

November 15, 2022

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on November 15, 2022, 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
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper

Absent

Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Karen Jaquay	--	Dog Control Officer

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

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Breh opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm on the 2023 budget. Anyone present may speak for or against the budget.

**Highway Report**

All plow equipment has been installed and repairs and adjustments have been made.  
The two new hires for the Highway Department are working out well.  
A final round of cold patching has been completed throughout the town before winter.  
New cemetery signs were installed as needed at the request of the town historical society.  
Ernest (Louie) Carpenter will be leaving the department to pursue a position in another Town Highway Department.  
Mr. DeNinno conducted an interview and has a replacement for Mr. Carpenter.  
The 2004 International sold at the auction and is suppose to be picked up this week.  
The roller will be picked up by the savage yard within the next week.

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

**Dog Control Officer**

Karen Laquay did not have a written report.  
Supervisor said that the Dog Control Officer had no calls this month.

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**Codes Enforcement Officer**

Dave Rackmyre had a written report for the board members.

Dave Rackmyre issued 2 new permits and the total permit fees year to date is \$3,998.40.

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

**Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for October 2022.

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

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Breh opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm on the amendment of Local Law #1 of 2017. The amendment is for the fee schedule change. The fee is a non-refundable permit application fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and the fee for the Solar Farm Construction Permit will be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

**Public Hearing**

Robert Norris made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm on the 2023 budget and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil were in favor.

**Hilltop Fire Company**

The Hilltop Fire Company wants a 2 year contract The increase will be \$61,500 for 2023 and \$63,000 for 2024.

**Motions**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to transfer \$500 into A1220.4 Supervisor C/E from A1220.2 Supervisor Equipment.

Adopted

Ayes - 4` Norris, Pierce, Montana, Vasil

Nays - 0

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to transfer the following money

To: DA5142.4 Snow Removal C/E	\$13,900	
From: DA5142.1 Snow Removal P/S		\$10,000
From: DA5130.2 Equipment		\$ 3,900

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #46 to fund the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$40,000.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to close the public hearing at 7:15 pm on the amendment to Local Law #1 of 2017

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the 2023 Preliminary Budget as the Final 2023 Budget

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the amendment to Local Law #1 of 2017. The application fee has been increased to \$1,000.00 which is non-refundable and the solar farm construction permit fee has been increased to \$15,000.00

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept 2-year contract from the Hilltop Fire Company which will be \$61,500 for 2023 and \$63,000 for 2024.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Pierce, Montana, Vasil, Breh

Abstain - Norris

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the minutes of October 11, 2022 and October 18. 2022

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General vouchers is \$70,786.96 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$17,410.96

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys