

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
January 12, 2010

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor
 Henry Rank, Board Member
 Linda Burkhardt, Board Member
 Bruce La Monda, Board Member

Member Absent: Peter Friedel, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; Bill Cook, Sole Assessor; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman; John "Pup" Wullum, Fire Chief; Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Elizabeth Higgins, Cornell Cooperative Extension representative

Town Clerk Rozzelle noted that Board Member Friedel was attending an EMT Class.

On La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board approved the December minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Board Member Burkhardt abstained.

On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #1-4, \$1,015.09; General Fund Vouchers #1-29 (#28 omitted), \$66,498.56; and Special Lighting District #1, \$51.96.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Building Department requested the Town Board approve another electrical inspection firm (#1-10) which can handle large commercial facilities. On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board approved the use of The Inspector, LLC, David Smith, President, of Burke, NY as electrical inspectors for the Town of Olive.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board would like to set up a meeting with Ed Zellefrow on Friday January 22, 2010 7 pm at the Town Meeting Hall for the purpose of reviewing maps showing cellular service for the Town of Olive. Board Member La Monda stated he understands there is coverage at the Samsonville Fire House and perhaps that could be a place for a facility to open up service in the Samsonville area.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Larry Brown has informed us that \$500,000.00 in federal grant money is currently available. Larry Brown stated he is acting as a consultant in Rochester and in Ulster County there is \$7 million available for small towns for energy efficient projects. He stated he is helping with the technical aspect of their application and their environmental committee is handling the actual application. He stated he knows the application is quite extensive but it is an opportunity for the town. The application must be filed within four weeks. Supervisor Leifeld stated what he read in the application is that if you do three different buildings then you would need three different applications noting that the Town Meeting Hall is probably the soundest building that the town owns. Board Member La Monda stated since this is Larry's business perhaps we could hire him as a consultant. Arrangements were made for Larry to meet with Supervisor Leifeld on Wednesday morning to review the town buildings.

Supervisor Leifeld stated an application is being submitted for funds to revive the Town's draft Master Plan and offered Resolution #1 of 2010 Catskill Watershed Corporation – Town of Olive Local Technical Assistance Program Application. On a Leifeld/Rank motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board unanimously approved Resolution #1 of 2010. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld introduced Resolution #2 of 2010 Adopt the Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan. Elizabeth Higgins stated the Cornell Cooperative is working in collaboration with NYC DEP and Ulster County Soil and Water to implement this project. On a Leifeld/Rank motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved Resolution #2 of 2010. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved reappointing Richard Wolff to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Wolff's term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/14. Supervisor Leifeld stated in situations where members have performed well in their capacity serving the town it has been customary to reappoint that individual and not advertise for the position.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board reviews the fee schedule periodically and at the end of last year he had asked the Recreation Committee, the Building Department, and the Transfer Station to look at their fees. He noted at this month's meeting the Town Board will be reviewing the Rec fees. Gene Sorbellini stated the committee reviewed the fees which are currently nominal and the proposed increase will also remain nominal. He submitted correspondence #2-10 outlining the activity or facility current fee and the proposed fee. Board Member Burkhardt noted the committee reviewed at length the proposed fee increases.

Vince Barringer stated when he hears this it upsets him. He wondered if the town has thought about doing away with our Police Department, as most of the small towns have done away with their police departments, and noted we are spending about \$168,000.00 annually on this department. He stated he is trying to see ways of saving money without penalizing these kids. Board Member La Monda stated that DEP Police will not be answering anything but environmental calls in Olive and would also not be covering Samsonville. Mr. Barringer asked when was the last time we solved a major crime in Olive. Board Member La Monda stated that the reason we have the cars patrolling the out of the way areas is that the presence of a police vehicle could possibly deter a crime. Board Member Burkhardt stated that no child in Olive will be denied recreation.

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the proposed Recreation fee increase.

Drew Boggess stated that the people that know the most about recreation in this town came up with these figures and feels the Town Board should go along with their suggestions.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the reason he brought this up was to simply defray the increased costs and suggested they go back to the Recreation Committee to iron out specifics regarding the fee for using the pavilion and bathrooms as non profits should not be charged. Gene Sorbellini stated the first step is to say with the park usage fee is that there is no charge for non profits and small families could be exempt.

Resolution #1 of 2010
Catskill Watershed Corporation
Town of Olive - Local Technical Assistance Program Application

WHEREAS, the Catskill Watershed Corporation has announced the availability Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Grants for which Applications are due on January 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, LTAP Grants can be used for funding the preparation of Comprehensive Plans for communities within the Catskill West of Hudson Watershed where the completion of a Comprehensive Plan will enhance protection of watershed resources and improve the quality of life in the overall community; and,

WHEREAS, there have been and continue to be various LTAP, Greenway or NYS DOS studies under way which address watershed related subjects and areas partially in the Town of Olive which the Town is participating in; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive's existing Comprehensive Plan is over 20 years old and requires updating in order reflect watershed and community planning issues with updated perspectives and planning techniques and to integrate the work of the other studies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to submit an LTAP Application in the amount of \$50,000 and to receive and administer said funding which will be utilized to retain a consultant to prepare a revised Comprehensive Plan and to assist the Town Board in its adoption thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs that the Town Board will keep responsibility for the plan preparation and will utilize a Technical Input Advisory Group to obtain input whose efforts will be considered an in-kind contribution and that the Town will seek citizen participation through a weekend long intensive planning public input workshop.

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

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk of the Town of Olive certify that the above Resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of Olive on the 12th day of January, 2010.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk
Town of Olive

Resolution #2 of 2010
Town of Olive Adopt the Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC), Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District (UCSWCD) and the Town of Olive (Town) recognize that the Esopus Creek is a key element of the identity of the Town, and

WHEREAS, CCEUC and UCSWCD and the Town have worked cooperatively on stream management issues relevant to both public and private interests for many years, and

WHEREAS, CCEUC and UCSWCD, in partnership with the NYCDEP Stream Management Program have worked cooperatively to develop a comprehensive Stream Management Plan (SMP) for the Esopus Creek, and

WHEREAS, CCEUC, UCSWCD and NYCDEP have worked closely with a local Project Advisory Committee, the Town and other watershed stakeholders to develop the Esopus Creek SMP which takes a science based, long term management approach to the stream, and

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek SMP provides guidance on protecting the safety and welfare of the citizens of Olive, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive was established as lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in regard to adoption of the Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town, pursuant to SEQRA, completed a full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) in connection with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, CCEUC, UCSWCD and the Town desire to work cooperatively to implement the Esopus Creek SMP for the common benefit of both parties, protection of the natural resources and the interests of the broader watershed stakeholders, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Olive recognizes and adopts the Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan as a guidance document that can assist the Town and its landowners with addressing long term management of the Esopus Creek in a manner that is consistent with the protection of public and private property, the protection of natural resources, and in a way that will provide the Town, its landowners and visitors with multiple benefits.

Adoption of the Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan has been determined to be a Type 1 action under SEQRA 6 NYCRR 617.2 and it has been determined that adoption of this plan by the Town will not have a significant impact on the environment, therefore, a negative declaration will be prepared.

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

The following committee reports were submitted:

PARKS & RECREATION liaison Board Member Burkhardt submitted January report #3-10 noting issues regarding the Belleayre Ski Program have been worked out by Gene Sorbellini and Board Member Friedel. She noted the Rec Committee is preparing a list of repairs that need to be done to our parks to make them safer.

POLICE Commissioner La Monda submitted December 2009 report #4-10 noting 102 total monthly calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2009 Annual Report (#5-10) was submitted by Fire Chief Wullum noting the department responded to 198 calls in 2009 and volunteered a grand total of 9,762 man hours.

HIGHWAY Committee liaison Board Member Rank stated the meeting concentrated on the potential of the county turning over the county roads to the town. He noted the county does not want the town to take over 28A. Highway Superintendent Jimmy Fugel stated there are 68.1 miles of town road in Olive and 21.4 miles of county roads excluding Route 28A. He stated he will be attending meetings every Tuesday for the next several months. Superintendent Fugel stated the town would need more of everything--trucks, manpower, garages, salt sheds and one of the biggest concerns is the two separate unions. He noted the Highway Superintendents Association will be meeting this Thursday to put together a committee to address concerns and questions.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle noted that dog licensing will no longer be handled by the State of New York as of January 1, 2011 and towns will be responsible for producing and mailing out dog license renewals and maintaining a dog database as the State of New York is doing away with the statewide database.

Craig Grazier asked if the town couldn't designate places in town for the mass transit to have bus stops. Board Member Burkhardt stated that Public Transportation came before the board several years ago further noting the town would have to work out logistics with private property owners.

Craig Grazier stated that perhaps we could have signs announcing the Town of Olive and/or flags throughout our hamlets. He noted these are some small issues that he heard and wanted to address these issues to the Town Board. He suggested American flags on utility poles and/or seasonal holiday flags changed three or four times a year.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 9 pm. On a Leifeld/Rank motion in memory of Peter Nelson Bengtson, John S. Darwak, and Florence O. Travis.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk