

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
September 6, 2005

Minutes of the audit and regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held, Tuesday, September 6, 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: Everett Cook, ZBA Member; Jimmy Fugel, Highway
Superintendent

On Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board dispensed with the approval of the August minutes.

The following correspondence was read and filed:
#65-05

On a La Monda/Chase motion the Town Board unanimously approved the appointment of Corey Ford and Brian Blakely as members to the Olive Fire Department.

On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #244-#261, \$9,478.83; General Fund Prepaid Voucher #401, \$37.00; General Fund Vouchers #402-#463, \$96,431.29; and Special Lighting District Voucher #8, \$36.16.

Under Old Business: Supervisor Leifeld stated that a petition was received last month from Moonhaw residents regarding the potential flooding problems on the Moonhaw and Maltby Hollow streams. He stated he contacted Congressman Hinchey's office and there will be a meeting on location next week with the US Army Corps of Engineers. He stated he also spoke with Gary Kapella of Ulster County Soil and Water so there are two avenues to pursue.

Supervisor Leifeld noted the cash received for July 2005 was \$28,547.29 and interest received through July 2005 was \$16,152.62.

The following committee reports were submitted:

TRANSFER STATION liaison Council Member Chase submitted report #66-05 for the month of August noting \$7,910.00 in revenues and 87.77 tons of refuse removed at an expense of \$7,021.60.

FIRE DEPARTMENT July report # 67-05 noted a total of 50 responses for the month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Commissioner La Monda noted that at the October Town Board meeting the Police Department will conduct a special dedication in memory of Police Officer Peter K. Wittl. Commissioner La Monda noted that Officer Wittl's badge will be officially retired. He submitted report #68-05 noting fifty-eight (58) calls were handled for the month of July and fifty-six (56) calls handled for the month of August.

PARKS & RECREATION liaison Council Member Burkhardt gave a recap of the summer recreational programs and submitted information regarding the upcoming soccer season.

HIGHWAY liaison Council Member Rank submitted July and August report #69-05 outlining the department's work performed on town roads, in the parks and buildings, and at the Transfer Station. On a La Monda/Rank motion the Town Board approved sending a letter of gratitude Mr. Gary Kvistad, owner of Woodstock Chimes, for allowing the Highway Department to stockpile stone in his parking lot, saving the town time and money.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle submitted report #70-05 noting \$18,096.54 in revenues received and disbursed by her office for the month of August. She also addressed the exorbitant cost of conducting elections starting in 2006 as projected by the Ulster County Board of Elections.

Supervisor Leifeld stated he received three letters (#71-05) from Bostock Road residents Joyce Nawy, Mary Merck, and Diana Ivanoff addressing their concerns regarding the installation of a septic system on an adjoining property. Supervisor Leifeld stated these letters would be forwarded to the Zoning and Building Department.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the town has recently received an application on August 22nd for a cellular facility at the Lane sawmill in Boiceville. He stated the town hired Dan Shuster as a planning consultant to guide us through this process. He stated that one of the questions he has is where does the town stand with the Masterpage application. He noted our town attorney assures us in writing the town should proceed with Nextel's application.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town Board tabled passing a resolution regarding casino gambling at the previous meeting. On a Leifeld/Chase motion the Town Board unanimously passed Resolution #5 of 2005 Opposition to Casino Gambling in the Town of Olive. Council Member La Monda stated he feels that municipal home rule should be the basic determination on casino gambling. It was noted the resolution does not address opposing casino gambling in other towns throughout the Catskill Forest Preserve. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Chase, yes; La Monda, yes; Burkhardt, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

Supervisor Leifeld stated there will be a Catskill Local Government Day sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) and the NYS Department of State. General consensus of the Town Board was to suggest that town appointed zoning and planning board members attend this session on October 20th with the town reimbursing expenses.

Supervisor Leifeld stated that Assemblyman Kevin Cahill's staff will be at the Town Meeting Hall, 6 pm – 7 pm, prior to the next Town Board meeting on October 4th.

Supervisor Leifeld read letter (#72-05) from Mike and Mary Gallagher thanking the town for the use of Shokan and Tongore Parks noting they loved Tongore except for no running water and bathrooms.

On a Leifeld/Chase motion the Town Board approved the following budget transfers:

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| From A1990.4 Contingency | \$ 300.00 | to A1010.4 Town Board Contractual |
| From Reserve "E" Assessor | \$67,558.00 | to A1355.4 Assessor Contractual |
| From A1990.4 Contingency | \$ 1,200.00 | to A1670.4 Central Mailing |
| From A7180.2 Pool Equip. | \$ 1,000.00 | to A7180.4 Pool Contractual |

In a response to Cindy Johansen's question as to how many people used the pool this summer, Council Member Burkhardt stated she would obtain that figure.

Council Member Chase stated she would like to say a few words about Ed Monaco. She stated that Ed made it so easy for her to take over the treasury for the First Aid Unit and every year he would assist with the preparation of the tax material. She noted he will be missed. Town Clerk Rozzelle stated that Ed was involved in many town projects noting that some of the statistical research he did in 1986 from the Onteora School District is now a permanent part of the Town Archives. She also noted that Ed was responsible for seeing that Vera Sickler's information was donated to the Town of Olive.

On a Chase/La Monda motion the Town Board unanimously approved dedicating a page in the Minute Book in memory of Edward Monaco.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm in memory of Alonda Lee Caltabiano, Herbert Richard Crampton, Edward Monaco, and the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

This Page Dedicated

In Memory of

Edward H. Monaco

World War II Veteran
serving in the
US Navy Sea Bees

St. John's University Graduate

Former Treasurer
of the
Olive First Aid Unit

Beloved husband of Dorothy

An involved Town of Olive Volunteer

A friend to all who knew him

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September 29, 2005

Minutes of a special workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Thursday, September 29, 2005, 7:30 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY. The purpose of the meeting as stated in the notice was to meet with representatives of the Olive First Aid Unit regarding their budget request for 2006.

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: Ronald Wright, Town Justice; Barbara Wright, Nancy Fallon, Joe
 Miller, Justin VanWagnen, and Michael O'Connell, Olive First Aid Unit Board of
 Directors

Supervisor Leifeld stated this budget workshop meeting is to discuss the proposed budget for 2006. He noted that the town must cut back somewhere or we are looking at a 6 to 7 percent increase. He noted that health insurance is going up 17%, gasoline can now only be bid on a week to week basis, and he noted he doesn't have to tell anyone about fuel oil. He stated the First Aid Unit is being faced with the same thing the town is being faced with.

Supervisor Leifeld stated the Olive First Aid Unit is requesting an increase from \$73,000.00 to \$86,000.00 for the upcoming year.

Barbara Wright noted that \$52,000.00 is their operating expense for this past year, ambulance insurance is an increase of 50%, and other expenses revolve around oil and gasoline. Nancy Fallon noted that replacement of obsolete equipment and supplies is also a factor.

Supervisor Leifeld asked about liability and vehicle insurance and whether or not it is put out for bid. In response, Nancy Fallon noted that ambulance companies are different noting their agent shops around for them but there are only specific companies who handle them. Barbara Wright noted that for years the insurance company has not charged them for the third ambulance; however, starting this year they are going to.

Council Member Chase stated whatever the town anticipates on a percentage basis that fuel oil and gas are going up then that would be the same amount anticipated for the First Aid Unit.

Council Member La Monda asked if it is necessary to replace the ambulances every four years. Nancy Fallon responded they stagger the replacement with ambulances being around 9 years old when they are traded in. It was noted they try to purchase demonstration vehicles versus new vehicles. It was also noted that the technology changes and it becomes cost prohibitive to keep a ten year old ambulance on the road.

Barbara Wright noted the First Aid Unit building is also in need of major repairs.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion and unanimous Town Board approval the Town Board approved going into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss the contract with the Olive First Aid Unit.

At 8:15 pm the Town Board reconvened the regular meeting. Supervisor Leifeld stated that approximately ten years ago the Town Board made this same proposal to the Olive First Aid Unit. He stated the Town Board would like to increase the amount in the unit's 2006 budget line from \$73,000.00 to \$80,000.00 and then take \$5,000.00 from unexpended balance at the end of the year to give to the First Aid Unit.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:25 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk