

February 15, 2022

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on February 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
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer

Absent

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

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

NBT Insurance Agency

William VanGorder from NBT Insurance was present to discuss an Insurance proposal for the Town of Oppenheim. He explained different parts of the proposal. The premium for 2021 was \$24,074.29 and for 2022 it will be \$24,743.39.

Public Hearing

Robert Norris made a motion and Nicholas Vasil seconded it to open the public hearing on the Senior Citizens Exemption at 6:50 pm

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno was present and had a written report for the board members. HVAC repairs have been made to truck #2 to get it working but will need additional diagnosis and repair of AC system once winter is over.

The new truck is under construction and should be completed within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Mr. DeNinno is still getting prices for new radios.

The retrofit repairs on Youker Bush bridge will be postponed until the weather permits

The highway employees have been repairing some pot holes and frozen culverts.

Robert Norris made a motion to accept the highway report and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

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Dog Control Officer

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

He had several calls about dogs at large and also about dogs being left out in the extreme cold.

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

Codes Enforcement Officer

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

He stated that all required reports have been completed and filed with New York State, FEMA, And US Census.

He was elected Chairman of the County Planning Board

Mr Rackmyre had a new local law written up for building lots requirements including lot size and set backs which will replace local law #1 of 1991 and the amendment of local law #1 of 2006.

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

Bookkeepers Report

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

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for January 2022.

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

Public Hearing

Robert Norris made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Local Law #1 of 2022

Dave Rackmyre had a local law written up to adopt certain lot requirements and set backs.

This law would replace Local Law #1 of 1991 and amend Local Law #1 of 2006. The lot size would be changed to one acre instead of the present three acre lot size.

Kathleen Montana said she thought it should be two acres.

Robert Norris and Nicholas Vasil said they thought it should be the one acre.

Executive session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 7:32 p.m. on legal matters and Kathleen Montana seconded it and Nicholas Vasil was in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to open the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and Nicholas Vasil seconded it

And Kathleen Montana was in favor

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Sexual harassment class

Nicholas Vasil, Kathleen Montana, Gloria Brys and Cynthia Breh will have a Sexual Harassment Class on February 8, 2022.

Borrego Solar

Supervisor Breh said that we have received a check for \$11,766.67 from Borrego.

Motions

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the Senior Citizen Exemption which is as follows:

\$24,000.00 and Under	50%
\$24,000.01 to \$24,999.99	45%
\$25,000.00 to \$25,999.99	40%
\$26,000.00 to \$26,999.99	35%
\$27,000.00 to \$27,899.99	30%
\$27,900.00 to \$28,799.99	25%
\$28,000.00 to \$29,699.99	20%
\$29,700.00 to \$30,599.99	15%
\$30,600.00 to \$31,499.99	10%
\$31,500.00 to \$32,399.99	5%

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have one acre lot size in Local Law #1 of 2022

Adopted

Ayes - 3 - Norris, Vasil, Breh.

Nays - 1 - Montana

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have a public hearing on March 15, 2022
on Local Law #1 of 2022 .

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to amend Resolution #34 which will now allow mileage paid within the town.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Montana, Vasil, Breh

Absent - Pierce

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #38 which is regarding
Centralized arraignments. It is as follows:

TOWN OF *Oppenheim* TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION # *38* OF 2022
RESOLUTION REGARDING CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENTS

WHERE AS, Fulton County is submitting a plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts; and

WHERE AS, the plan provides for a central arraignment part conducted twice a day at the Fulton County jail rather than at the town location of the arrest; and

WHERE AS, this plan requires the cooperation of the various local town justices; and

WHERE AS, this plan should assure consistency in representation as well as in the afterhours schedules of the various town justices; and

WHERE AS, this program will promote efficiencies among the town justices as well as county operations providing for mutual cooperation of the County's municipalities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of *Oppenheim* hereby indicates its support for the County's plan for counsel at initial appearance coverage for arraignments in local courts.

By (unanimous/majority) vote of the Town Board of the Town of *Oppenheim* at its regular meeting on *February 15, 2022*

Robert D. Hoff

Supervisor

George J. Brys

Town Clerk

Present:
Absent:

Council Members:

Robert D. Hoff
Stephen J. Montagna
William Vail

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to adopt the Code of Ethics for the officers and employees of the Town of Oppenheim.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the Memorandum of Agreement

Between the Town of Oppenheim and Teamsters Local #294

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Approval of Minutes

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

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Pierce

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the meeting was adjourned at 8.35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys