent DeNinno said that the resident cannot put up a gate because he does not own both sides of the road.

Dog Control Officers report

Ty Stowell was absent but had a written report for the board members. He stated that he has had an ongoing Issue with dogs located by Crystal Grove Diamond Mines. He had a meeting with Deb Toth from the Department of Agriculture and Markets concerning how to handle the situation. The dogs are within the owner's property, within noise ordinance time frame and are licensed, well fed and up to date on their shots. Mr. Stowell said that Deb Toth sat in her vehicle for about 2 hours and heard the dogs bark 3 times and one time was when she walked by the house and they saw her and barked. Deb said that this is normal behavior for dogs and is a matter that is not for a violation. She talked with the neighbors on both sides and they said that the dogs bark and play but are not barking all night.

Ty Stowell said that he also assisted Ephratah DCO in locating a dog missing Labor Day.

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

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Codes Enforcement Officers Report

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a written report for the board members. He issued a lot of permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$2,048.50.

Mr. Rackmyre issued a violation notice for trash and debris.

Robert Pierce made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers Report and Dennis Yost seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Robert Norris were in favor.

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno did not have a written report.

He stated that the Lotville Road was being paved.

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

Bookkeepers Report

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

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the monthly report for August 2020.

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

Supervisor

Supervisor Breh said that she went to the Election Board about having Stratford vote in Oppenheim. She said that they should vote in their own district. It was decided to have Stratford vote in their district and not in Oppenheim.

Marilyn Williams contacted the supervisor about a Republican rally that they wanted to have at the Hilltop DAA Club. It will be on October 13, 2020.

The septic at the town hall has been cleaned.

Supervisor Breh is going to contact Eric Watson to clean the furnace.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the minutes of August 18, 2020

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Pierce, Montana, Yost

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys – Town Clerk