

January 17, 2023

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on January 17, 2023, held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Nicholas Vasil	--	Councilman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Karen Jaquay	--	Dog Control Officer

Absent

Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
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Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Dog Control Officer

Karen Jaquay was present and had a report for the board members.

She received a call about 2 Pitt X dogs running on Bliss Road and found the dogs and the owner. The dogs were not licensed and the owner said he would get them licensed.

She received a call from Fulton County Dispatch about a Husky running at large and killing a residents ducks and chickens on Tobacco Road. She found the owner of the dog and found out he did not have a license for 3 dogs. She will check back to see if he followed through to get dog licenses and if not she will issue an appearance ticket.

She picked up a dog from Ayres Memorial shelter that was brought to them by mistake. The next day she took the dog to Brennan.

She has been making a lot of calls from the list of dogs that town clerk gave her.

She said that she needs a new cage for dogs. Scott Deninno will order one from Tractor Supply.

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

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Highway Report

The crew has been completing maintenance work around the shop as well as some vehicle maintenance.

Mr. DeNinno has obtained pricing from a couple of vendors for loader replacement. The issue that we will have is the exponential price increase, combined with the higher interest rates are driving the annual lease pricing much higher than our current payment. He is going to explore more options.

Mr. DeNinno has found a mini roller on auctions international with 500 hours on it. The current bid is \$4000. He would like permission to bid up to a limit of \$7000. He will call and research the unit prior to make sure it is something that will fit our needs prior to bidding.

Mr. DeNinno has started pricing a pickup for the anticipated replacement this year. The availability of 3/4 and 1 ton trucks is very thin at this moment. He will keep looking and report next month.

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

Codes Enforcement Officers Report

Dave Rackmyre was present and had a report for the board members. He said that NexAmp has road completed and panel site fully fenced in and have installed some cameras. Construction of solar system has begun. No time frame of completion yet as weather is uncertain.

Mr. Rackmyre received an email from New York State verifying the completion of his required annual training. He is now active for the calendar year of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

He stated that he has completed and submitted the annual report to New York State about code officer activity for 2022.

He has completed the required code officer activity to the US Census Bureau.

Mr. Rackmyre was elected chairman for the County Planning Board.

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

Bookkeepers Report

Joanne Capek-Young was absent but she did have a report for the board members.

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for December 2022.

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

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Supervisor

Supervisor Breh said that the property where the new town hall will be, had 4 parcels. She got the deeds and Mary Beth from Real Property combined them and they have been recorded into 1 parcel.

OESJ had a food distribution and it had plenty of food and was a success.

Supervisor Breh will meet with Bill VanGorder from NYMIR to discuss insurance.

She stated that she took the NYMIR Discrimination and Harassment Annual Training Class.

Motions

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to transfer the following to close out 2022.

\$6,500.00	To: A1440.4 Engineers From: A1620.4 Buildings C/E
\$330.00	To: A1450.4 Elections From: A1620.4 Buildings C/E
\$375.00	To: A1220.4 Supervisor C/E From: A1220.2 Supervisor Equip
\$7,800.00	To: DA5142.1 Snow Removal P/S From: DA9010.8 Retirement

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to let Superintendent DeNinno to bid up to \$7,000 on a roller on the auction site

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept Resolution #37 which appoints Dave Rackmyre as Codes Enforcement Officer for a 2-year term

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the minutes of December 13, 2022 and January 2, 2023

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Norris, Pierce, Montana, Vasil, 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 \$5,300.31 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$14,503.90.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Norris, Vasil, Pierce Montana, Breh

Nays - 0

Executive Session

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to have an executive session at 7.25 pm on contractual.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to call the meeting back to order at 7.50 pm

With no further business on a motion by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 7.52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys