

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

October 30, 2024

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board Public Hearing held on October 30, 2024, 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
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

Brian Miller	--	Councilman
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Supervisor Cynthia Breh opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Public Hearing

Supervisor Breh opened the public hearing on the 2025 budget. Anyone one present may speak for or against the budget.

Supervisor Breh stated that there is an elected official who is receiving the health insurance. In 2015 the health insurance was taken away from the Superintendent of Highways. If it is given to one elected official, then it probably has to be available to all elected officials. If the elected officials do not want the insurance then they will be entitled to the buy-out. There are 10 elected officials in the town of Oppenheim.

Robert Norris stated that the elected official with insurance is also an employee of the town. He does not think that the other elected officials should be offered the insurance.

Supervisor Breh said that if the town does not offer it then it could become a legal matter.

Robert Norris stated that he does not want to vote on it until he gets more information.

Bookkeeper Joanne Young said that we have to have the budget done tonight because it has to go to the County. She stated that we can put \$50,000 in A9060.8 for health insurance. This way it will be in the budget in case we have to offer it to all elected officials. If we have to offer it then there will be money in the budget for the buy-out.

It was decided to check with the Attorney to see if legally we have to offer it to the elected officials.

No residents were present to speak for or against the 2025 Budget.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to close the public hearing at 7:05pm and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to amend the Preliminary Budget and put \$50,000 in A9060.8 for health insurance.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Supervisor Breh - Yes

Brian Miller - Absent

Motion made by Robert Norris seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget for 2025.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Supervisor Breh - Yes

Brian Miller - Absent

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the public hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Brys

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to re-open the meeting at 7:30pm and Kathleen Montana and Supervisor were in favor

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to purchase a 2025 International CV515 Dump Truck with Everest plow equipment and Everest stainless steel body. The total Purchase price on Sourcewell contract is \$190,170.00.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Kathleen Mantana - Yes

Supervisor Breh - Yes

Brian Miller - Absent

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to purchase a 2024 Ram 2500 crew cab with the trade in of a 2018 Ram 2500.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Supervisor Breh - Yes

Brian Miller - Absent

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys