

State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

September 19, 2023

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on September 19, 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 Norris	--	Councilman
Robert Pierce	--	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.

Highway Report

Scott DeNinno had a written report for the board members.

Surface treating of newly paved roads has been completed.

The town has been assisting other towns that assisted Oppenheim in completing their paving work. We recently assisted Salisbury, Dolgeville, Manheim and Stratford.

Shoulder work will take place in the next week or two.

All paving receipts, including shoulders is anticipated to come in under the total that was agreed upon in the 2023 Highway Agreement. Mr. DeNinno said that he will be claiming some equipment usage time to submit for the remaining CHIPS funds that we have available.

The third and final round of cemetery mowing has been completed.

The town is currently completing shoulder mowing and cutting back of right of ways.

They will be starting hauling in abrasives for winter use and will begin winter preparations on trucks starting the second or third week in October.

Truck 10 (2017 Ram Dump) was hauled to Main Motorcar with a transmission issue.

Truck 7 (Red 2021 International) will be going to Albany to complete a recall repair and to have a hydraulic cooler installed.

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

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Dog Control Officer

Karen Jaquay had a written report for the board members.

She received about 15 calls about dogs running loose in the town and they had killed 3 cats and 2 chickens. She spotted them on Tobacco Road and then they went to a house on North road. She spoke to the owner and advised her that she would be issuing 4 tickets for running at large. She promised to keep the dogs contained. Three days later she received calls about the same dogs and went to see the owner and issued her another ticket. They went to court and the owner had placed one dog and looking to place the other dog. The owner put up an 8 foot fence so the dog could not get out. The judge felt the owner was trying and decided not to fine her.

Karen Jaquay said that the town needs a dangerous dog law.

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

Codes Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre submitted a report for the board members.

He issued two permits.

The total permit fees year to date is \$815.60.

Mr. Rackmyre had 1 violation notice for a single wide manufactured home without a permit.

Mr. Rackmyre will be attending a LEAD Remediation Certification Class in Amsterdam which will give him 8 hours of credit towards the 24 hours of continuing education that is required to remain a NYS Certified Code Official.

Mr. Rackmyre has registered for a 3 day seminar in Albany on October 23, 24, and 25. This will give him 19 hours of continuing education. With this he will have his 24 hours of training

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

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for August 2023.

Robert Pierce 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.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Nicholas Vasil and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of August 15, 2023.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

The Town Board is going to meet with the seniors at the Senior Citizen Center on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Executive Session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 6:44 pm for personnel and contractual and Robert Pierce seconded it and Nicholas Vasil and Kathleen Montana was in favor.

Robert Pierce made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 7:50 pm and Robert Norris second it and Kathleen Montana and Nicholas Vasil were ion favor.

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Robert Pierce to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for the General vouchers is \$10,632.60 and the total for the Highway vouchers is \$312,768.07.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Kathleen Montana asked about some residents on Route 29 that are selling flowers and pumpkins and wanted to know if they had a license. Robert Pierce said that in order to sell plants they need a license from Department of Agriculture and Markets.

With no further business on a motion by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria J. Brys