

State of New York

January 20, 2026

County of Fulton

Town of Oppenheim

Minutes of the Oppenheim Town Board meeting held on January 20, 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 6:30 pm with the Pledge to the Flag

Residents in attendance - 1

Public Comment – There were no public comments

Supervisor Report

Newly elected Neil Clark was busy the first few weeks educating himself and spending some time at the town office to figure out how the process of payment and reimbursements work.

The Frontier bill is straightened out, the lines, wi-fi routers and number of phones were already in use and OK. The issue was just with the billing. The outstanding bill for the Senior Center is in process of being corrected.

Supervisor Clark said he and 3 councilmen attended a school for 3 days. He stated it was good basic training in how Towns operate and was very informative. He learned more about what the responsibility of the Supervisor is and wants to make sure required reporting and record keeping is following through.

Supervisor Clark spoke with Brennan Humane Society about the Towns contract. They are sending a new contract that will be for 7 dogs at a cost of \$2,100.

Supervisor Clark said he spoke with Brian McIntosh from Canada Lake concerning The new website.

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

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Highway report

Mr. DeNinno said that snow and ice removal operations are going well, however we have had trouble getting road salt delivered in a timely fashion on multiple occasions. We were forced to buy salt from Capital District Salt in Nelliston during the ice storm as we run out and the state contractor couldn't give us ETA on the 140 tons we had ordered the week prior. There is a penalty process within the state contract that allows us to recoup \$100 per day from the vendor for late deliveries. We will be calculating and pursuing this.

The equipment for sale will be listed on Auctions International on February 2nd and the auction will run until 2/16/26. Final board approval of sales can then happen at the meeting on February 17, 2026.

The fuel oil tank monitor system was installed and is operational. Mr. DeNinno will be sending the information and photos to DEC to close out the violation.

The clutch repairs on Truck 16 were recently completed. It will be going to the spring shop to have the rear suspension repair estimate completed.

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

Assessors Report

Deseree Tabor was present and had a written report for the board members.

Numerous people have come to the office or called about their exemptions.

Senior and Ag exemption renewal forms are being mailed out and must be completed and returned by March 1, 2026.

New bills have recently passed in NYS. One of which increases the Senior Exemption from 50% to 65%. This change is optional and must be adopted by each taxing jurisdiction by resolution or local law.

NYS has sent out letters to Enhanced Star recipients requesting them to verify their 2024 income on the Homeowner Benefit Portal found on the NYS website. If anyone is having difficulty navigating this website, we are helping complete the online income verification from our office.

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

Dog Control Officer

There was no report from the Dog Control Officer.

Code Enforcement Officer

Dave Rackmyre had a report for the board members

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

He will be attending a training in Saratoga on February 11, 2026

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

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Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk Brys presented the report for December 2025

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

Bookkeeper Report

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

She stated that we need to make some transfer to balance the 2025 budget.

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.

Attorney

Brian Miller made a motion to appoint James Girvin as Attorney and Richard Rumrill seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Robert Norris and Supervisor Clark were in favor.

Dog Control Officer

Robert Norris made a motion to appoint Karen Jaquay and Brian Miller seconded it and Kathleen Montana, Richard Rumrill and Supervisor Clark were in favor.

Executive Session

Robert Norris made a motion to have an executive session at 7:50 pm on personnel 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 8:20 pm and Richard Rumrill seconded it and Kathleen Montana and Brian Miller were in favor.

Special Meeting

There will be a workshop meeting on February 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm to discuss a building project.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brian Miller and seconded by Kathleen Montana to accept the minutes of December 16, 2025 and January 1, 2026.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

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Motion

Motion made by Robert Norris and seconded by Kathleen Montana to transfer the following:

\$1,000 to DA 5130.4 Machinery C/E
From DA5130.2 Machinery & Equip
\$2,000 to DA5142.4 Snow removal C/E
From DA5130.2 Machinery & Equip

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

Motion made Robert Norris and seconded Brian Miller to authorize payment of vouchers. The total for General Voucher is for year-end for 2025 is \$6,344.55 and January 2026 is \$20,036.14 and Highway Voucher for year-end for 2025 is \$8,746.18 and for January 2026 is \$46,397.91.

Adopted

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

Nays - 0

With no further business on a motion by Kathleen Montana and seconded by Robert Norris the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gloria J. Brys