

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
February 28, 2005

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Monday, February 28, 2005, 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

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

The Town Board audited the bills for the month of February and set the agenda for the March 1st meeting.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:30 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

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Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor
 Helen Chase, Council Member
 Bruce La Monda, Council Member
 Linda Burkhardt, Council Member
Member Absent: Henry Rank, Council Member
Recording Secretary: Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk
Others Present: Everett Cook, ZBA Member; Jimmy Fugel, Highway
 Superintendent

On a Chase/Burkhardt motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous month's meetings as submitted by the Town Clerk.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#19-05

Marion Driscoll of Glen Rock, New Jersey, complimented the Highway Department for the quick and efficient way they cleared Gyves Road during her recent visit with her mother who resides there.

#20-05

Richard Hochman tendered his resignation as member of the Olive Planning Board due to being called up for active duty with the US Army. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved advertising for this open position on the Planning Board. On a La Monda/Chase motion the Town Board requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Hochman for his volunteer service on the Planning Board.

#21-05

Supervisor Leifeld stated the town has been looking for a constitutional law attorney and our attorney Patrick Seely has responded. Mr. Seely stated he has attempted to locate an attorney who could address the constitutional issues potentially raised by the enactment of the large parcel law and after contacting four attorneys he hasn't been successful. He noted he would be meeting with John Nye of the Whiteman firm to offer additional insights. Supervisor Leifeld stated he was at the technical advisory committee and talked to John Nye who didn't offer much encouragement. Supervisor Leifeld stated he also contacted West Shokan resident Michael Ratner who expressed interest in looking into this. Supervisor Leifeld stated he spoke with Mr. Ratner last night and he is working with another attorney and needs another two weeks. Mr. Ratner informed Supervisor Leifeld that even if he refers this to another person in his law firm Mr. Ratner stated he personally would oversee the project.

#22-05

Ulster County Empire Zone Coordinator Catherine Maloney sent an update to the Town of Olive regarding the status of the Empire Zone in Olive. Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board joined the Empire Zone because three businesses in town agreed to pay the required annual fee. At this point only two of these businesses have paid and one has not. He stated our Town Attorney has pursued this matter, along with the Empire Zone, but, the business blatantly refuses to pay. He stated that the Town of Olive is not going to pay because all three businesses were in agreement to pay the fee since these would be the businesses to benefit from the program. He noted this was made perfectly clear from the initial stage of these business being added to the zone. The Town of Olive is still trying to recoup some of this money from Bread Alone.

On a La Monda/Chase motion the Town Board unanimously approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #28-#76, \$34,285.76; General Fund Prepaid Voucher #62, \$222.00; General Fund Vouchers #63-#206 \$15,615.11; and Special Lighting Voucher #2, \$36.99.

Supervisor Leifeld stated he would like to personally thank all the people who attended the recent demonstrations and rallies regarding the large parcel issues. He thanked Charlie Blumstein for firing residents up and keeping them informed on when and where to go.

Supervisor Leifeld noted cash received through January 2005 as \$2,579,525.04 and interest received through January as \$1,092.51.

PARKS & RECREATION liaison Council Member Burkhardt noted the committee recently discussed additional insurance coverage, spring soccer will start mid-April, an ad was placed in the FREEMAN for Pool Director and Lifeguards, and there has been a problem with recreation forms being distributed at Bennett School which Superintendent Winters has stated she would look into the problem. (#23-05)

FIRE DEPARTMENT January 2005 report (#24-05) showed a total of thirty-one (31) responses by the five companies.

TRANSFER STATION liaison Council Member Chase submitted report #25-05 for the month of January noting total revenues as \$6,115.00 with sixteen (16) roll-offs removed at an expense of \$4,963.20. The UCRRA has raised their rates from \$70.00 to \$80.00 per ton—an increase of 14%.

POLICE COMMISSIONER La Monda submitted January and February 2005 reports (#26-05) showing 69 calls handled in January and 39 calls handled in February.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle noted the state will soon be deciding on the type of voting machines to be used in upcoming elections. She noted it is extremely important that these machines have software that is open to public scrutiny and have a paper trail. She stated that people have contacted her suggesting we support the use of paper ballots that are optically scanned. She stated all should contact their state representatives. Council Member Burkhardt stated that having been Inspector of Elections for many years the use of these new machines frightens her. Discussion occurred on the benefits of using the current lever style machines—those benefits ranging from being cost effective, more dependable, less fragile, and easily repaired. Town Clerk report #27-05 noted January tax collections totaled \$4,930,770.30 and January clerk revenues totaled \$33,574.32.

HIGHWAY February report #28-05 noted the department plowed and sanded five (5) times, they hauled sand, and cut brush on five town roads. It was noted that Bob Overton recently retired from the Highway Department.

On a Leifeld/Chase motion the Town Board empowered the Highway Superintendent to auction off excess town equipment through the annual county sale.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion the Town Board empowered the Supervisor to purchase off of state bid two Laser Z 27HP lawnmowers for a total of \$13,359.00 from Ashokan Turf and Timber. Supervisor Leifeld noted the trade-in was \$1,000.00 each.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the town currently utilizes MVP for medical insurance coverage. He noted the renewal rate is 18.5% more than it was last year. He noted monthly premiums are now as follows: \$348.67, single coverage; \$697.34, two person family coverage; and \$930.37 for family coverage of three or more.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:20 pm on a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion in memory of Anthony N. DeGondea, Margaret E. Wendt, Mary Higbee, and Warren Wright.

On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board requested a page in the Town Minute Book be dedicated in memory of Warren Wright.

Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk

This Page Dedicated

In Memory of

Warren Wright

One of the Original Founders of
the Olive First Aid Unit

Served as
Town of Olive Constable

Actively Involved in the
Town of Olive Boy Scouts