

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
March 8, 2010

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Monday, March 8, 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
 Peter Friedel, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; Helen Chase, Catskill Collaborative Representative

The Town Board audited the bills for the month of February and discussed the items on the agenda for the March 9th meeting.

Supervisor Leifeld stated there are inconsistencies between the personnel policy and the union contract and would like to have a personnel consultant, Michael Richardson, to review both documents and then meet with the Town Board to see if and when they might hire him. He noted Mr. Richardson has been hired by the town in the past.

Helen Chase gave an update on the Central Catskill Collaborative and the Route 28 Scenic Byway designation.

Town Board Member Rank inquired about purchasing electricity from a competitive supplier.

Town Board Member Friedel presented information regarding the purchase of a HD recorder for the purpose of putting Town Board meetings on the website and on Cable TV. Cindy Johansen stated she currently tapes the meetings and would be glad to utilize these recordings for Time Warner Cable.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:40 pm on a La Monda/Leifeld motion.

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Nate Hendricks presented an update on the Boiceville sewer system and made a recommendation on contract #2. Under contract #1, which is the installation of the sewer system, all substantial completion documents have been submitted for issuance of the completion certification. He noted this issuance should be received from the NYC DEP in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Hendricks noted that when the bids were initially received they all exceeded the amount allotted for the project, but, the CWC did make all funds available for completion of the plant. Evergreen Construction was able to provide significant cost savings of \$347,000.00 on the project with construction having started in December 2008 and being generally completed in 2009. He noted when the microfiltration system was originally bid, GE was the only manufacturer of this product; but, in the past year two or three companies are manufacturing the system which brought the cost down. He noted this cost a bit in time loss and it is the recommendation of the CWC that the \$20 to \$25 thousand owed by the contractor be waived and there be an amendment to take these additional funds out of the block grant. The contractor is well on schedule to meet the final completion date of July 1st. On a Leifeld/ La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved going along with the CWC recommendation of an amendment for the block grant to cover these costs. Mr. Hendricks noted the microfiltration unit saw a savings of \$27,000.00.

On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board unanimously approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway vouchers #46-#74, \$28,356.89; General Funds vouchers #77 prepaid, \$264.00; and General Fund vouchers #78-#111, \$26,814.08.

Supervisor Leifeld noted that cash received for January 2010 was \$2,562,086.59 and interest received for January 2010 was \$774.80.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved the transfer of \$866.00 from Capital Reserve "K" Computers to 1220.2 Supervisor Equipment.

Barbara Mansfield addressed the Town Board regarding the property that was purchased and subdivided for the purpose of constructing the Boiceville Wastewater Treatment facility. She stated the town has two (2) years to repay the loan that the CWC is to be reimbursed for. She noted Olive does not have an economic development plan and the facility is in a flood plain. She stated the plot of land that was Trail Nursery has a total of 5,000 sq. ft. of green house and 600 sq. ft. of office space. She stated this facility could help the businesses in Boiceville and offered a proposal for a viable business on this property. She stated that prospective funding partners have suggested it be a community based business offering local products, fishing workshops, and information regarding our town. The greenhouse could be used for sustainable growing and the methane from the sewer plant used to heat the greenhouse. She stated that growing simple lettuce would provide greens for the school as she is also on the nutrition committee for the school. She stated lots of individuals have expressed having a farmers market on this site with a place for our people to provide products ranging from soap to maple syrup. She stated that Olive Works needs to find the most appropriate non-profit partner and provide a strong business plan identifying operating income. She stated start up funding would be needed with at least a down payment on the CWC loan. Olive Works has the potential to serve as a catalyst for economic development and it won't work without help from its municipal representatives. She is asking the Olive board to retain the property in Boicieville for the community.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that once the property is divided off it will not have stream access and stated the plant doesn't produce methane gas as the filtration system works totally different. He stated the town has two years before we have to come up with the money noting the loan was given to the town to purchase the property. Supervisor Leifeld stated he is not happy about the bid on the property that they now have which is \$100,000.00. Board Member La Monda stated they have not put the property on the market yet; but, he's not sure that the town wants to go into business. He stated the parcel is commercial property and if the town owns it there would be no tax revenue. Mrs. Mansfield stated she wanted the Town Board to keep their options open. Board Member La Monda stated he has concerns about putting in an access to the Esopus Creek. Judith Boggess expressed concerns about a farmer's market so close to the Boiceville Market. Supervisor Leifeld stated there is another group in town which has expressed interest in putting in a farmers market noting they already have venders.

Delia Adams stated Mrs. Mansfield mentioned there is an educational component involved here and feels that the area towns are going to have to step up a little and decide what they want to come into the area as it doesn't appear we are getting an Interpretative Center any time soon.

Supervisor Leifeld stated it is not going to be done over night and we have control of this for at least two years.

Phil Mansfield stated that people zipping down Route 28 could be drawn into Boiceville and the town has a chance here to define ourselves more than just a gas station to pick up gas on a way to Bellayre. He stated the town has a chance to be a destination versus being on the way to another destination. Ron Aja asked how decisions are made in the final resolution of the selling of this property and asked if this process would be open and what kind of input would the public have. Board Member La Monda stated these meetings are always open and there will be ample time for public input with the Town Board making the decision if the property is to be put on the market. He noted the Planning Board would have the final say on site plan approval.

Supervisor Leifeld noted that Robert Oakes has resigned from the Ulster County Planning Board. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the appointment of Helene Grant to the Ulster County Planning Board. It was noted that Helene Grant is a current member of the Olive Planning Board and is the alternate to the UC Planning Board. The town Planning Board will make a recommendation for the now open alternate position.

On a La Monda/Friedel motion the Town Board approved sending a letter to Bobby Oakes thanking him for his service representing Olive on the Ulster County Planning Board.

Supervisor Leifeld noted the following bids were received for the 1984 & 1985 Mack trucks:

Arkel Motors	\$1,450.00 each
Dado's, Inc.	\$2,176.00 each
Greg McCauley	\$2,257.00 each

On a Leifeld/Friedel motion the Town Board unanimously approved accepting the bids from Greg McCauley for the two (2) Mack trucks.

The following committee reports were filed

POLICE Commissioner La Monda submitted reports for January (#12-10) and February (#13-10) noting 111 total calls for January and 98 total calls for February.

FIRE DEPARTMENT February report #14-10 showed seventy-one (71) responses for the month.

Supervisor Leifeld appointed Peter Friedel as liaison to the First Aid Unit.

HIGHWAY liaison Board Member Rank stated that Highway Superintendent Jimmy Fugel quickly estimated the cost of the last snow storm as \$59,000.00. On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board requested a letter be sent to Highway employees complimenting the highway personnel for the great job they did during the major storms during the last week in February.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle submitted February revenue report #15-10 showing \$308,689.16 in Tax Collections and \$7,902.90 in Town Clerk revenues.

Tim Cox stated that in the Evergreen Construction contract there is a liquidated damage of \$800.00 per day and it is up to the Town Board to implement that. The CWC recommends that the Town Board let the contractor off the hook since they saved the town \$347,000.00 but Evergreen must be held to the substantial completion date in July. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved forgoing the penalty since Evergreen did save a substantial amount of money for the project.

Board Member La Monda stated the NYC DEP is installing poles along the dam and doesn't know whether or not they are for lights, cameras, or whatever; but, if it is lights then they should comply with the town's zoning law.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:20 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

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