

October 19, 2021

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on October 19, 2021 held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer

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

**Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno stated that the new excavator was delivered today

All winter sand has been hauled in with Stratford's assistance and we helped Stratford with their sand.

The petroleum bulk storage tank permit has been renewed with NYSDEC.

All summer mowing of shoulders is complete and patch paving is complete on Youkers Bush road.

The shipping date for the new truck chassis has been pushed back to the end of October.

Mr. DeNinno said that no date for completion of repairs on truck but repairs has been started.

Town Hall painting will re-commence in November and should be completed by end of month

Mr. DeNinno has received word from the engineering firm that was hired to inspect the Bridge (culvert) on Youkers Bush Road. The official report will be completed soon but due to rust of the support structure, and subsequent loss structure thickness of the bridge supports, they are advising that the bridge should be posted at a 5 ton weight limit. This would severely limit the traffic that can utilize the bridge (school buses, and anything larger than a pickup truck would not be able to legally use the bridge.

Mr. DeNinno said that he plans to construct a bin next to the sand pile for a few tons of sand. This designated area will be where town residents will be allowed to pick up sand for Residential use. This will eliminate the danger of people loading their vehicles at the base of the sand pile.

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

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**Dog Control Officer**

Ty Stowell was absent but had a report for the board members. Mr. Stowell picked up a dog around Montana road and tried to locate the owner without success so he took it to the Brennan Humane Society.

He met with the Fulton County Public Health about another update to the Rabies Quarantine Protocol.

He investigated a questionable dog neglect when the owner was away for the weekend. The owners daughter was taking care of the dog several times a day.

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

**Codes Enforcement Officer**

Dave Rackmyre was present and had a written report for the board members.

Dave Rackmyre issued 8 new permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$3,047.20.

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

**Bookkeepers Report**

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

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers Report and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Supervisor Breh was in favor.

**Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for September 2021

Kathleen Montana made a motion to accept the town clerks report and Robert Norris seconded it and Supervisor Breh was in favor.

**Baum Cemetery**

Supervisor Breh said that she was ask to be a speaker at the Baum Cemetery for a Revolutionary Ceremony for Frederick Baum.

**Motions**

Motion made Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept Resolution #41 which grants a variance to John Byler for property at 306 Keyser Lake Road for lot setback on Brookfield property line site of 27 feet.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

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Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the minutes of September 21, 2021.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

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

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

#### **Executive Session**

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 7:20 p.m. and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Supervisor Breh was in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order a 7:40 p.m. and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Supervisor Breh was in favor.

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys