

State of New York

County of Fulton
Town of Oppenheim

February 17, 2026

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on February 17, 2026 held at the Oppenheim Town Hall located at 110 State Highway 331, St. Johnsville. NY 13452

Present

Neil Clark	--	Supervisor
Richard Rumrill	--	Councilman
Robert Norris	--	Councilman
Brian Miller	--	Councilman
Kathleen Montana	--	Councilwoman
Gloria Brys	--	Town Clerk

Absent

Scott DeNinno	--	Highway Superintendent
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Supervisor Neil Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag

Executive Session

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Richard Rumrill to have an executive at 6:01 pm to interview someone for Codes Enforcement Officer.

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Robert Norris to call the meeting back to order at 6:26 pm.

Residents in attendance - 1

Public Comment – There were no public comments

Supervisor Report

We received the checks from the Tax Collector as well as the 4th quarter sales tax revenue from the county.

We have also sent out payments to the fire companies.

The Annual Financial Report for 2025 will be filed with the clerk in the coming weeks. The Bookkeeper is just making sure all 2025 expenses are finalized.

Supervisor Clark said he submitted a voucher for a laptop purchase and will be moving forward into setting up the new dot gov website and emails.

We got into the 2 file cabinets that was locked and discovered records from previous Supervisor

We have received 2 FOIL requests. First one has to do with what portable water sources are near the "high-line. Second one is about a property and if building permits were issued for it

Supervisor DeNinno is doing a required Harassment training on 2/24/2026

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the Supervisors report and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Richard Rumrill were in favor.

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Highway report

Mr. DeNinno said that we are still having difficulty obtaining salt from our NYS contract supplier. He stated that we are forced to purchase two more emergency loads of salt from Capital District Salt. This ends up costing more than the state contract but we cannot risk running out during a storm. They cannot give us an ETA on the 200 tons we have ordered. Multiple towns are having the same difficulties.

The high bids on our surplus equipment at the auction is as follows:

2008 Mack	\$13,200.00
1996 John Deere Loader	\$18,800.00
Massey Ferguson Tractor	\$ 1,975.00
Brush Bandit Chipper	\$ 3,750.00

Mr. DeNinno recommends to accept all bids as submitted.

Mr. Deninno would like a budget amendment that would allow a portion of the revenue received from the surplus equipment to go towards the purchase and installation of a forestry head for the excavator that would be used for maintenance of our right of ways. The estimated cost of this equipment is \$25,000.

We are still awaiting a suspension repair quote on the 2012 Kenworth.

Mr. DeNinno has contacted the engineer to begin work on the Youkers Bush bridge scheduled for replacement this year. Once this work is completed, he can send out the bid requests to get materials ordered.

He is requesting that the Town Board consider amendments to the procurement policy thresholds as shown in the attached schedule. The current policy thresholds are outdated with the regard to the current inflated prices of all goods.

Richard Rumrill made a motion to accept the Highway Report and Kathleen Montana seconded It and Robert Norris and Supervisor Clark were in favor. Brian Miller abstained.

Assessors Report

Deseree Tabor had a written report for the board members.

Many homeowners have dropped their exemptions off which are due by March 1, 2026.

Mrs. Tabor has her next training, Principles & Procedures, scheduled for March 9th through March 20th.

She has been helping Enhanced Star homeowners complete any income verification forms on the NYS website.

She has set an assessed value for one of our Solar projects here in town that until now did not have an assessment. So we will have an increase in assessed value for the town and the Solar company will now be receiving yearly County/Town tax bills.

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the Assessors Report and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Richard Rumrill and Supervisor Clark were in favor.

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Dog Control Officer

Karen Jaquay was absent but had a written report for the board members.

She had one call about 2 Pitbull dogs running on Keyser Lake Road. She went there twice but did not find any dogs running

Karen Jaquay would like to tender her resignation at this time to go into effect April 1, 2026. If a replacement is not found, she will be willing to stay until we find a suitable person.

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officers and Robert Norris seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Richard Rumrill and Supervisor Clark were in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre had a report for the board members

He issued 2 permits.

He had several code related calls and emails and various related inspections.

He completed the annual mandated NYS 1203 codes enforcement reporting for year 2025.

He completed the annual mandated US Census Code Enforcement reporting for year 2025.

Mr. Rackmyre attended a training conference in Saratoga on February 11, 2026 which is being paid for by Fulton County Planning Department.

He was voted Fulton County Planning Board Chairman which he has held for 4 years.

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the Codes Enforcement Officers report and Richard Rumrill seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Robert Norris and Supervisor Clark were in favor

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for January 2026

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

Bookkeeper Report

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

We received all of the taxes from the tax collector and they have been deposited into our accounts.

We received the 4th quarter sales tax which was \$87,831.54.

Brian Miller made a motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and Robert Norris seconded it and Richard Rumrill, Kathleen Montana and Supervisor Clark were in favor.

NBT Insurance Agency

William VanGorder was present to explain all of the changes that was made in the Insurance proposal.

The cost of the insurance contract is \$36,523.66 which is for 3/9/2026 to 3/9/2027.

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Executive

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 7:18 pm on personnel and real estate and Richard Rumrill seconded and Kathleen Montana and Brian Miller were in favor.

Robert Norris made a motion to call the meeting back to order at 8:08 pm and Richard Rumrill seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Brian Miller were in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of January 20, 2026 and February 5, 2026

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Miller, Montana, Rumrill, Norris, Clark

Nays - 0

Motion

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the bids for the surplus equipment which are:

2008 Mack	\$13, 200.00
1996 John Deere Loades	\$18,800.00
Massey Ferguson Tractor	\$ 1,975.00
Brush Bandit Chipper	\$ 3,750.00

Adopted

Ayes - 4 Norris, Montana, Rumrill, Clark

Abstain - 1 Miller

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the Insurance Contract from NBT Insurance Agency LLC for a total of \$36,523.66 for 3/9/2026 through 3/9/2027.

Adopted

Brian Miller - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Robert Norris - Yes

Richard Rumrill - Yes

Supervisor Clark - Yes

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Motion made by Brian Miller to accept Resolution #30 and seconded by Robert Norris to accept the Senior Citizen exemption which is as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Exemption %</u>
\$24,000.00 and Under	50
\$24,000.01 - \$24,999.99	45
\$25,000.00 -- \$25,999.99	40
\$26,000.00 - \$26,999.99	35
\$27,000.00 -- \$27,899.99	30
\$27,900.00 -- \$28,799.99	25
\$28,800.00 -- \$29,699.99	20
\$29,700.00 -- \$30,599.99	15
\$30,600.00 -- \$31,499.99	10
\$31,500.00 - \$32,399.99	5

Adopted

Brian Miller - Yes

Robert Norris - Yes

Kathleen Montana - Yes

Richard Rumrill - Yes

Supervisor Clark - yes

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Robert Norris to appoint Steven Elwood as Codes Enforcement Officer effective 3/1/2026.

Ayes - 5 Miller, Norris, Montana, Rumrill, Clark

Nays - 0

Motion made Robert Norris and seconded Kathleen Montana to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for General Voucher is \$165,865.43 and Highway Voucher is \$30,763.62.

Adopted

Ayes - 5 Norris, Montana, Rumrill, Miller, Clark

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Brian Miller and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gloria J. Brys