

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
January 3, 2006

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held immediately following the 2006 Organizational Meeting, 7:45 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

The December Town Board Minutes will be approved at the February meeting.

Supervisor Leifeld noted there is no correspondence and the bills were audited at the annual audit meeting on December 29, 2005.

Under Old Business: Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board asked Attorney Peter Graham to contact the NYS Attorney General regarding the legality of the speed limit on Route 28A. Supervisor Leifeld was unable to reach Mr. Graham prior to the letter being mailed and there is an error in the letter. However, Supervisor Leifeld noted the question asked is clear in the letter—is a city allowed to establish speed limits on their roads outside of their incorporated city limits? Supervisor Leifeld read correspondence #1-06 from Attorney Graham to the NYS Attorney General requesting a formal opinion. The Town Board's general consensus was that the inaccuracies in the letter warrant sending another letter to the Attorney General. Council Member Chase stated the letter doesn't refer to the NYS DOT at all and stated in a new letter the town should outline their interpretation of the law. Council Member La Monda stated the town simply needs to ask "do they or don't they have jurisdiction over setting speed limits on roads outside their city limits?". The Town Board determined that Supervisor Leifeld should speak to Attorney Peter Graham and get his suggestion on reissuing the letter.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that with the upcoming evaluation of properties the Town Board needs to address issues relative to senior citizen and veteran exemptions. He read correspondence #2-06 from Peter Graham regarding the proposed local law for increasing senior citizen exemptions. On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion the Town Board agreed to increase these exemption amounts and to proceed with setting the public hearing date for proposed Local Law #1 of 2006 for Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan.

Supervisor Leifeld read correspondence from Peter Graham #3-06 regarding revising the way veterans' exemptions are calculated. He noted there are two proposed local laws regarding veterans' exemptions and the Town Board is to decide which law to accept. The Town Board was in agreement to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2006 on Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan. Assessor in Training Bill Cook noted that Olive veterans that need to reapply

were mailed a letter from his office informing them of an informational meeting regarding exemptions to be held Thursday, January 19, 2006, 2:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall. He noted that Veterans' Service Agency Director Terry Breitenstein will be present to explain the process.

The following committee reports were filed:

TRANSFER STATION liaison Council Member Chase submitted November report #5-06 noting total revenues as \$6,130.00 and the expense for removing refuse as \$6,532.80.

FIRE DEPARTMENT report #5-06 for November noted 55 total responses for the month.

New Business: Supervisor Leifeld noted that Myrna Hilton collected 420 signatures on a petition to "request the NYC DEP take action and perform much needed and long promised repairs to the bridges and roadways entering/exiting our community." On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously accepted the petition and approved forwarding said petition to DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the New York State Trappers Association has awarded Martin "Bud" Eckert NYS Trapper of the Year. On a Burkhardt/Rank the Town Board unanimously requested a letter be sent to Buddy congratulating him on this prestigious achievement.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:15 pm Leifeld/Chase motion in memory of Jean M. Downie and Estelle Cuickla.

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Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk