

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Oppenheim

May 16, 2023

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on May 16, 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 Pierce	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

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

**Highway Report**

Scott DeNinno had a written report for the board members.

A second round of cold patching was completed.

The employees are working on culvert replacements and prep work for paving this year.

Truck 16 (Kenworth) just returned from the welding shop where the pintle chain floor and sand grate railed were replaced and it also had numerous rot holes and cracks repaired. Once painting is complete, the truck will be ready for summer work.

Truck 7 (2021 International) has been taken back to T & T for required repairs from the accident this winter and is expected to return in a week.

Truck 2 (2021 International) has been taken to HL Gage International for a warranty fan control repair and a recall.

Work was completed on construction of new sand grates for truck 16. These grates were manufactured in house at a considerable savings over purchasing them from Henderson equipment.

The millings pile across the street is scheduled to be crushed starting 5/24/23. The crushed millings will then be moved to another location. They will be utilized in mixing of cold mix pavement for completion of the scheduled work for this year. The equipment stored across the road will also be moved as requested by the Town Council.

The employees will be completing the first mowing of cemeteries in advance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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

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### **Dog Control Officer**

Supervisor Breh said that Karen Jaquay is waiting for a court date for the citation that she issued.

She said that a dog was running loose between Oppenheim and Stratford and she finally picked it up in Stratford, so the Town of Oppenheim will not be liable for any of the bills.

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

### **Codes Enforcement Officer**

Dave Rackmyre submitted a report for the board members.

He issued four permits and one certificate of compliance.

The total permit fees year to date is \$615.60

Nicholas Vasil made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officers report but not his mileage report and Robert Pierce seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Breh were In favor.

### **Bookkeepers Report**

Joanne Capek-Young submitted a report for the board members.

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

### **Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for April 2023.

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

### **New Business**

Supervisor Breh said that Grievance Day is June 2, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Supervisor Breh said that we need to do a local law for the Volunteer Fire Service and the Volunteer Ambulance Service so they can receive 5% real property tax exemption.

Nicholas Vasil wanted to know if we heard anything from the engineer if he put the new town hall out for bids in the Leader Herald and Gazette. Supervisor Breh said that people have already picked up bid packets.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of April 18, 2023 and April 25, 2023.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Vasil, Montana, Pierce, Breh

Absent - Norris

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Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General vouchers is \$13,075.39 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$12,504.50.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Pierce, vasil, Montana, Breh

Absent - Norris

**Executive Session**

Robert Pierce made a motion to have an executive session at 6:48 pm on contractual and legal matters and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Robert Pierce made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:15 pm and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

With no further business on a motion by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Robert Pierce the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys