

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
February 8, 2010

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Monday, February 8, 2010, 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor
 Henry Rank, Board Member
 Bruce La Monda, Board Member
Members Absent: Linda Burkhardt, Board Member
 Peter Friedel, Board Member
Recording Secretary: Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk
Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent

The Town Board audited the bills for the month of January and discussed resolutions to be presented at the February 9th Town Board meeting.

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Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; Bill Cook, Assessor; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman; Vincent Martello, Ulster County Assistant Deputy County Executive

On a Leifeld/Friedel motion the Town Board approved the minutes of the January meetings as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Leifeld introduced Vincent Martello, Assistant Deputy County Executive. He stated he invited Mr. Martello to explain the resolution the county has asked the towns to pass. Mr. Martello stated that Shared Municipal Services grants were made available by the state to help local governments explore ways that they might work together to help taxpayers save money. There have been numerous shared services grants throughout the county in the past several years. He noted a recent grant was received by the county to look at justice courts and highway services. He stated there is a topic being discussed for highway services for towns to maintain county roads for winter and perhaps light maintenance in the summer. He noted there are a number of ways that highway departments could share services like salt and equipment storage. He noted the current application is for a million dollar grant and if the towns are co-applicants then more emphasis will be put on this grant by the state. He stated that once you have the million dollars it can be used for any shared services throughout the county. He noted there is no financial obligation on the part of the co-applicant. If the grant is awarded and as a group they decide on how to use the money, then any town that directly benefits from it would have to match those funds by 10%. At that point the towns could decide whether or not they intend to participate. He noted there really is no down side to this further stating that if two towns wanted to get together on shared services they could do so.

In response to questions from Supervisor Leifeld, Mr. Martello noted towns that don't sign up now could come in at a later time but the more towns that are co-applicants now would give more strength to the grant. He noted the county would oversee the grant. Board Member La Monda asked if 10 towns sign up then do you have to get 10 towns to agree. Mr. Martello noted that some towns won't sign on for the shared services of road maintenance. Board Member La Monda stated that with the snow plowing deal the county wants to implement, from the information he's received, the county would like the town to plow a couple of roads yet the county still wants to plow the city roads and walk off with the cash. Mr. Martello stated this is still a discussion in progress to which Board Member La Monda responded that the Town of Olive has had no part of this discussion further noting Woodstock, Olive and Shandaken were not a part of that original study. Board Member Friedel asked what would happen to the county employees if the town were to take this on. Mr. Martello stated he didn't know what would happen, but probably downsizing and attrition, but towns will not be forced to hire people. Board Member La Monda stated the Town of Olive would need more equipment, more salt shed space, more manpower and our salt ratio is different from the county. Board Member La Monda stated perhaps the county should start cutting from the top down instead of from the worker's upward. Mr. Martello stated we are only halfway through the process so making any judgment now would be putting the cart before the horse. Board Member Burkhardt stated that one of the statements in the resolution the county has asked the Town Board to pass states as co-applicant we are in support of the proposed program implementation, but, questioned how she, as a board member, can assure something when she doesn't know what that is. Mr. Martello stated there is nothing that says we have to use that money; but, if we start to go forward with it or for another project then they will have the money to do something with it. Board Member La Monda stated the county wants a million dollars of tax payers money but doesn't know what that money is going to be used for. Mr. Martello stated they will use it in some capacity in shared services. Board Member Burkhardt stated she finds it difficult to

support something that she doesn't know what it is and can't support something until she knows if the program will be good for the Town of Olive. Mr. Martello stated there may be a way to save money. In response to Board Member Friedel, if the town doesn't sign on and they are not interested they do not have to pay the 10% and the legal moneys available could be used for drafting contracts.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that the county has offered to pay \$4,550 per mile of county road to be plowed but the Town of Olive is on a four hour route and that takes all the men that we have. If the Olive Highway Department were to take on more mileage then we will need two more men and another truck. Mr. Martello stated that this is not carved in stone and all those details have to be worked out. Supervisor Leifeld stated that shared services is you do something for me and I'll do something for you. He further noted that we did our math and came up with \$13,000 to \$14,000 per mile of road.

Mike Benjamin stated that the rumor has it that the county will be laying off 64 people or will try to put them in other departments.

Board Member La Monda stated there are a lot of questions here that he is not comfortable with in that we need more trucks, more employees, and don't have enough garage space now. Mr. Martello stated they are trying to explore ways to reduce costs noting the state is in a major deficit. Board Member La Monda stated that the problem with the state is that they are willing to give away a million dollars and they don't know what's going to be done with it. Supervisor Leifeld thanked Mr. Martello for coming, but, he feels this is just not going to work in the Town of Olive. He thanked Mr. Martello for his attendance at tonight's meeting.

Rita Vanacore stated that when you talk about playing with people's lives and people's incomes then you're playing with my tax dollars. She stated she would like to hear more about shared services since we have overlapping jobs and suggested they come with more specifics on how to save tax dollars. Mr. Martello stated they are still in the middle of a discussion right now and don't know that information at this time.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#7-10

Supervisor Leifeld stated a lawsuit has been filed against the town regarding Leigh Anne Way and Attorney Peter Graham will be handling the case as Selective Insurance disclaimed coverage.

#8-10

Onteora School District Superintendent, Leslie Ford, thanked the Town of Olive Police Department for their assistance at a recent incident at the school on January 19th.

#9-10

On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board approved Larry Fisher, Jr. of Olivebridge as member to the Olive Fire Department, No. 1 Inc.

On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #5-#45, \$36,910.83; General Fund Vouchers #30-#76, \$118,761.72; Special District Fire Voucher #1, \$101,831.00; and Special Lighting Voucher #2, \$52.78.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following budget modification: Transfer \$4,399.00 from Reserve "B" Transfer Station to 8160.4 Refuse & Garbage (Cont.).

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Highway to fund the Health Reimbursement Account.

Under New Business: Board Member Burkhardt made a motion to take a vote on proposed Resolution #3 of 2010 Co-Application Resolution Supporting Ulster County's Submittal of an Application. This motion was seconded by Board Member Rank. Roll vote being: Rank, no; Burkhardt, no; La Monda, no; Friedel, no; and Leifeld, no.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #4 of 2010 Adopt Schedule of Park & Recreation Fees. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that grants are available to municipalities for energy saving projects so the town is applying for funds to put solar panels on the highway garage. As part of the grant application the Town Board must adopt the Climate Smart Community Pledge. On a Leifeld/Rank motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #5 of 2010 Climate Smart Community Pledge. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that two 25 year old town highway trucks do no longer meet DOT standards due to rusted chassis and Highway Superintendent Fugel has recommended the purchase of a new truck per NYS bid. On a Leifeld/Rank motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #6 of 2010 Purchase International Work Star 4X2 Chassis & Dump Body, Plow, and Plow Hitch per NYS Bid. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes. It was noted the two old highway trucks will be advertised for sale and bids received.

Supervisor Leifeld stated cash received for December 2009 totaled \$110,857.21 and interest received for December 2009 totaled \$612.60.

The following Committee reports were filed:

FIRE DEPARTMENT January 2010 report #10-10 showed a total of seventy-four (74) responses for the month. Town Clerk Rozzelle noted that the Fire Department will be doing a fund raiser on March 7th, Shokan Fire House, 3 pm – 6 pm offering Brooks BBQ chicken dinners to be picked up. She noted the funds are to go towards refurbishing the 1932 original Town of Olive fire truck.

Town of Olive
Resolution #4 of 2010
Adopt Schedule of Fees
Pursuant to Chapter 91 of the Town of Olive Code

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive Code Chapter 91-2 provides for a single comprehensive schedule of fees and charges to be levied in the administration of town laws, ordinances, regulations and resolutions; and, that schedule shall be set forth in a resolution to be adopted by the Town Board; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 91-2 of the Town of Olive Code requires annual review and updating of fees consistent with the annual budgeting process, based on the actual costs to the town of providing those services, by the simple process of adopting and amending, from time to time, a resolution containing such fees; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 91-3 of the Town of Olive Code states that fees or charges currently levied in other regulations that are not included in this revised fee schedule shall remain effective pending incorporation in this standard schedule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Olive adopts the following schedule of fees and charges for parks usage, summer recreation camp, and the swimming pool to become effective for the 2010 season.

Swimming Pool Fees

Day Use Fees: Adult \$3.00 & Children (under 12) \$2.00
Season Fees: Single Pass \$45.00 & Family Pass \$75.00
Guests of Residents: Adults & Children \$5.00

Summer Recreation Day Camp

One (1) Child: \$30.00
Two (2) Children: \$50.00
Three (3) Children or More: \$70.00

Park Usage Fees

Park Deposit: \$200.00 (Park Deposit is refunded if park is left clean and free of all party associated trash. A fine of \$25.00 per bag for trash left behind will be charged. All park reservationists are required to pay the Park Deposit fee.)

Park Rental Fee: \$100.00 per park reservation. (Gatherings with 25 people or less and not-for-profit town organizations are exempt from paying the Park Rental Fee but are required to pay the Park Deposit fee. Special circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.)

Resolution #5 of 2010
Town of Olive
Climate Smart Community Pledge

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases, reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Olive, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate will:

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community
2. Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations
 - a. Adopt a goal of reducing electricity use by 15% by 2015 by inventorying and identifying opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits; incorporate energy efficient technology practices into town street lighting and wastewater treatment facilities.
 - b. Improve the average fuel efficiency of local government vehicles and discourage vehicle idling.
3. Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations
 - a. Supply as much of the local government's power, heat, and hot water needs as possible from solar and wind through purchase or direct generation.
4. Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

5. Promote Climate Protection through Community Lane Use Planning
 - a. Combat climate change by encouraging low-emissions development that is resilient to climatic changes. When updating land use policies, community plans, include provisions to combat climate change; reduce sprawl; and, preserve and protect open space.
6. Inform and Inspire the Public
7. Commit to an Evolving Process

Signed this 9th day of February, 2010

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Resolution #6 of 2010
Town of Olive
Purchase International Work Star 4X2 Chassis & Dump Body, Plow, and Plow Hitch
per New York State Bid

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive has established Capital Fund Reserve "A" for the purpose of machinery purchases; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Jim Fugel, has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a truck, dump body, tarping system, flow control valve, heavy duty plow hitch, and reversible plow per New York State Office of General Services contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the purchase from Arkel Motors, Inc., of one (1) new 2010 International WorkStar 7500 4X2 Chassis at \$77,210.74 plus extended warranty at \$8,644.00 with the total purchase state bid price of \$85,854.74, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the purchase from Arkel Motors, Inc., and the Cives Corporation, dba, Viking Cives of a Galion Conventional Dump Body, tarp system and hydraulic components, flow control valve, heavy duty plow hitch, and reversible plow at a total equipment cost of \$38,166.30.

	Aye	Nay
Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor	_____	_____
Henry Rank, Board Member	_____	_____
Linda Burkhardt, Board Member	_____	_____
Bruce La Monda, Board Member	_____	_____
Peter Friedel, Board Member	_____	_____

At a regular meeting of the Town of Olive, Ulster County, State of New York, held on February 9, 2010 in the Town Meeting Hall, Resolution #3 of 2010 was offered by Supervisor Leifeld and seconded by Board Member Rank.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2010

Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Olive Town Clerk

HIGHWAY January 2010 report #11-10 was submitted noting the Town highway plowed and sanded eleven (11) times, finished cutting brush on Acorn Hill Road and started on Sahler Mill Road, chipped trees at the recycling center, hauled sand, mixed salt and sand, and removed all the holiday decorations.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 9:00 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion in memory of Evelyn M. Cook and Todd W. Weber.

Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk