

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor
 Henry Rank, Board Member
 Helen Chase, Board Member
 Bruce La Monda, Board Member
 Peter Friedel, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; Bill Cook, Assessor; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman

On a Chase/La Monda motion the minutes of the December and January were approved as submitted and corrected.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#6-09

Supervisor Leifeld stated that he and Board Member La Monda met with Assemblyman Cahill regarding drafting legislation to address the issue when an assessed value of a large piece of property is an agreed upon assessment between the two parties then it would force ORPS to accept this agreed upon value. He noted that the City of New York and the Town of Olive agreed upon an assessment on the reservoir property; however, ORPS did not agree. Correspondence #6-09 was received from Assemblyman Cahill in response to that meeting.

#7-09

Elizabeth Higgins, Program Coordinator of the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program through the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, invites Town of Olive representatives to serve on their new Advisory Committee with the first meeting being the end of February at their new office at 6375 Route 28 in Allaben.

#8-09

Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive, states he is considering appointments to various Ulster County boards and commissions and gives the Town of Olive an opportunity to suggest constituents appropriate for these positions.

#9-09

CWC Attorney, Tim Cox, notified Olive and Hurley that funds are no longer available to assist with costs associated with the assessment of the Ashokan Reservoir. Supervisor Leifeld stated

that is one of the reasons the town was elated to get a ten year settlement with New York City since the burden for fighting litigation would be totally on the town, school, and county.

On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board unanimously approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Voucher #1-#41, \$49,007.10; General Fund Voucher #1-#65, \$164,347.96; and Special Lighting District Voucher #1, \$101.81.

Supervisor Leifeld noted the monthly income as cash received for December 2008, \$26,570.60 and interest received for December 2008, \$403.96.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following budget modification: Transfer \$300.00 from 8160.4 Refuse & Garbage (Cont.) to 8160.2 Refuse & Garbage (Equip.)

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following budget modification: Transfer \$7,446.00 From Reserve "I" Tax Consultant/Legal to 1420.4 Attorney (Cont.)

Supervisor Leifeld stated there is a CWC grant that the town would like to apply for and submitted Resolution #1 of 2009 for Town of Olive to be Lead Applicant in Partnership with Six other Central Catskills Collaborative Municipalities to Apply to CWC for Funds through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). He noted the intent of the grant is to make Route 28 more appealing for tourists and businesses. On a Leifeld/Chase motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #1 of 2009. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld introduced Resolution #2 of 2009 In Support of Ulster County Planning Board Proposal to the Catskill Watershed Corporation for the Local Technical Assistance Program Grant. On a Leifeld/Friedel motion and unanimous roll vote the approved Resolution #2 of 2009. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Governor Paterson proposes freezing state land taxes for the upcoming year and thereafter. Supervisor Leifeld introduced Resolution #3 of 2009 to Rescind the Proposed Amendment to Section 544 of the Real Property Tax Law. On a La Monda/Leifeld motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #3 of 2009. On the same motion the Town Board approved sending a letter to Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahil requesting they vote "no" on the state budget if this item is not taken out of it. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that this has been a hard winter and for years the Town has always set aside a pile of sand for people to fill their buckets and take it home. However, there seems to be people from out of town taking advantage of this as well as commercial people taking it and using it for monetary gain. Supervisor Leifeld stated this will be watched by the Police Officer on duty. Hopefully, this resolution should put an end to the abuse. Supervisor Leifeld introduced Resolution #4 of 2009 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to Provide Sand for Town of Olive Residents Only. On a Leifeld/Chase motion and unanimous roll vote the Town

Board approved Resolution #4 of 2009. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Board Member La Monda requested a letter be sent to the Highway Department for the excellent job they did during these winter months. He noted it's been a difficult winter and they've done a great job keeping the roads clear. This motion was second by Board Members Rank and Chase.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board empowered the Supervisor to sign payroll vouchers for the Boiceville Wastewater Treatment Facility. Said vouchers are submitted to the Catskill Watershed Corporation for payment.

PARKS & RECREATION liaison Board Member Chase submitted February Recreation Committee report #10-09. Said report addressed adult basketball/volleyball, youth basketball, the ski program, Olive Athletic Association (OAA) and Soccer, town facilities, and adult softball. On a Chase/Leifeld motion the Town Board unanimously approved supporting the Recreation Committee's decision to utilize only wood bats for the 2009 season and beyond.

POLICE COMMISSIONER La Monda submitted report #11-09 for the month of January. Said report noted there were a total of 80 calls during the month of January. He stated that the sand pile resolution will be enforced by the Police Department noting that Police Officer Creagan stated the charge for violating this resolution would be petit larceny.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT liaison Board Member Rank stated the department has been quite busy this winter simply keeping the roads plowed and sanded.

TRANSFER STATION liaison Board Member Friedel submitted report #12-09 noting December revenues totaled \$4,775.00 and expenses totaled \$6,235.79.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle stated that with January Tax Collections the Supervisor was paid the total warrant of \$2,996,955.00 and the Ulster County Treasurer received checks totaling \$3,653,830.14. Town Clerk report #13-09 was submitted for January showing \$10,057.14 in revenues received and disbursed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2008 Annual Report #14-09 was submitted showing the total number of calls being 182 and a grand total man hours being 9,089.

Mary Ann Shepard, President of the Olive Free Library Trustees, along with Trustee Pattie Wolf thanked the Town Board for their past support. She noted the Olive Free Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with an event at the library to include a silent auction, music, and refreshments.

Drew Boggess stated there is a light on the tower on South Mountain. Supervisor Leifeld stated that he spoke with John Ingram who reviewed the application and there is not to be a light on the facility.

Charlie Blumstein stated he just met with the Boy Scouts and they are interested in constructing the kiosk that Board Member Chase is looking to erect. Board Member Chase stated that this project has been caught up in the state budget. He stated that the one they built in Accord cost nothing.

Everett Cook asked about the Transfer Station building. Supervisor Leifeld stated about six weeks ago the bids were received and they were a lot higher than the insurance company thought they were going to pay. Our policy states replacement cost and the insurance company got their estimates which came in close to the lowest bid. He stated the insurance company is about to come to agreement on a figure and is in correspondence with our lowest bidder.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Marcel Maier was Town of Olive Highway Superintendent for 20 years and a life member of the Olive Fire Department. He noted he served on numerous committees and also on the school board. Supervisor Leifeld noted that Marcel Maier has given a lot to the Town. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved dedicating a page in the Minutes Book in memory of Marcel Maier.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to comply with the family's request to have a Town of Olive Highway Truck present tomorrow in Marcel Maier's funeral procession.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:25 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion in memory of Beth Boms, Marion Crouze Chase, Julia Coady, Mary Cresham, James Entwistle, Jr., Elizabeth Hutter, Marcel Maier, Edward Russell Maudlin, Marjorie Rosengren, Esther Sheeley, Edward Suarez, Sr., and Warren Sutton.

Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk

This Page Dedicated
In
Memory of
Marcel Charles Maier

Started in 1946 with the
Town of Olive Highway Department

Town of Olive Highway Superintendent
March 10, 1958 -- December 31, 1975

Life Member
Olive Fire Department, Inc.

Member
Ulster County Superintendents Association
&
Ulster County Firemen's Association

Avid Gardner who Grew the Most
Beautiful Dahlias

Loved by All Who Knew Him