

July 20, 2021

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on July 20, 2021 held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Cynthia Breh	--	Supervisor
Robert Pierce	--	Councilman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Dennis Yost	--	Councilman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk
Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent

Absent

Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Joanne Capek-Young	--	Bookkeeper
Dave Rackmyre	--	Codes Enforcement Officer
Ty Stowell	--	Dog Control Officer

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

Solar Project

Supervisor Breh said that the County Planning Board did not have a meeting because there were not enough members present.

Highway Report

Mr. DeNinno stated that prep work for road surfacing continues. The crews are hauling in crusher run gravel and stone.

Reprofiling and sealing of roads is scheduled to begin on August 9th and last approximately one week. The crews are doing culvert replacements on the Voorhees Road.

Mowing along all town roads has been completed for the cycle. The second mowing will begin immediately after roadwork is completed in August.

Cemeteries were mowed for the second time and will be mowed for the last time prior to Labor Day.

The price of purchasing an excavator is \$167,500 and they will give us \$22,000 for ours. We can take 7 years to pay for it.

Robert Pierce made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Robert Norris seconded it and Dennis Yost and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

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New machinery

Mr. DeNinno would like to purchase 3 new pieces of machinery.

The International Dump Truck has been ordered and should arrive in November or December.

The next one is an excavator. The price of purchasing an excavator is \$167,500 and they will give us \$22,000 for ours. We can take 7 years to pay for it.

Then he would like to order another dump truck.

Mr. DeNinno said he would get the figures together and email them to the Bookkeeper. Supervisor Breh ask Mr. DeNinno to copy her on the email.

Robert Norris made a motion to let Mr. DeNinno rent the excavator for a couple of months with anticipation of purchasing it and Robert Pierce seconded it and Dennis Yost and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Codes Enforcement

Dave Rackmyre was absent but had a report for the board members.

There were 2 violation notices issued. One was for trash and debris and the other for illegal Campground because there were 2 campers on the property with inadequate septic system. Permits were issued for a porch, 2 roofs and a garage

The total permit fees year to date is \$2,703.80.

Robert Pierce made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement report and Robert Norris seconded it and Dennis Yost and Supervisor Breh were in favor,

Dog Control Officer

Ty Stowell was absent but had a written report for the board members.

He received a call about a cat bite and the cat was recently vaccinated and confinement was completed.

Mr. Stowell picked up a dog on Mill Road and also at Crystal Grove. The dogs were returned to their owner.

On July 12, 2021, there was an inspection at Mr. Stowell's. All the findings of the inspection were rated "Satisfactory".

Dennis Yost made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report and Robert Norris seconded it and Robert Pierce and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Town Clerks report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for June 2021.

Robert Pierce made a motion to accept the Town Clerks report and Dennis Yost seconded it and Robert Norris and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

Bookkeepers Report

Joanne Capek-Young had a written report for the board members.

Robert Pierce made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and Robert Norris seconded it and Dennis Yost and Supervisor Breh were in favor.

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Supervisor

Supervisor Breh said that on Grievance Day there were no residents that came in about their assessment so it looks like the Assessor is doing a good job.

The Tax Cap this year is at 2%.

The Recovery Fund is \$178,553.00. The town will get it in 2 checks. One will be this summer and the other one next summer and it has to be used by 2024.

Supervisor Breh stated that she was advised to wait another year to get an architect for a new Town Hall building because of the price of materials.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Dennis Yost to accept the minutes of June 15, 2021.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Yost, Pierce, Breh

Absent - Montana

Motion made by Robert Pierce and seconded by Robert Norris to authorize payment of vouchers.

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Pierce, Yost, Breh

Absent - Montana

With no further business on a motion by Dennis Yost and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Brys