

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
Monday, January 31, 2005

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Monday, January 31, 2005, 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
Others Present: Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Jim Fugel, Superintendent of
 Highways; Bobby Whiteford, Sterling Insurance Company

The Town Board audited the bills for the month of January and reviewed items for the February 1st Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that members of the Recreation Committee and Bobby Whiteford are present to discuss accident insurance for town participants in Olive sponsored recreational activities.

Ms. Whiteford responded to questions noting that the town's current coverage is for liability but not for accident. The town's liability insurance policy would respond in cases of negligence. Accident insurance would kick in after that coverage. She submitted correspondence #7-05 outlining the projected cost for each activity or sport. The deductible would be \$25.00 with the primary insurance being utilized first. If a person doesn't have insurance it would then become the primary insurance. She noted this would apply only to Town of Olive residents, coaches, volunteers, managers, and participants with the medical maximum on this policy being \$10,000.00.

Discussion occurred on methods of paying for the annual estimated premium of approximately \$4,000.00 with general consensus being the Recreation Committee is to work up a fee schedule for all town sponsored sport activities and summer recreation programs. They will present this schedule and their suggestions to the Town Board at an upcoming meeting.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:54 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, February 1, 2005, 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
Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Superintendent of Highways; Everett Cook,
 ZBA Member;

On a Chase/Burkhardt motion the Town Board approved the minutes of the January 4th meetings as submitted by the Town Clerk.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#8-05

NYS Public Service Commission noted the order approving the renewal of the contract between Time Warner New York Cable, Inc. and the Town of Olive was issued and effective January 28, 2005.

9-05

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following members to the Olive Fire Department: John Ingram, Jr. and Michael Mainieri.

#10-05

Ashokan Field Campus Director Tim Neu thanked Supervisor Leifeld, Council Member La Monda, and Legislator Rob Parete for their efforts in transferring an AED to the Field Campus. He noted that the Ashokan Campus staff will be properly trained in its use.

#11-05

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill writes in response to the Town Board's letter regarding the Large Parcel Law and states "Although there has been some confusion over the origins and purpose of the law, it is now clear that it was intended to provide local taxing authorities a means to ameliorate distortions in equalization rates if they choose." Mr. Cahill also stated that shortly after he "introduced legislation that would mandate a more realistic valuation" of the Ashokan Reservoir, "the City of New York agreed to a significant revaluation of the reservoir." Council Member La Monda stated he has seen this in the paper several times and doesn't know where Assemblyman Cahill gets the gall to write this letter saying he was instrumental in getting NYC City to agree to the value of the Reservoir. Council Member La Monda stated that Kevin Cahill did nothing to help the Town of Olive. He stated the value of the reservoir was raised for one reason only and that is due to the Town of Olive appealing the rate. Council Member La Monda stated that Assemblyman Cahill says that at the appeals hearing he got the City of New

York to agree when the City of New York's attorney was at the hearing opposing the value increase. Council Member La Monda stated that this never happened and he questions how Assemblyman Cahill got on the state ethics committee. Supervisor Leifeld stated when the town went to Albany and appealed the \$119 million ORPS reservoir value it was in front of the ORPS board and though it was difficult in the beginning the staff at ORPS did an excellent job and realized that the reservoir being valued at \$119 million was indeed a joke. He stated this decision was a landmark decision throughout NYS for the ORPS board to do what they did. Supervisor Leifeld stated the only thing in Assemblyman Cahill's letter he does agree with is that this decision did change the equalization rate. Supervisor Leifeld stated that we in Olive are not getting equal representation and other towns are blatantly favored over us from both the Assembly and the Senate. Council Member La Monda stated he gives the staff at ORPS a large amount of credit, but none should go to Assemblyman Cahill because he did nothing. He restated that the City of New York was not in favor of ORPS agreeing to the increase. Council Member La Monda stated that anything the town does now to increase the value of the reservoir we give it away. Council Member Chase asked if it isn't true that what happened with us ORPS is now looking at the other reservoirs, to which Supervisor Leifeld said "yes". Council Member La Monda stated that everyone said that don't bother going to ORPS; but, Jack Darwak said to do it and our attorneys at Hacker and Murphy were very well prepared.

Supervisor Leifeld introduced Alan Schulz of Olivebridge. Mr. Schulz gave a brief history and background of the Ashokan Run, a four mile race which started at the DEP foundation and went to Olivebridge. He stated in 1995 they moved the start to the Ashokan Field Campus and went through the woods to Olivebridge. He stated in putting the race together they needed to find a reason or cause so they chose the Olive First Aid Unit. He noted the people and businesses in the area have been supportive and over the years they have given the First Aid Unit approximately \$5,200.00. Alan Schulz presented a check for \$1,000.00 to members of the Olive First Aid Unit and he thanked the NYC DEP for opening the upper road for them over the past two years.

On a Rank/La Monda motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #1-#27, \$17,136.86; General Fund Prepaid Vouchers #2-#3, \$324.60; General Fund Vouchers #4-#61, \$104,332.96; Special Fire District Voucher #1, \$101,831.00; and Special Lighting Voucher #1, \$35.55.

Supervisor Leifeld noted the monthly income for the month of December as \$20,960.27 and interest received as \$15,935.71.

Supervisor Leifeld stated he would like to publicly thank Erne Levins, not only for all her years given to the town, but for probably the hardest thing she would have to do in offering her letter of resignation (#12-05) as member of the Olive Planning Board. He stated he knows that from his own experience that it does take a lot of guts to realize when the time comes to say when. On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board unanimously approved sending a letter of thanks to Mrs. Levins commending her for her work and her many years of service.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Timothy Rose of Boiceville is a Civil Engineer and works for the NYS Department of Health. He stated that at the urging of Council Member Chase Mr. Rose submitted to the Town Board a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Board along with his resume (#13-05). On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the

Town Board unanimously approved appointing Timothy Rose to the Planning Board with his term beginning immediately and expiring 12/31/11. Mr. Rose thanked the Town Board for giving him the opportunity to serve the town.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved Resolution #1 of 2005 reappointing Robert Oakes as Olive's member to the Ulster County Planning Board. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved Resolution #2 of 2005 appointing Anne Marie Johansson as the alternate member to the Ulster County Planning Board.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion and unanimous approval the Town Board reappointed Richard Wolff as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term will begin immediately and will expire 12/31/09.

The following committee reports were submitted:

FIRST AID liaison Council Member Chase submitted December report #14-05 showing 15 calls for the month with a total of 34 ½ hours volunteered. She noted the First Aid Unit will host a spaghetti dinner at Olivebridge Fire House on February 26th from 4-7pm.

RECREATION liaison Council Member Burkhardt submitted report #15-05 stating the committee will be advertising for a Pool Director, the OAA (Olive Athletic Association) is in good financial standings due to the outstanding work of Penny Shultis and Michael Bernholz, the majority of the fence at the Little League field in Avery Park needs replacing, and scheduling issues must be worked out in order for the Onteora Babe Ruth to use Davis Park.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2004 End of the Year Report #16-05 noted the department responded to 156 emergency calls, volunteered 2,941 hours plus 7,099 hours volunteered for drills and training, for a grand total of 10,041 hours volunteered.

TRANSFER STATION liaison Council Member Chase issued report #17-05 noting total revenues for December being \$4,345.00 and expenses being \$4,474.40. She stated the Transfer Station is in need of an upgraded computer and a shed roof is needed over the tire area. Supervisor Leifeld stated funds have been put aside in a capital reserve account for the tire area.

HIGHWAY liaison Council Member Rank submitted report #18-05 noting the Town Highway Department plowed and sanded seventeen (17) times during December and January.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle stated this tax collection season, though busy, was quite somber with residents expressing concerns about the rising cost of taxes (due to the large parcel law) and how these increased taxes are impacting their lives and their future.

Under Comments: Charlie Blumstein stated he would like to encourage everyone to come to Kingston on February 10th to the Ulster County Legislative meeting noting it would be nice to have a large number of people showing up. He noted we are all shareholders of the Olive corporation and should go to the legislative meeting to speak at the open session.

Blake Killin stated the DEP has appointed a new commissioner, Emily Lloyd. She is the former commissioner of the sanitation department.

Council Member La Monda asked if the Onteora School Board has responded to the Town Board's letter. Town Clerk Rozzelle responded "no".

Council Member La Monda noted that Leora Kelder was a major part of the Olive community as one of the founders of the Olive Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a founder of the Olive First Aid unit. On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board unanimously approved a page in the Town Minute Book be dedicated in her memory.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:45 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion in memory of Joanne Ruth Fox, Leora Kelder, and Ralph Wesselmann.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

This Page Dedicated

In Memory of

Leora Kelder

One of the founders of the
Olive Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary
and the
Olive First Aid Unit

Active Member of the
Samsonville United Methodist Church
Women's Atwood Club
Olive Rebeccas

Beloved Mother of Twelve Children
Twenty-Two Grand Children
and
Eleven Great Grandchildren