

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
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January 2, 2007

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, January 2, 2007, immediately following the 2007 Organizational meeting at 8:00 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

Others Present: Bill Cook, Assessor in Training; Norma Schnuderl, Anne Marie Johansson, Tim Rose, Michael Pantliano, Skip Weidner and Bob Oakes, Planning Board Members

Supervisor Leifeld stated there will be a progress update and informational meeting on the proposed Boiceville Wastewater Facility on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Planning Board member Bob Oakes requested being on the agenda. Mr. Oakes and fellow members of the Planning Board collectively addressed the Town Board. Bob Oakes read correspondence (#1-07) objecting to the Town Board's failure to reappoint Paula Minew to her seat on the Planning Board. Skip Weidner stated as Chairman of the Board he has not been informed of any complaints about Paula and was not consulted as to the decision to remove her. He noted the town may lose other members of the Planning Board. Tim Rose stated in his two years he has not seen her argue with anyone. He noted she is objective, not subjective, and is a procedural person and is keeping the town out of Article 78 proceedings.

Supervisor Leifeld stated at the December 28th meeting the Town Board discussed Paula Minew's term expiration and the general consensus was the board did not want to reappoint her. Supervisor Leifeld stated that he has heard complaints over the years about her being rude and taking over the meeting; however, for him personally, politically he could not reappoint her. Anne Marie stated the Planning Board has definitely had people come to meetings and mistreat the members of their board on numerous occasions. She stated they have been treated very poorly in the course of their meetings and would hate to see those people stand in judgment of the Planning Board. Skip Weidner stated the Planning Board acts as a team and they would really hate to lose Paula. Norma Schnuderl stated that Paula may sometimes be overzealous but she always does things by the book. Michael Pantliano stated Paula is simply trying to enforce the law. Skip stated that most people that come before the Planning Board compliment them for their work noting that politics aren't even thought of on this board. Anne Marie stated we always have time for correspondence at each of our meetings and no correspondence regarding this was received from the Town Board. Supervisor Leifeld stated his issue is strictly politics in that some of the things she did in the past election didn't set right with him. Council Member La Monda stated that not one member of this Town Board has ever acted politically in making appointments to boards

and committees, but when a member of that Planning Board goes out and works against them then they have the authority to change that. Council Member La Monda stated that in the days of Republican rule you wouldn't find one Democrat on a board. Bob Oakes stated that if they remove Paula Minew then all seven members will need to be replaced. Henry Rank stated that he was on the Planning Board for 23 years and he was removed politically for no reason. Council Member Chase stated the discussion they had earlier was not based on politics it was based on calls received by the public. Tim Rose stated he felt the procedure would be to go to the Chairman of the Planning Board.

Supervisor Leifeld made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the issue. There was no second to the motion. Council Member La Monda stated we have already discussed it and it was his opinion that Paula did not have the votes to be reappointed.

Skip Weidner as Chairman of the Planning Board submitted his letter of resignation (#2-07) as member of the Planning Board.

On a Leifeld/Rank motion the Town Board unanimously appointed Conrad "Dino" Giuliano as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term will expire 12/31/07 as he is filling the position vacated by Everett Cook.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt the Town Board unanimously reappointed Jim Mays as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/11.

On a Chase/Rank motion the Town Board appointed Robert Tischler as member to the Planning Board. Mr. Tischler's term will begin immediately to fill the position vacated by the expiration of Paula Minew's term on 12/31/06. Mr. Tischler's term will expire 12/31/13.

The following committee reports were filed: Police Report #3-07, Transfer Station #4-07, First Aid #5-07, and Fire Department #6-07.

Town Board members thanked Everett Cook for all his dedicated service to the Town of Olive.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:40 pm on a Leifeld/Rank motion in memory of JoAnn Mayhew.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk