

August 17, 2021

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on August 17, 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
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

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.

Solar Project

Dallas Manson from Nexamp was present to discuss the solar project.

Dave Rackmyre said that the County Planning Board did not have a meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Therefore they have no recommendations for the Town regarding the Nexamp Solar Project.

Supervisor Breh said we will not be voting on the project, just the approval of a public hearing.

The public hearing would be held on September 21, 2021.

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre was present and had a report for the board members, He stated that since the County Planning Board did not have a meeting to discuss the solar project and there are no recommendations the the Town can move forward with the process.

He had one permit for a garage and the permit fees year to date is \$2,753.80.

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

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Dog Control Officer

Ty Stowell was absent and did not have a report for the board members.

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for July 2021.

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

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno had a written report for the board members.

Reprofiling has begun on Bacon Brook Road, King Road, Voorhees Road, Lotville Road and North Road.

Shoulder mowing will commence for the second cutting immediately after reprofiling and road sealing are completed

Cemetery mowing will be done again for the third and final time on August 30th and August 31st prior to the Labor Day holiday.

The repair estimate has been completed on the pickup truck and parts are on order. Payment of \$9139.90 has been authorized by the insurance company.

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

Bookkeepers Report

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

She was present to explain the purchase of a new excavator. She stated that we received more money from sales tax this year than we had budgeted, She said that we can now purchase a new excavator outright. We can use the Equipment Reserve of \$40,000 towards the excavator. It will not effect our budget and will not raise our taxes.

The payment on the 2021 International dump truck that is on order will be in 2023.

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

Supervisor

Supervisor Breh said that Peggy Booth from the insurance company will be present at the next meeting to discuss health insurance. The highway employees are invited.

The furnace was inspected and it is good for another 2 years.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the minutes of July 20, 2021.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Breh

Absent - Pierce, Yost

Motions

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to have a public hearing on September 21st for the purpose of considering an application for Site Plan and Special Use permit approval for Nexamp Community Solar Project submitted by Oppenheim Inghams Solar, LLC

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent Pierce, Yost

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to purchase an excavator outright

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent Pierce, Yost

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept Resolution #37 which is to use the Equipment Reserve Fund of \$40,000 to purchase an excavator.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Montana, Norris, Breh

Absent Pierce, Yost

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to transfer \$20,000 from DA9950.9 to DA5130.2

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, Breh

Absent Pierce, Yost

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to put the towns Excavator up for auction.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Montana, 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

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to have an executive session at 7:20 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 pm

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys