

State of New York

June 18, 2024

County of Fulton

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on June 18, 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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Supervisor Cynthia Breh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Residents in attendance - 0

Public Comment - 6:31 pm.

There were no public comments.

**Highway Report**

Paving schedule has been pushed back to the middle-end of July

Shoulder mowing has begun and will continue throughout the summer months.

Truck 3 was sent to HL Gage for electrical and HVAC repairs.

Truck 16 was sent to Winkler repair to fix an oil leak.

Truck 10 was sent to T&T Equipment for replacement of a rotten box hinge assembly.

Preliminary estimates for the Lotville Road bridge have come back. A cost estimate for deck replacement is \$165,000.00. This project as well as replacement of the Youkers Bush Road Bridge deck would be a good use of a portion of the DB fund balance that we have. The Youkers Bush bridge deck replacement project as well as the cost will be nearly identical to the Lotville project. Mr. DeNinno requests that the board consider a budget amendment utilizing fund balance that will allow for the funding of both of these needed projects in 2024. If the materials are ordered early enough, these could both be completed before winter.

Larry Major's CDL training with the Teamsters Union trainer continues and once the trainer is confident that Larry will pass the driver's test, it will be scheduled.

The next round of cemetery mowing will be completed beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The John Deere loader will be listed by the end of June, with the auction ending date the day before the July meeting.

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Mr. DeNinno said that he has located a suitable used tractor with flail mower to replace our Massey Ferguson tractor/sickle bar mower. Parts for both the tractor and sickle bar are obsolete and impossible to find. The used tractor is a 2000 New Holland and is located in Clinton, NY. Asking price is \$10,000. Mr. DeNinno requests board approval to purchase it , and authorize the Supervisor to cut a check for the tractor so they can take it with them to look at it.

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

#### **Dog Control Officer**

A letter from Agriculture and Markets that a Municipal Shelter Inspection Report was completed on 5/29/2024 and the dog shelter services was rated "Satisfactory"

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

#### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Dave Rackmyre submitted a report for the board members.

He issued 5 new permits and 1 violation notices for trash and debris and junk vehicles.

He issued 1 certificate of occupancy.

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

#### **Bookkeepers Report**

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

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

#### **Town Clerks Report**

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for May 2024.

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

#### **New Business**

Nicholas Vasil said he got a phone call from the owner of the property across from the town hall and they expect paperwork from the lawyer by next week.

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### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Breh said that MVP health insurance has gone up 16.9%  
She attended a class on Homeland Security.

Supervisor Breh stated that she contacted The Association of Towns regarding the donation for the Senior Citizens. She was told again you can NOT use taxpayers monies for any donation. Supervisor Breh asked Kathleen Montana if she told the Association of Towns when she called that the Senior Center has filed a 990-501(c)3 tax exempt form since Oct. 2016, total assets for 2023 \$22,500, she stated she did not offer that information. Supervisor Breh also asked Kathleen Montana if she told the Association of Towns that the Town of Oppenheim does not own the Senior Center and that the actual members owned the building. She told Supervisor Breh that The Association of Towns never ask her that. Supervisor Breh said we cannot fund Senior Citizens to go on trips. The town has 1700+ residents and the Seniors have 25 to 30 members so the residents are not benefiting from it and most of the seniors are from out of town.

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the supervisor's report and Nicholas Vasil seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Robert Norris were in favor.

Brian Miller made a motion to have a 10 minute recess at 7:25 pm and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Brian Miller made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:35pm and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

### **Executive Session**

Nicholas Vasil made a motion to have an executive session at 7:36 pm on contractual and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Robert Norris, and Supervisor Breh was in favor.

Brian Miller made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 8:00 pm and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Nicholas Vasil, and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

### **Motions**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Nicholas Vasil to have the Supervisor issue a check for \$10,000 so that Scott DeNinno can take it with him when he looks at a used tractor which is a 2000 New Holland. If he doesn't buy the tractor, he will return the check.

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Brian Miller - Abstain

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Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Brian Miller to transfer the following:

\$165 To: A1330.4 Tax Collector C/E  
From: A1990.4 Contingency

\$610 To: A1330.2 Tax Collector Equipment  
From: A1990.4 Contingency

Adopted

Robert Norris - Yes

Brian Miller - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Nicholas Vasil - Yes

Supervisor Breh - Yes

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Brian Miller to accept the minutes of May 21, 2024.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded Nicholas Vasil to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for General Vouchers is \$9,941.10 and the total for the Highway Vouchers is \$20,691.56

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Brian Miller and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gloria J. Brys