

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
September 2, 2008

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 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 B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk
Others Present: Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; Bill Cook, Assessor;
Kevin Young, Attorney for CWC; Tim Cox, Town Justice and
CWC Attorney; and Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chair

The Town Board tabled approval of the August minutes as submitted.

On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #278-#310, \$123,579.14; General Fund Vouchers #431-#478, \$128,963.88; and Special Lighting Voucher #8, \$47.64.

Supervisor Leifeld noted cash received for July 2008, \$21,499.93, and interest for July 2008, \$3,434.51.

On a Leifeld/Rank motion the Town Board approved the following Highway budget modifications:

Transfer \$77,787.00 from Reserve "A" Machinery to 5130.2 Machinery (equip)

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following General Fund budget modifications:

Transfer \$200.00 from Reserve "R" Records Management to 1460.4 Records Management (cont.)

Transfer \$4,000.00 from 1990.4 contingency to 5132.4 Garage (cont.)

Transfer \$300.00 from 7140.2 Playground & Recreation (equip.) to 7140.4 Playground & Recreation (cont.)

Transfer \$5,000.00 from 1990.4 Contingency to 7180.4 Pool (cont.)

Transfer \$500.00 from 7310.2 Youth Programs (equip.) to 7310.4 Youth Programs (cont)

Transfer \$500.00 from 1990.4 Contingency to 7310.4 Youth Programs (cont.)

Supervisor Leifeld introduced Attorney Kevin Young who provided an update on the Boiceville Wastewater Treatment project. He noted that Olive was the second community to get every single easement without eminent domain. He stated they now need approval to go out to bid on the plant and the collection system—which will be bid separately. He noted in all there will be five (5) separate contracts with a pre-bid conference scheduled within thirty (30) days prior to the bids being submitted. He noted Lamont Engineering will be reviewing the bids and contractors and then will submit their

recommendation to the Town Board. They will also go to the CWC to see if they are in agreement. Approval for accepting the bids should be at the November Town Board Meeting. He noted that when the bids come back and the Town Board awards the contract then there is no turning back for the Town in this project. He noted if there is a shortfall in funds then some sections of laterals could be omitted and be bid at a later time. He stated they are looking at a spring 2009 start.

In response to questions regarding funds available, Tim Cox noted that \$10.7 million is allotted from the CWC for this project. He noted that they have purchased some properties and easements from this funding.

Board Member La Monda stated there is a small strip of land in the Esopus Creek that the Town wants to be sure there is clear title to. Attorney Young noted it may be in the form of an easement.

Kevin Young noted they have asked every community to apply for the Small Cities Grant to help with constructing the laterals, but, due to budget issues some of the grants haven't been awarded. He noted you must apply for these grants during the year in which they are to be used—which would be in 2009.

On a Leifeld/Rank motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board unanimously approved Resolution #15 of 2008 Authorizing the Boiceville Sewer District to Solicit Bids for the Construction of the Community Sewage System. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Kevin Young presented maps regarding the Town of Olive's request for boundary extensions of the hamlet designations. He noted the Town has first said they were interested, have designated specific hamlets, and now they will be appealing to include additional areas. After lengthy discussion and scrutiny of the maps the Town Board requested the boundaries be extended based on the necessity that Olive needs cellular service, internet service, and economic development and can only get these services along the major road corridors. It was noted the Town Board has already approved these boundary extensions but now has to tell New York City "why".

Highway Superintendent Jimmy Fugel stated that acting on a complaint from residents along old Route 28 behind Bread Alone in Boiceville he contacted the NYS DOT regarding the ingress and egress of this road. He stated that NYS did an assessment survey of this road approximately 10 years ago and recommended that both ends be closed and a new entrance be put in somewhere in the middle. He noted the Town of Olive does not own the property; however, it is a Town of Olive road by use and we maintain it. He asked the Town Board if they want him to pursue this issue as he will be meeting with DOT Engineer Tom Storey this Thursday morning. On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously requested the Highway Superintendent to talk to the DOT and City of New York and come back to the Town Board with more information.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#61-08

Cynthia Ruiz, Director of Ulster County Public Transit, states she is looking for parking lots to be used for non-traditional park & ride lots throughout Ulster County. The Town

Board suggested the Town Meeting Hall Parking Lot. Supervisor Leifeld stated he will make a list and forward it to her.

#62-08

Judith Scheel and Michael Drillinger expressed their concerns regarding Camp Saccamano. Supervisor Leifeld stated he contacted Bob Conklin of the YMCA and they are setting up an appointment to discuss these issues for next year.

#63-08

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mathew Normann and Thomas Lepak as members of the Olive Fire Department.

#64-08

Selective Insurance Company states they have extended the Town of Olive's time to make a depreciation claim for the collapse of the Transfer Station to March 18, 2009.

The following committee reports were read and filed:

PARKS & RECREATION liaison Council Member Chase stated there were no meetings in July and August with the next meeting being September 10th.

POLICE Commissioner La Monda submitted August report #65-08 showing responses not limited to the following: 26 Emergency 911 calls, 4 total arrests, 19 traffic tickets, 23 V & T complaints, 11 medical emergencies, and 6 automatic alarms.

FIRE DEPARTMENT report #66-08 reported 41 total responses during the month of June and 40 responses for the month of July.

TRANSFER STATION liaison Council Member Friedel submitted report #67-08 for July showing total revenues of \$7,550.00. Report #68-08 was also submitted outlining Transfer Station revenues and expenses for 2007 and 2008. With scrap metal being removed there was a \$19,968.67 plus for the year 2007. Through July 2008, without scrap metal being removed, there is a \$1,464.89 deficit. Supervisor Leifeld stated the specs went out for a steel building at the Transfer Station but feels that since it is steel it will be well over what the insurance company will cover. He noted at least this way we will know.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle submitted Town Clerk August revenue report #69-08 noting total monthly revenues of \$8,262.61. She noted there will be a Primary on Tuesday, September 9 with the American Legion Hall being the only polling place open as it is a primary for the Working Families Party. She noted that with only six eligible voters in the Town of Olive it would be much cheaper to have them vote absentee or consolidate polling places throughout the county. On a Leifeld/Chase motion the Town Board requested a letter be sent to the Board of Elections in an effort to arrive at alternative voting methods to save tax dollars when primary elections have such few voters eligible to vote.

Under Comments: Linda Barash stated at the end of Beaverkill Road the DEP has added lots of garbage bins and trailers which looks junky wanting to know if there is any way they could be encouraged to clean this area up. Supervisor Leifeld noted these are contractor's materials for road repairs.

Al Studt asked if Verizon is now operating on South Mountain to which the answer was "no".

Council Member Friedel asked if there is any way we can get better land line service from Verizon in West Shokan. On a Friedel/La Monda motion the Town Board approved sending a letter to the Public Service Commission and to Verizon about correcting the horrible conditions with phone service in West Shokan.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:50 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion in memory of Kenneth Kemble, Florence Schick, and Richard Odenwald.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk