

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
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Minutes of an emergency workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Thursday, January 11, 2007 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor  
Henry Rank, Council Member  
Helen Chase, Council Member  
Bruce La Monda, Council Member  
Linda Burkhardt, Council Member  
Recording Secretary: Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Supervisor Leifeld stated this workshop meeting was initially called to address the issue of Planning Board members; however, he would like to ask the Town Board for guidance regarding Verizon's request to construct a cellular facility at the Town Transfer Station. Council Member Chase stated we should have them prove why they cannot use the facility on South Mountain. General consensus of the Town Board was to schedule a meeting with Verizon representatives at the March 5<sup>th</sup> audit meeting.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following hourly wage corrections from the January 2, 2007 meeting: Clerk to the Supervisor, \$14.00 per hour; Assessor Field Worker, \$14.00 per hour; and Assessor Clerk, \$13.50 per hour.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board would like to get a quorum of the Planning Board so they will be able to meet with applicants and business will not stop. He noted time constraints prohibit doing interviews; however, most applicants the Town Board members already know. Council Member La Monda stated perhaps the town could hire a planner consultant to assist the new planning board. Council Member Chase stated that Dennis Doyle of the Ulster County Planning Board has agreed to come to one or two meetings to get them started in the right direction.

Chris Johansen submitted copies of General Municipal Law (#7-07) and stated Council Member La Monda should not be appointing members of the Planning Board. Council Member La Monda stated at a recent training session for Town Boards he asked an attorney teaching the class that specific question to which he replied that he is not in conflict of interest. Council Member Burkhardt stated she was present at the same training session and concurred with Council Member La Monda. Council Member La Monda stated that if any other Town Board member has a problem with him voting he would recuse himself. Supervisor Leifeld stated he will present this issue to an attorney for interpretation. Council Member La Monda stated he will make his vote contingent on the opinion of an attorney.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion the Town Board unanimously appointed James Konjas as member of the Olive Planning Board. His term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/12. His appointment will fill Charles Weidner's unexpired term.

On a Rank/Leifeld motion the Town Board unanimously appointed Andrew Boggess as member of the Olive Planning Board. His term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/11. His appointment will fill Tim Rose's unexpired term.

On a Leifeld/Rank motion the Town Board unanimously appointed David Jones as member of the Olive Planning Board. His term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/08. His term will fill Norma Schnuderl's unexpired term.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the record should show that all appointments to the Planning Board were unanimous so Council Member La Monda's vote did not impact the decision of the Town Board.

Supervisor Leifeld noted that they will interview five candidates interested in being on the Planning Board prior to the February audit meeting at 6:30 pm. Council Member Rank will schedule the interviews.

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

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Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk