

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Minutes of a special workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present:                Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor  
   Henry Rank, Town Board Member  
   Helen Chase, Town Board Member  
   Bruce La Monda, Town Board Member  
   Linda Burkhardt, Town Board Member

Others Present:                Robb Ford, Verizon Consultant

Supervisor Leifeld read correspondence #39-07 from Town of Olive Attorney Peter Graham. Attorney Graham responded to the Town Board's request to review the town's wireless law in respect to an application for a second tower in town. He outlined the procedure for collocation on the existing tower; however, the letter wasn't specific to the issue at hand.

Mr. Ford stated he is a consultant for Verizon noting they have negotiated a lease arrangement with Masterpage Communications for a location on the South Mountain tower; but, they need one more place to provide seamless coverage as the Masterpage tower will not cover the whole town.

Council Member Burkhardt asked what will the facility cover noting their primary concern is Olive. Mr. Ford presented maps to the Town Board showing coverage from the West Hurley site. Mr. Ford noted their primary objective is Route 28 coverage.

Discussion occurred on interpreting the maps and the coverage from various sites.

Mr. Ford stated they are trying to comply with what the town wants noting they collocated on an existing site and have looked for a tall building—but there isn't any. He noted the third progression is town owned land, so the Transfer Station is a pretty good alternative.

Council Member Chase asked what their idea of height would be to which Mr. Ford responded the preliminary height would be 160 feet. He noted he is aware that concern would be whether or not it's above the tree line.

Council Member Chase asked what location at the old landfill is being considered. Supervisor Leifeld noted they could not locate in the footprint. Mr. Ford responded down below near the metal pile. Supervisor Leifeld noted that area is primarily fill.

Council Member Burkhardt stated that Verizon would have to demonstrate that they can't cover the entire town with the existing Masterpage location and that this newly proposed tower would cover more of the town. She noted the map doesn't indicate that.

Council Member Chase asked if there is another tower they are planning to tie into. Mr. Ford responded, yes, there are a couple of them on the map.

Council Member Rank asked when they will be operating from South Mountain. Mr. Ford stated when Masterpage is up and running and able to accommodate them. Cindy Johansen noted the lawsuit was settled on January 29<sup>th</sup> and Verizon was asked to submit their final zoning papers to the town.

Council Member La Monda stated he has no objection provided it is compliant with the existing wireless law. He suggested that Verizon be sure of what coverage they will get out of this new facility and the Town will go to their attorney to answer the question about compliance with our town law.

Council Member Chase stated the objective is to get coverage for the town.

Mr. Ford noted the new tower would also be able to provide four additional collocations. He also noted the process gets very expensive on a lot of these surveys and modeling so until they know it works for them and that they have a willing lease candidate, they can't go forward with it.

Supervisor Leifeld stated he doesn't see any reason that they can't do this since they are already on the existing tower.

In response to Council Member La Monda's question regarding ownership of the tower, Mr. Ford stated that Verizon would own it.

Mr. Ford stated they would like to have the town attorney look at Verizon's lease, just in case there's a major roadblock, then, if the town is still willing then they can negotiate the terms and proceed to the next step.

Council Member Chase stated she has a lot of questions that would take another meeting.

Council Member Burkhardt stated she would like to see what South Mountain and other proposed sites look like to see any overlaps, if any.

Mr. Ford stated he would come up with better maps on coverage for all the proposed sites.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the board would go to the Town Attorney for advice on this specific issue.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 7:50 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

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Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk