

County of Fulton

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on February, 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
Brian Miller	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
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Residents in attendance: 7

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

Public Speaking - 6:31 pm

Dennis Gray ask how much revenue we got for the solar projects.

Supervisor Breh stated that for one we got a host payment of \$20,000 and for the seconded we got a host payment of \$15,000. For this one we are still waiting because National Grid updated the specs for it and that is why it is not on grid. The solar company had additional work that they had to do.

Public speaking ended at 6:34 pm

**Dog Control Officers Report**

Karen Jaquay had a written report. She received a call from Fulton County Public Health concerning a dog bite/rabies protocol situation. She contacted the owner to set up a date for the first visit. After 10 days she had a seconded appointment with the dog owner and was finally able to close the case on 2/13/24.

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

**Code Enforcement Officers Report**

David Rackmyre had a written report for the board members.

One new permit was issued and the total fees year to date is \$425.00.

Mr. Rackmyre has completed and submitted the annual U.S. Census report for Building Codes for the town.

Mr. Rackmyre will be out of town from March 12 to March 23.

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

### **Highway Report**

Mr. DeNinno submitted a highway agreement for 2024.

He has prepared draft bid announcements for diesel fuel and gasoline, as well as Asphalt Millings to be opened on March 14, 2024 and bids to be awarded at the March meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Town Clerk Brys stated that we cannot open the bids on March 14<sup>th</sup> because they have to be opened at a public meeting and read aloud at the meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Estimates have come back for the installation of a water treatment system for the town hall/ Garage. One is from Countryman Water Conditioning for \$5,400.00 and the other from Culligan Water Softening Treatment for \$6,952.00

Mr. DeNinno plans to begin hauling materials for the 2024 paving season in late March or early April. This will allow us to purchase under last year's county bids prior to May 1, 2024 price increases.

Mr DeNinno plans to send Lawrence Major to obtain his CDL license. The Teamsters Union has obtained a new dump truck and has now added a class B licensing program. Training will be at no cost to the town, except any additional hours needed to attend the training outside normal working hours.

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

### **Bookkeepers Report**

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

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

### **Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for January 2024.

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

### **Senior Citizens**

Supervisor Breh said she would like to have a meeting with the senior citizens to discuss purchasing property on Tobacco road.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Brian Miller to have a special meeting with the senior citizens on March 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm to discuss the property on tobacco road.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Supervisor Breh said that seeing that Peter Galarneau who was doing our web page has passed away, she has called 5 other people. She has a meeting with a Chris Woodruff to get information and prices for a web page.

Supervisor Breh will be taking a course on February 29, 2024 on digital record management.

February 20, 2024 (cont)

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to accept Resolution #39 which is to advertise for bids for diesel fuel and gasoline to be opened on March 19, 2024

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #40 to advertise for asphalt millings to be opened on March 19, 2024,

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept Resolution #41 to have Countryman Water Conditioning to install a water treatment system for the town hall/garage for a cost of \$5,400.00.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Brian Miller to have the board members have access to the outside cameras and the inside cameras.

Adopted

Ayes - 3 Norris, Miller, Montana

Nays - 2 Vasil, Breh

### **Agenda**

Brian Miller would like to have the agenda a couple of days before the meeting so they will have an idea ahead of time of what the meeting is going to be about.

Town Clerk Brys said she will send it ahead of time.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana stating that anyone who needs to call the Attorney will need board approval and state why they need to call.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Brian Miller - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - No

Supervisor Breh \_ No

February 20, 2024 (cont)

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of January 16, 2024.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Vasil, Montana, Norris, Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to accept the minutes of January 30, 2024.

Adopted

Ayes - Miller, Vasil, Montana, Norris, Breh

Nays - 0

Motion made by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General Vouchers is \$14,454.40 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$81,008.87

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Robert Norris to have Supervisor Breh call the Attorney about the Allstate invoice.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Miller, Norris, Montana, Vasil

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Brian Miller and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Brian Miller to open the meeting back up  
At 7:58 pm

**Highway**

Scott Deninno submitted a Highway agreement for 2024. This agreement includes paving of 4.53 miles of town highways. The amounts provided are based on estimated oil costs.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the Agreement For the expenditure of Highway Moneys. The agreement is as follows:

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Brian Miller - Abstained

Supervisor Breh - Yes

### Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys

**AGREEMENT** between the Town Superintendent of the **Town of Oppenheim**, Fulton County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

**GENERAL REPAIRS.** The sum of **\$115,000.00** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 60.46 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

**PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sum shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways: **\$350,500.00**

**(a)** On the Brockett Hill Road, commencing at State Highway 29, and extending a distance of .46 miles, to State Highway 29, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$27,500.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Mix Asphalt Pavement & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 18ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(b)** On the Park Road, commencing at State Highway 29, and extending a distance of .40 miles, to the Dead End, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$24,000.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Mix Asphalt Pavement & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 16ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(e)** On the Lotville Road, commencing at Sweet Hill Road and extending a distance of .55 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$32,500.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 18ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(d)** On the Weaver Road, commencing at Lotville Road and extending a distance of .10 miles to the Dead End there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$6,000.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 16ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(g)** On the Montana Road, commencing State Highway 29 and extending a distance of .62 miles to the Hoffman Road there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$37,000.00**.

Type  
Width of traveled surface 1.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & Single chip seal  
Subbase 18 ft.  
Gravel

**(h)** On the Hoffman Road, commencing at Montana Road, and extending a distance of 1.25 miles to the Mill Road, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$74,500.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Mix Asphalt Pavement & Single Chip Seal  
Width of traveled surface 18ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(i)** On the Youkers Bush Road, commencing at Mosher Road and extending a distance of 1.05 miles to State Highway 331, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$62,000.00**.

Type 1.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 19ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(j)** On the Bowers Road, commencing at Youkers Bush Road, and extending a distance of .10 miles to the Dead End, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$6,000.00**.

Type 2.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal  
Width of traveled surface 16 ft  
Subbase Gravel

**(k)** On the Belden Corners Road, commencing at Wyman Road, and extending a distance of

.70 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$57,000.00.**

Type	2.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal
Width of traveled surface	18ft
Subbase	Gravel

**(I)** On the Wyman Road, commencing at Belden Corners Road, and extending a distance of .29 miles to the Dead End, there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$24,000.00.**

Type	2.5" Cold Asphalt Overlay & single chip seal
Width of traveled surface	16ft
Subbase	Gravel

All amounts are estimated values. All permanent improvements shall be reimbursable under the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs). Total anticipated 2024 CHIPs allotment including, CHIPs, Pave NY, EWR, and POP funds is approximately: **\$350,500.0**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Brys

